

To: All REGO Accredited
Generating Stations & Electricity
Suppliers

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Fuel Mix Disclosure – Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs)

The Electricity (Fuel Mix Disclosure) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005 No. 391) introduced a requirement on all electricity suppliers in Great Britain to disclose to their customers, and potential customers, the mix of fuels used to generate the electricity supplied annually, provided electricity was supplied for a full disclosure period (1 April – 31 March). Suppliers must disclose this information by 1 October annually. This Regulation was introduced into electricity supplier's standard licence conditions (SLC); originally SLC 30A. Condition 30A has since been removed and replaced by SLC 21¹ however the context of the condition has not changed.

Renewable Source Electricity – Evidence Sources to be Held by Suppliers

For this disclosure period (1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010) SLC 21 requires that the following evidence sources held by electricity suppliers on **midday 1 July 2010** can be used to prove renewable electricity purchased for supply to customers:

- Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs) – must be held relating to generation in the disclosure period in a supplier's Renewables & CHP Register account by midday on 1 July 2010.
- EU Guarantees of Origin (GoOs) – issued by another EU Member State must be recognised by Ofgem before being used. Chapter 7 of the *Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin – Ofgem's Administration Procedures*² gives guidance on the process for recognising GoOs. Please note that evidence to show the supply of electricity in Great Britain is required for the GoO to be used for Fuel Mix Disclosure along with evidence that the GoOs have not been used for Fuel Mix Disclosure in another EU MS. Please can you ensure you provide details of the Issuing Body of the GoOs, to allow Ofgem to verify that the requested GoOs are valid.
- Non-EU imports/electricity exchange purchases – suppliers must hold figures that identify the amount of electricity produced from each particular energy source.
- No evidence held – suppliers must apportion the electricity purchased for supply without evidence between energy sources to the percentages provided for under the

¹ http://epr.ofgem.gov.uk/document_fetch.php?documentid=13418

² <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/REGOs/Documents1/8498-rego%20procedures%20sept04.pdf>

Fuel Mix Disclosure Data Table. This table is published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) on its website by 1 August 2010.

This letter is only a summary. Full information on the evidence requirements are given in SLC 21¹ and the *Fuel Mix Disclosure by Electricity Suppliers in Great Britain – Guidelines*³.

Requests for Issue and Transfer of REGOs for the Disclosure Period April 2009 to March 2010

Ofgem is responsible for the administration of the REGO scheme on behalf of DECC. We issue 1 REGO per kWh of renewable electricity generated by stations accredited under the scheme located in Great Britain and Northern Ireland under an Agency Service Agreement.

All REGOs for generation in the disclosure period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 must be requested by the station operator via the Renewables & CHP Register⁴. As an accredited generating station or supplier you should have an account on the Renewables & CHP Register already. A User Guide is available for your assistance⁵.

REGOs can be claimed for a period of one calendar month or annually, but cannot overlap the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010. The REGO Regulations themselves set no deadline for requesting REGOs however, REGOs are predominantly used for Fuel Mix Disclosure which sets an ultimate deadline on licensed electricity suppliers to hold REGOs for renewable electricity generated and supplied during the disclosure period by 1 July 2010. As such if you wish to claim REGOs for generation in the disclosure period, and transfer them to a supplier, please do so as soon as possible before the deadline.

Requests for REGOs made near to the midday 1 July 2010 deadline cannot be guaranteed to be issued and transferred on time to the supplier's account on the Renewables & CHP Register.

Supplier Information

At midday on 1 July 2010 all REGOs held in a supplier's account on the Renewables & CHP Register will be retired to show that they have been used for Fuel Mix Disclosure. Once retired, the REGOs will not show as held REGOs within your Renewables & CHP Register account, but will be present in the "Reports" section of your account.

If you hold Northern Ireland (NI) REGOs for generation in the disclosure period but do not intend to use those REGOs for the Great Britain Fuel Mix Disclosure compliance round please inform Ofgem of this. You will also need to set up an additional supplier account on the Renewables & CHP Register specifically to hold your NI REGOs and then transfer all your NI REGOs to this account **before 25 June 2010**.

We also request that you check all your REGOs within your Renewables & CHP Register account. If you experience any problems, please contact [redacted] at [redacted]. You can also contact the Renewables team at renewable@ofgem.gov.uk or by phone on 0207 901 7310.

Kind regards,

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³ http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/Policy/Documents1/12340-282_05.pdf

⁴ <http://www.renewablesandchp.ofgem.gov.uk>

⁵ http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/RCHPreg/Documents1/Ofgem%20Renewable%20and%20CHP%20Register_User%20Guide%20March%202008.pdf