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## The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS)

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία 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

UK

#### 3. Department Responsible

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

#### 3. Originating Department

Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR)

#### 4. Notification Number

2007/0458/UK – N00E



## 5. Title

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS)

## 6. Products Concerned

Microgeneration products including Solar Heating Collectors, Solar Photovoltaic Modules, Micro & Small Wind Turbines, Micro Hydro Turbines, Heat Pumps, Fuel Cells, Wood Fuelled Boilers and Room Heaters, Micro CHP appliances and Renewable CHP appliances.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

The MCS is for the independent third party certification, listing and approval of microgeneration products detailed in 6. above. Products certificated under the scheme will be eligible for support by the UK Government through fiscal measures such as, for example, grant schemes or favourable tax treatment. Certification under this scheme is voluntary, not statutory, and so products not certificated under the scheme will still be able to be sold and installed in the UK.

In order to apply for product certification, manufacturers will be required to submit evidence, in the form of recent test data, that their products conform to the required standards. Those standards will be mostly EN or ISO standards (e.g. EN 12975-1:2006 for solar collectors). However, where required the MCS Steering Group will use technical working groups to set specific requirements to ensure quality, reliability and safety of products. Test reports will be accepted for review from any test laboratory that is accredited by UKAS or equivalent (e.g. accreditation bodies which are members of EA, the European co-operation for Accreditation). Manufacturers will also have to demonstrate that their products continue to meet the standards and this will normally be achieved through a process of factory visits to assess the manufacturers' quality management system.

Initially both scheme administration and certification will be undertaken on behalf of DBERR by BRE Certification Ltd. However, the intention is that ultimately other certification bodies will be able to offer this service.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Microgeneration technologies play an important role in helping the UK meet carbon reduction targets. However, microgeneration technologies are rarely essential purchases for the general public and the financial arguments for their purchase are unlikely to become compelling until economies of scale are achieved in the supply chain. Therefore, to increase their take-up, Government support is necessary. However, as these technologies have a limited track record, the General Public can be unwilling to purchase them without reassurance as to their quality. Furthermore, Government support needs to be focussed on those products that meet minimum quality standards to maximise the potential carbon savings from the public funds being spent.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The Low Carbon Buildings programme will only support products certificated under MCS. The programme was notified to the Commission in December 2005 and received State Aid clearance in May 2006 (Notification letter N7/2006 United Kingdom Low carbon Buildings Programme).



**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**

Impact Assessment not available.

**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT Aspect

No.

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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