

From: [Wightman, Stuart](#)
To: [Mills, John \(DETI\)](#)
Cc: [Stewart, Chris \(DETI\)](#); [McCormick, Andrew \(DETI\)](#)
Subject: FW: Biomass closing date being moved
Date: 15 February 2016 11:32:55
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John

Please see email below from Moypark turkey farmer. This focuses on the reliance of RHI funding and infers that biomass heating is a Moypark requirement. We will need to raise this with Moypark.

Stuart

From: Forsythe, Nicola **On Behalf Of** DETI Energy Mailbox
Sent: 15 February 2016 10:09
To: Wightman, Stuart; Hughes, Seamus
Subject: FW: Biomass closing date being moved

Stuart / Seamus

Can you help with this ?

Nicola

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From: Jones-McGookin, Mary **On Behalf Of** DETI Mail (DETI)
Sent: 15 February 2016 08:21
To: DETI Energy Mailbox
Subject: Biomass closing date being moved

This email came into the DETI generic inbox.

Grateful if you would take forward.

Regards,

Mary

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From: Geraldine Cowan-Smyth Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Sent: 14 February 2016 08:59
To: DETI Mail (DETI)
Subject: Biomass closing date being moved

I'm writing this email to whom it may concern with regards to the biomass RHI scheme closing date being pulled forward.

I'm appealing to you to leave it as was to continue to the 31st of March.

As a Moypark turkey farmer we were investing in not only our future but our families future and for the better for the environment.

The stage we are at now on farm is, houses being brought up to date as it's been 20 plus years since houses went up. New feeding systems, drinking systems, Windows to fall in line with EU legislation.

We had secured the funding for biomass with a new gas boiler back up system and letter of intent was in from Moy Park as the houses current heating systems are not efficient and installation would have been done by original cut of date.

I am aware that RHI payback has been cut last oct/Nov. But I find it truly unfair that you are pulling this date forward once again and the impact that this is going to have on each Farm. I feel that the installations that have already occurred in the past, granted not all of them but a few have been abusing the system for their own financial benefit, destroying the possibilities for honest people. Especially the poultry industry as birds perform better.

Could you rethink your decision with regards to the Farms that already have the go-ahead from moypark, I am aware that this may be about 50 farms. Brian Gibson Moypark would be able to confirm numbers.

Surely a heating system that produces better birds would benefit the economy, saying as we produce 40% of the meat in Europe.

I sincerely hope you put a great deal of thought into this, especially thinking about the poultry industry going forward.

Looking forward to your response.

Geraldine Cowan-Smyth

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