

Christopher Osborne

From: Ian Duff <ianduff@Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry>
Sent: 06 November 2012 10:05
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: Fw: Mushroom tunnels [Scanned]

Chris,
 Re e mail this morning.
 Am about to phone Peter to see what is going on re documentation.

Ian
 ----- Original Message -----

From: Ian Duff
To: Chapman, Elaine ; Ellis, Cathal
Cc: Jcmfarms@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 6:25 PM
Subject: Re: Mushroom tunnels [Scanned]

Good news. Only problem is that the latest guidance notes issued November 2012 have still not changed the definitions. BENI made a number of recommendations to the consultation which ended mid October and all have been ignored in the latest guidance. Hopefully this is only interim but there is no sign of this on the current document as issued when scheme was confirmed.

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Ian
 ----- Original Message -----

From: Ellis, Cathal
To: Chapman, Elaine ; Ian Duff
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 4:52 PM
Subject: FW: Mushroom tunnels [Scanned]

Elaine, Ian
 See comments below from the UFU re mushroom tunnels.

Cathal

From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
Sent: 05 November 2012 15:18
To: Ellis, Cathal
Subject: Mushroom tunnels [Scanned]
Importance: High

Good afternoon Cathal,

Patricia Erwin asked that I get in touch with you in relation to a query you had about the RHI and mushroom tunnels.

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Before submitting our own response to the OFGEM/DETI consultation on the notes for guidance we spoke with Ian Duff at BENI, and in our formal response requested that such tunnels be eligible for the RHI.

Further to this, at the POFRE event on 30 October, I spoke with Peter Hutchison from DETI and he assured me that the position will be made clear shortly, but he expects tunnels used for mushroom production will be eligible.

I trust this answers your query.

Chris Osborne
Senior Policy Officer

From: Patricia Erwin
Sent: 05 November 2012 10:59
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: FW: 12.03 tel call [Scanned]

From: Sharon Gourley
Sent: 02 November 2012 12:05

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To: Patricia Erwin
Subject: 12.03 tel call [Scanned]

Patricia

Please call Cahal Ellis @ Greenmount

Tel: Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

Re: Renewable heat incentive, mushroom tunnels may not be eligible and they may need to put a submission into OFGEM and he needs to discuss with you.

Thanks

Sharon

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From: Ian Duff <ianduff@Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry>
Sent: 06 November 2012 12:21
To: Tom Hegan; Stewart Cameron; Michael Kane; Kieran winters; John Martin; J BORLAND; Fergal Woods; Eoin McCambridge; David Thompson; Cathal Woods; Andrew Gilbert; Alan Hunter; Gavin Winters
Cc: Ellis, Cathal; Chapman, Elaine; Christopher Osborne
Subject: RHI Guidance [Scanned]

I spoke to Peter Hutchinson of DETI this morning and they will be issuing a general note in the near future, responding to the issues raised in the consultation. This is expected to happen pretty soon. The note can be read in association with the guidance. Not great but better than nothing.

I suspect however we will not get answers which are as definitive as we might like and the approach for particular issues is still going to be to refer it to Ofgem for decisions.

On the issue of mushroom houses it does appear that they will generally be eligible as they have been approved in GB. What we won't get is a clear statement that all plastic tunnel / mushroom houses will be eligible.

I think the same will be true of multiple metering which is going to be on a case by case basis.

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This still provides no guarantee that an individual who makes an investment will receive RHI payments which is not good for confidence , although hopefully this will build with time.

It appears that installations with 0% Carbon Trust loans have not ruled out of RHI payments in GB, but the advice from DETI is to discuss with Ofgem before applying

We (BENI) can decide whether to take the issues any further once we get the response letter / notice. Hopefull this will be before the meeting on 5 December. In the meantime I personally think any formal response would be premature.

Ian Duff.

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