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The Feed-in Tariffs (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2015

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

2016/0022/UK - N00E

5. Title

The Feed-in Tariffs (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2015

6. Products Concerned

1) Equipment for the microgeneration of renewable electricity:

- a. Solar photovoltaic
- b. Wind turbine
- c. Combined heat and power

2) Assured installation of that equipment.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) scheme is designed to incentivise the generation of renewable electricity in Great Britain, taking into account the financial and non-financial barriers present, through paying generation and export tariffs for the electricity generated. The scheme ensures that solar photovoltaic and wind turbine installations of up to 50kW in declared net capacity and micro-combined heat and power installations of up to 2kW in declared net capacity are of suitable quality and value for money through setting a certification criterion (see section 9 below for details). The costs of the FITs scheme are spread across the Great British electricity supply market by a levelisation process and so are borne by consumers in their energy bills.

Keywords: renewable electricity; technology; product; solar photovoltaic; wind turbine; combined heat and power; installation; Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS)

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Assured installation of renewable electricity generating equipment.

An eligibility criterion of the Feed-in Tariff scheme is that plant must be certified under either:

- The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) and installed in accordance with the relevant installation standard; or

- A scheme where:

i) installers are certified to that scheme's standards by an organisation accredited to EN 45011 or EN ISO/IE 17065:2012;

ii) the plant is installed in accordance with the installation standards applicable the plant under that scheme on the plant's first commissioning date and which are equivalent to a relevant installation standard; and

iii) that scheme is equivalent to the MCS

The relevant installation standards are:

- If the commissioning date for the installation is on or after 15th January 2016, if the installation is:

i) a solar photovoltaic installation, version 3.3 of the document entitled Microgeneration Installation Standard:

MIS 3002 requirements for MCS contractors undertaking the supply, design, installation, set to work



commissioning and handover of solar-photovoltaic (PV) microgeneration systems;
ii) a wind installation, version 3.4 of the document entitled Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3003 requirements for MCS contractors undertaking the supply, design, installation, set to work commissioning and handover of micro and small wind turbine systems;
iii) a heat-led combined heat and power installation, version 3.2 of the document entitled Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3007 requirements for MCS contractors undertaking the design, supply, installation, set to work, commissioning and handover of a heating system containing and micro-cogeneration package; or
iv) an electricity-led combined heat and power installation, version 2.3 of the document entitled Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3007-2 requirements for MCS contractors undertaking the design, supply, installation, set to work, commissioning and handover of a domestic hot water system combining an electricity led micro-cogeneration package; or
- If the commissioning date for the installation is before the 15th January 2016, any installation requirements applicable to the installation under the MCS on the installation's commissioning date.

The MCS scheme has been previously notified to the Commission (see Notification 2007/458/UK). The rationale for the linking of the FIT scheme to the MCS scheme is to ensure the quality of installations in an immature market as it sets minimum standards of installation. It also helps to ensure value for money for the financing of the scheme drawn from consumer energy bills as only installations of the technologies in question that meet such minimum standards will be supported. The MCS standards also provide protection for consumers relating to technical aspects of the installation. Furthermore, MCS ensures that people who buy solar photovoltaic, or wind installations with a declared net capacity of up to 50kW or combined heat and power installations with a declared net capacity of up to 2kW are covered by consumer protection schemes governing the contractual relationship with and service they receive from their installer.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The Order is made using powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 41-43 of the Energy Act 2008.

Details of all requirements are set out in the enclosed Order together with additional information in the enclosed Licence Modifications, policy document (Government Response) and impact assessment. Furthermore, links to the four MCS standards referred to in section 9 above are provided here:

- Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3002 –

http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/images/MIS_3002_Issue_3.3_Solar_PV.pdf

- Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3003 –

http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/images/MIS_3003_Issue_3.4_Micro_Wind.pdf

- Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3007 –

http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/images/MIS_3007_Issue_3.2_Heat-led_Micro_CHP.pdf

- Microgeneration Installation Standard: MIS 3007-2 –

http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/images/MIS_3007_2_Issue_2.3_Electricity-led_Micro_CHP.pdf

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 has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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