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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) (WALES) ORDER 2012

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) (WALES) ORDER 2012

6. Products Concerned

Suppliers and installers of wind turbines and air source heat pumps on domestic premises.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft Order includes provisions to grant planning permission to enable householders in Wales to install wind turbines and air source heat pumps on or within the curtilage of their properties subject to certain limitations and conditions. These "permitted development rights" make it unnecessary to submit a formal planning application to obtain approval from a local planning authority to install this equipment.

The limitations and conditions restricting the exercise of these rights are imposed to minimise the impact of the installed equipment on neighbours and the environment. For example, controlling the size and siting of the installation will minimise visual impact and limits on noise emitted by the equipment will minimise noise nuisance. The permitted development rights will not apply to some protected areas such as areas of outstanding natural beauty and additional restrictions will apply to others (e.g conservation areas and World Heritage Sites) and to listed buildings.

To further reduce the possibility of noise nuisance to occupiers of neighbouring properties, the Order provides that only air source heat pumps and wind turbines that comply with the standards specified in the UK's Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) or equivalent standards and installed in accordance with the standards prescribed for installers certified by the MCS or equivalent standards are 'permitted development'. These requirements also ensure that installations comply with related public safety standards. The MCS has been notified to and approved by the Commission.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Microgeneration has the potential to play an increasingly important role in helping Wales (and consequently the UK) meet carbon reduction targets and the Welsh Government is keen to encourage householders to make more use of these technologies. The current requirement for an application for planning permission involves cost, uncertainty and delay for those wanting to install microgeneration equipment. Because of the specialist nature of the new technologies, local planning authorities tend to require a considerable amount of supporting information to help them to assess the merits of individual proposals. This is especially the case with wind turbines. Householders wishing to install renewable energy technologies presently face uncertainty with regard to the equipment's potential to cause noise and other nuisances and therefore incur additional expense in providing evidence that this will not be a problem. The amendment to the Order will resolve these uncertainties with a consequent saving in costs to the householder. As an application for planning permission will no longer be required, this will make the installation process cheaper, quicker and simpler and therefore more attractive to



householders.

As an independent scheme that certifies both microgeneration products and installers of such equipment according to objective criteria, the MCS provides one method of meeting the need for technical information about the performance of wind turbines and will also provide the evidence to assure local planning authorities that the development will meet the prescribed limitations and conditions of the permitted development rights granted by the Order. This will increase efficiency as individual planning applications will no longer be required.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: 'Microgeneration Certification Scheme' :

<http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/>

Consultation on Microgeneration and Low Carbon Energy Technologies (2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/planning/microgenconsultation/?lang=en&status=closed>

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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