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From: Edmund Ward
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Subject: RE: Carbon Trust in NI- mistaken about state aid and NIRHI compatibility?
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Hi Ade, Teri

The NIRHI Personal Information rejection is likely to be escalated...and may result in a complaint or, more likely, a formal review (I've sent him the NIRHI Dispute Resolution factsheet). He will also be pursuing this with DETI.

This was rejected on the basis of a soft loan from the Carbon Trust, which would be accepted in GB but not in NI. Applicant had spoken to our team and was under the impression it was fine to take the loan.

Part of the root cause is that the Carbon Trust appear to be giving out advice which is not consistent with the NI regs – as per Nadia's email – Teri, let's discuss which of us should follow up on this.

Thanks
Edmund

From: Nadia Carpenter
Sent: 01 October 2013 17:48
To: Edmund Ward; Teri Clifton
Subject: Carbon Trust in NI- mistaken about state aid and NIRHI compatibility?

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The below is the contact at Carbon Trust (based in Belfast) who may be telling NI stakeholders that Carbon Trust interest free loans are compatible with NIRHI support. We now have two applications effected- NIRHI Personal Information (rejected) and NIRHI Personal Information (pending rejection).

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From: Nadia Carpenter
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Sorry- to be clear.

The loans that Carbon Trust are distributing on behalf of Invest NI (who are a part of DETI) are those we have seen so far which are considered to be state aid and would therefore not be compatible with NIRHI support under NIRHI Regulations.

Carbon Trust loans in themselves would not necessarily be incompatible (Carbon Trust are a private company), it depends on who's behalf they are distributing the support.

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Hi Teri

Sorry, just seen this – relates to my previous email.

We'll need to talk about the line to take on this in the morning.

Thanks

Edmund

From: Teri Clifton
Sent: 01 October 2013 15:17
To: Edmund Ward
Subject: FW: NI RHI Query - Applicant refused due to Carbon Trust loan
Importance: High

Hi Edmund

Is this something you could help me with please. It looks like they were advised by Michelle earlier in the year that Carbon Trust is eligible?

Thanks

Teri

From: Hutchinson, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Hutchinson@detini.gov.uk>]
Sent: 01 October 2013 14:47
To: Teri Clifton
Cc: McCutcheon, Joanne
Subject: NI RHI Query - Applicant refused due to Carbon Trust loan

Teri,

Grateful if you would look into an issue for me. I received a call this morning from someone who had been rejected from the NI RHI because he had received support from the Carbon Trust via the 0% loan scheme.

It had been my understanding that the loan scheme and RHI funding were compatible as the loan element required to be repaid and therefore did not result in a double subsidy. The attached email refers.

The applicant in question was NIRHI Personal information redacted by the RHI.

If you are able to consider and provide advice on the Carbon Trust 0% loan scheme I would be grateful.

Thanks,

Peter