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Edmund

Thanks very much for your assistance on this. We're already beginning to receive telephone queries from the poultry industry about our plans to change tariffs. The biggest issue being raised is whether we can make allowance for businesses who have already entered into financial commitments based on the current rates but that their installations will not be completed until after the changes have been made. I would welcome your views on whether we could potentially stand over the current rates for a short grace period (after 1 Oct) for applicants who have already entered into commitments (possibly with their banks) when the final policy is published later this month. Or alternatively, does Ofgem keep a record of applicants who go through the pre-application process. If so, we might be able to stand over the rates for everyone who had completed the pre-application process when the final policy is announced.

I would welcome your thoughts, because whatever we decide it has to be workable in terms of administration.

Stuart

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Stuart, Seamus

Further to my voicemail last month, I can confirm that in line with our proportionate administrative approach to reviewing cases in order of submission and date of accreditation, we didn't accredit any applications last month (June 2015) with a date of accreditation after 31 March 2015.

I should also confirm that, given further cases submitted and reviewed, under current circumstances I cannot expect that same position to hold for the remainder of this calendar month.

I trust this clarification has been of some help; happy to discuss.

Edmund

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