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Microgeneration Certification Scheme: MCS 005 - Product Certification Scheme Requirements: Solar Photovoltaic Modules Issue 2.4

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Fiscal Measures : Yes

Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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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

Microgeneration Certification Scheme:
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6. Products Concerned

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) is an independent third party ISO/IEC 17065 certification scheme for renewable energy technologies and installation services. MCS would like to notify a change to a scheme document:

MCS 005 - Product Certification Scheme Requirements: Solar Photovoltaic Modules
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The scope of MCS 005 is outlined below:

This scheme provides ongoing independent, third party assessment and approval of companies who wish to demonstrate that their Solar PV module(s) meet and continue to meet the requirements of:

- BS EN 61215:2005 "Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval" or
- BS EN 61646:1997 "Thin film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval".

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Member States are respectfully referred to the MCS 005: Product Certification Scheme Requirements - Photovoltaic Panels. Issue 2.4.

This MCS document has been updated to provide clarification on the requirements of MCS 005.

It is being notified on the basis that DECC offers a financial incentive (Feed-in Tariff (FIT)) to consumers should they install renewable energy generating technologies certified under the MCS or equivalent schemes. As per the Directive 98/34/EC, DECC is required to notify MCS standards to the EU Commission and Member States accordingly through Business Innovations and Skills (BIS).



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Manufacturers or importers of microgeneration systems who have certificated a microgeneration product in accordance with MCS 005 may commence working in accordance with this update from the date of publication 18/09/2015. Manufacturers or importers of microgeneration systems who have certificated a microgeneration product in accordance with MCS 005 shall commence working in accordance with this update from 18/09/2017.

The update includes:

- Addition of Clause 7. Performance and Testing Criteria. This relates to module tolerances and outlines the module maximum power tolerances as declared on the data sheet and label to specify the percentage range.
- Clauses references throughout the standard
- Updated BS EN 61646:1997 to 2008 "Thin film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval"

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3002: Issue 3.3

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

Yes

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft is not a technical regulation nor a conformity assessment

No - The draft is in conformity with an international standard

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect



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Single Market for goods
Prevention of Technical Barriers

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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