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Paul

My email from 21 August with letter and revised draft RHI amendment regulations refers.

Just by way of further background, the original DFP approval for the non domestic RHI covered the period up to 31 March 2015. We are therefore currently in the process of seeking further DFP approval to extend the scheme for 18 months to 30 September 2016. We must complete a detailed review of the scheme before DFP will sanction a longer scheme extension. This review may include introducing a number of new technologies/tariffs and a system of automatic tariff digression like GB. This will require further more complex legislative changes and will have to be subjected to public consultation. This will all take time and may not be completed before 30 Sep 2016.

To ensure the Department doesn't continue to enter into new RHI commitments beyond this date without DFP approval, would it be possible to include wording (possibly in Regulation 36) confirming that payments for new applicants beyond 30 Sep 2016 will be subject to DFP approval. In other words, no new RHI applications can be received beyond 30 Sep 2016 unless the Department has received further DFP approval. This will enable the Department to effectively stop the scheme if need be until further DFP approval has been received.

Perhaps you could also give this matter some thought when reviewing the revised draft regulations.

Many thanks

Regards

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