STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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TRANSPORT
ENERGY

SUSTAINABLE AND RENEWABLE FUELS

The Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*4th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*15th April 2015*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 124(1) and (2), 125A(1)(a), 125B(1)(a), 126(1) and (2)(j) and (k), and 192(4)(a) and (c) of the Energy Act 2004(**1**) ("the 2004 Act").

The Secretary of State has consulted such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to represent persons whose interests will be affected by this Order, and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, as required by section 124(4) of the 2004 Act.

A draft of this Order was laid before Parliament in accordance with sections 124(5) and 192(3) of the 2004 Act and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2015 and comes into force on 15th April 2015.

Amendment of Order

2. The Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007(**2**) is amended as follows.

Amendment of article 2 (interpretation)

3. In article 2(1), in the definition of "notional volume", after the words "in accordance with article 5(4A)" insert "and, where that notional volume expressed in litres includes a fraction of a litre, rounded up or rounded down to the nearest whole litre (rounding up where the fraction is 0.5 litres or above)".

(**1**) 2004 c. 20; sections 125A and 125B were inserted by the Climate Change Act 2008 (c. 27), Schedule 7, paragraphs 1 and 2.
(**2**) S.I. 2007/3072, amended by S.I. 2009/843, S.I. 2011/493, S.I. 2011/2937, S.I. 2013/816.

Amendment of article 4 (the renewable transport fuel obligation)

4.—(1) After article 4(8)(c) omit "and".

(2) After article 4(8)(d) insert—

"; and

(e) to the extent that the eligible oil is hydrotreated vegetable oil derived from relevant feedstocks and thermochemically treated with hydrogen derived from a non-biological origin, S is deemed to be 100% in respect of that portion of the eligible oil.".

(3) For article 4(9) substitute—

"(9) For the purposes of this article—

(a) except where sub-paragraph (b) or (c) applies, one kilogram of gaseous relevant hydrocarbon oil must be treated as equivalent to one litre of relevant hydrocarbon oil;

(b) where the gaseous relevant hydrocarbon oil is biomethane, one kilogram of that oil must be treated as equivalent to 1.90 litres of liquid relevant hydrocarbon oil; and

(c) where the gaseous relevant hydrocarbon oil is either biobutane or biopropane (or a combination of both biobutane and biopropane), one kilogram of that oil must be treated as equivalent to 1.75 litres of liquid relevant hydrocarbon oil.".

Amendment of article 5 (determinations of amounts of transport fuel)

5.—(1) After article 5(4B)(b) omit "and".

(2) After article 5(4B)(c) insert—

"; and

(d) to the extent that the renewable transport fuel is hydrotreated vegetable oil derived from relevant feedstocks and thermochemically treated with hydrogen derived from a non-biological origin, S is deemed to be 100% in respect of that portion of the renewable transport fuel.".

(3) For article 5(5) substitute—

"(5) For the purposes of this article—

(a) except where sub-paragraph (b) or (c) applies, one kilogram of gaseous renewable transport fuel must be treated as equivalent to one litre of liquid renewable transport fuel;

(b) where the gaseous renewable transport fuel is biomethane, one kilogram of that fuel must be treated as equivalent to 1.90 litres of liquid renewable transport fuel; and

(c) where the gaseous renewable transport fuel is either biobutane or biopropane (or a combination of both biobutane and biopropane), one kilogram of that fuel must be treated as equivalent to 1.75 litres of liquid renewable transport fuel.".

Amendment of article 13 (power to require information)

6. In article 13 omit paragraph (4).

Amendment of article 16 (application for RTF certificates)

7. In article 16(3)—