

**Christopher Osborne**

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**From:** Tom Forgrave <tom.forgrave@Personal Information  
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**Sent:** 18 August 2015 21:32  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Cc:** Martyn Blair; Geoff Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: RHI Update

Chris

Ive taken your comments on board and having spoken with David Mark from Moypark it looks like there are a few small positive noises coming from deti. I won't be doing anything in the meantime and will wait and see what happens

Tom

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**From:** christopher@ufuhq.com  
**To:** martynblair@Personal information  
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**CC:** tom.forgrave@Personal information  
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**Subject:** Re: RHI Update  
**Date:** Tue, 18 Aug 2015 15:12:09 +0000

Guys, I have one reservation. The ETI Committee have the knives out for ROCs at the minute with some in favour of bringing forward their end to 1 April 2016 as concerns exist about possible cost to the consumer so might tread carefully. Other than that it is a good idea to press on.

Chris

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On 18 Aug 2015, at 16:03, Martyn <martynblair@Personal information  
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Inquiry> wrote:

Yep I'm happy 

Sent from my iPhone

On 18 Aug 2015, at 15:15, "Tom Forgrave" <tom.forgrave@Personal Information  
redacted by the RHI Inquiry> wrote:

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Are you happy if I send an email to ETI on behalf of UFU poultry backing up what the email below says?

Tom

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**Date:** 18 August 2015 15:07:39 BST  
**To:** Tom Forgrave <tom.forgrave@Personal Information redacted by the RHI Inquiry>  
**Subject:** RHI Update

Tom I've sent this out as a mass email. May be worthwhile considering an email from UFU or Moy Park.

Hi,

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See link below for details of members of the ETI Committee.

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**Kind Regards**

**Fergal Hegarty – Business Development Manager**

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## Geoff Thompson

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