

All electricity suppliers

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Great Britain Fuel Mix Disclosure 2020 – Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs)

We are contacting you to make you aware of the Great Britain (GB) Fuel Mix Disclosure (FMD) deadline for 2020 and to set out the actions that may be required of you as part of this process with regard to REGOs.

Fuel Mix Disclosure Overview

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 is 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 suppliers' 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 2019 to 31 March 2020), SLC 21 requires that the following evidence sources held by electricity suppliers at **midday 1 July 2020** can be used to prove renewable electricity purchased for supply to customers in GB:

- Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs) – must be held relating to generation in the disclosure period in a supplier's Renewables and CHP Register account by midday 1 July 2020. At **midday on 1 July 2020** all REGOs for the disclosure period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 that are not 'retired' or 'revoked', held in a supplier account on the Renewables and CHP Register, will be 'redeemed'. We do this to capture REGOs used for GB FMD. Once redeemed, the REGOs will not be present within your Renewables and CHP Register account, however you will still be able to view them in the 'Reports' section of your account.

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<https://epr.ofgem.gov.uk/Content/Documents/Electricity%20Supply%20Standard%20Licence%20Conditions%20Consolidated%20-%20Current%20Version.pdf>

- EU Member State 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 (REGOs): Guidance for generators, agents and suppliers*², provides information on recognising GoOs. The process for GoOs covered under the audit report is here: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/guidance-organisations-presenting-guarantees-origin-goos-use-gb-fuel-mix-disclosure-fmd-and-feed-tariffs-fit-annual-levelisation>. Once recognised, we shall publish details of recognised GoOs on the Ofgem website, www.ofgem.gov.uk.
- Non-EU Member State 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 Fuel Mix Disclosure Data Table. This table is published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on its website by 1 August 2020.

Full information on the evidence requirements is given in SLC 21 and the *Fuel Mix Disclosure by Electricity Suppliers in Great Britain – Guidelines*³.

Actions for Suppliers

Please check all REGOs within your Renewables and CHP Register account to ensure that you hold all REGOs you require for the GB FMD round well in advance of the midday 1 July 2020 deadline. If you experience any problems, please contact the **RE Compliance** team, in the first instance using the contact details given at the head of this letter. Please note that it is the responsibility of suppliers to engage with any relevant generators to ensure that REGOs are transferred to them in time for the midday 1 July deadline. Ofgem does not do this on behalf of suppliers.

If you hold REGOs for generation during the disclosure period but wish to use them for the Northern Ireland/Republic of Ireland FMD compliance round, please inform us of this by **Monday 1 June 2020** so that we can ensure they are not redeemed for GB FMD. Please also create a separate supplier account on the Renewables and CHP Register to hold REGOs specifically used in the Northern Ireland/Republic of Ireland FMD round.

Yours faithfully,



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<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/REGOs/Documents1/REGO%20Guidance%20for%20generators,%20agents%20and%20suppliers%20-%20June%202011.pdf>

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