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Subject: RE: Changes to Non domestic RHI
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Good afternoon Tom

Thank you for your email and I appreciate your concerns about the introduction of a cap on payments.

However, the 400,000kWh cap is considered to be a reasonable compromise to ensure affordability of the RHI going forward. The poultry sector was used as the measure for determining the cap due to its high heat demands but the cap will of course apply across all new biomass installations from 4 November 2015. There is no suggestion that poultry farmers have been, or would be seeking to "game" the system. I would also stress that this cap will only apply to new installations and will not be retrospective to those already accredited.

Regards

Seamus

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Hi Seamus

Thanks for the feedback, hopefully a period of grace can still be achieved.

Having re-read CAFRE's paper I would have to say that the 360,000 to 388,000kwh would be a recommended *minimum* rather than a maximum requirement for the poultry sheds. It is based on a modern shed with 200mm of insulation in the roof. A lot of the sheds currently having biomass installed are between 10 and 30 years old with as little as 50mm of insulation and 388,000kw could fall far short of actual requirement.

As for the potential to 'game' the system, there are farms that will be using >400,000kwh/yr who have a genuine need for bird welfare and I would be disappointed to think that anyone using in excess of 400,000kw would be tarred with that brush. GB don't have an upper cap and I would ask that this be removed from your proposals for NI if at all possible.

Regards

Tom

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Good afternoon Tom