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I work 3.5 days per week. I work in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and work from home on Friday mornings 8.30-12.30 (I can be emailed or phoned on Friday morning on Personal information redacted by IT). In my absence please contact [RHI.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:RHI.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk) Ollie

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Thanks Edmund.  
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Hi Michelle  
 This would be one for Ollie, our Bioenergy Manager.  
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**From:** Michelle Murdoch  
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Good Morning Edmund,  
 Hope you enjoyed your bank holiday.  
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By-product	Whether the biomass was a by-product of a 'process' (as defined in the Regulations).	By-product of the paper production process
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Country of origin	Where the biomass was plant matter or derived from plant matter, the country where the plant matter was grown	Spain

Country of purchase	Where the information specified in the row above is unknown or the biomass was not plant matter or derived from plant matter, the country from which the participant obtained the biomass.	Germany
'Energy crop' (including types and proportions)	Whether any of the consignment was an 'energy crop' (a term defined in the Regulations) or derived from an energy crop and, if so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the proportion of the consignment which was or was derived from an energy crop.</li> <li>• the type of energy crop contained in the consignment.</li> </ul>	n/a
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In the NI version – there is no requirement for Biomass installations to provide sustainability reporting, however there is for Biomethane producers. My question is this: Is all the information in the table relevant to Biomethane producers, or is some of it only relevant to solid biomass?

I hope you can help or if not, point me in the right direction!

Thanks in advance for your help.

Kind Regards

Michelle

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Not a requirement for biomass installations of any capacity under NI.

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All the below can relate to biomethane – the feedstocks used to produce the biogas.  
 Maybe the title should be “Biomethane sustainability reporting”.

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