

Summary of notifications

On 09/09/2010, the Commission received a notification of an aid measure pursuant to Article 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. 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 (JO 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	SA.31537
Member State	United Kingdom
Member State reference number	
Region	NORTHERN IRELAND Article 107(3)(c)
Granting authority	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sustainable Energy, Netherleigh, Massey Avenue, Belfast, BT4 2JP
Title of the aid measure	Amendments to the Renewables Obligation Northern Ireland 2011
National legal basis	Articles 52 to 55F and 66(3) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 Implemented by the Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) Order 2009 as amended by the Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 to be amended by the Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011.
Proposed Community basis for assessment	Environmental Aid Guidelines, 2008-2014
Type of measure	Scheme
Amendment of an existing aid measure	N 504/2000
Duration	01.04.2011 to 31.03.2033
Economic sector(s) concerned	ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY
Type of beneficiary	All firms
Budget	Annual amount: GBP 412.20 (in millions)
Aid instrument (grant, interest rate subsidy, ...)	Other. Please specify. - Monies levied from licensed suppliers who do not provide ROCs in fulfillment of all or part of their obligation is recycled to licensed suppliers who comply, in proportion to the number of ROCs they present. Generators receive ROCs free of charge for energy generated. Thee ROCs are purchased by suppliers to meet their obligation.

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 SA.31537 to the following address:

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