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Subject: RE: Meeting with Representation from Moy Park on 19 February
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Wish to add anything?

NOTE OF MEETING WITH REPRESENTATION FROM MOY PARK ON 19 FEBRUARY 2016

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Moy Park

David Mark
Mike Mullan

DETI

Andrew McCormick
Chris Stewart
John Mills

Moy Park said they were keen to see some continuance of RHI especially as it was still open in GB.

DETI explained reason for closure focusing on the immediate aim of preventing further financial pressure.

Moy Park said they understood but RHI ensured significant advantage in terms of animal welfare, production and quality. It also helped reduce ammonia and evidence of this was in the process of being gathered.

Moy Park explained they were the only vertically integrated poultry producers. Only egg production and growth were outside Moy Park's direct control with something like 900 units in 600 farms for hatching and 600 producers (??).

With reference to overspend and allegations of abuse Moy Park said they would support a retrospective cap. DETI said this may be possible legally. Moy Park did not respond on a retrospective tiered tariff.

Moy Park also said that the reintroduction of, say, a simpler capital grant scheme, possibly through DARD, might be a way forward. They did not care about income from RHI they just wanted renewable heat to be installed. They feared competitive disadvantage with GB. This was compounded by lengthy planning timescales here (18 months) now exacerbated by local council's taking charge. Also bureaucracy such as drainage risk assessments etc. Planning, including an EIA could cost £40k and despite timescales were rarely refused. Also complained about cost and time for connections from NIE. Moy Park believed in NI but, ultimately, had to go

wherever made best sense for the company. DETI said the RHI was a carbon reduction measure and would not meet EU approval on state aid grounds if it was seen as a measure to influence competitiveness.

Moy Park said they were concerned that OFGEM could handle any last minute pressure for applications, whether there was a backup communication route and what happened over the weekend prior to closure on Monday 29 February (we have raised those points with OFGEM who have since replied. We will liaise with Moy Park).

Agreed follow up meeting would be useful.