

Summary of notification

On 19 February 2010, the Commission received a notification of an aid measure pursuant to Article 108 of the Treaty establishing the European Community. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified measure could fall within the scope of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain types of State aid (OJ C136, 16.06.2009, p. 3-12).

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed measure to the Commission.

The main features of the aid measure are the following:

Reference number of the aid	N 65/2010
Member State	United Kingdom
Region	All
Title	Amendments to the Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs) scheme
Legal basis	s 32 of the Electricity Act 1989 (1989 Chapter 29), as amended by ss 37-40 of the Energy Act 2008 (2008 Chapter 32). Implemented by the Renewables Obligation Order 2009 (No 785) to be amended by Renewables Obligation Order 2010
Proposed Community basis for assessment	Proposed Community basis for assessment: established Commission practice as highlighted in Commission decisions N 414/2008, N 22/2009 and N 590/2009
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Amendment of an existing measure	Amendment to approved scheme N 414/2008
Objective	Environmental protection
Form of aid	Other (Recycle fund i.e. monies levied from licensed suppliers who do not provide ROCs in fulfillment of all or part of their obligation recycled to licensed suppliers who comply in proportion to the number of ROCs they present)
Budget	GBP 2,298 million (overall undiscounted total of Recycle fund, 2010-2018)
Intensity	Up to 100%
Duration (period)	1/4/2010 – 31/3/2037 (pending renotification in 2018 and approval by the Commission)
Name and address of the granting authority	UK Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), Renewables Obligation, Area A, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW

Observations raising competition issues relating to the notified measure must reach the Commission no later than 10 working days following the date of this publication and include a non-confidential version of these observations to be provided to the Member State concerned and/or other interested parties. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax, by post or email under reference number N 65/2010 to the following address:

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