

Climate Change Agreements Team
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23 March 2010

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENTS AND SCHEME RULES FOR NEW CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENTS

Dear Consultee,

1. **I am writing to invite views on our consultation on the draft agreements and scheme rules for new Climate Change Agreements.**
2. Current Climate Change Agreements expire in March 2013. However, the Government announced in the Pre Budget Report in 2007 that “the scheme will continue until 2017, subject to State aid approval, and [it] will discuss with business the most effective way of taking this forward”.
3. The Government has published its response to two policy consultations (in March and December 2009) on changes to simplify the operation of the agreements. This can be viewed at www.decc.gov.uk/consultations.
4. In its response, the Government confirmed its decision to establish a shorter, simplified form of Agreements and to create separate Scheme Rules for the operation of the Agreements, supported by guidance on technical matters. This consultation sets out proposals for the new Agreements and the Scheme Rules and seeks views and comment on them.
5. The following documents may be found on DECC’s website:
www.decc.gov.uk/consultations

Consultation document
Letter to consultees
Consultation response form
List of consultees

6. This consultation has been prepared in line with the Code of Practice on Consultation, which is available from the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, and can be viewed at:

www.bis.gov.uk/regulation/consultation/code/index.asp

7. We welcome your views and comments on the proposal and questions raised. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact:

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Responses

8. When responding, you are requested, where possible, to use the **Excel consultation response form** available at:

www.decc.gov.uk/consultations

and to submit your comments electronically to:

ccaconsultation@decc.gsi.gov.uk

This will assist us in processing responses as efficiently as possible.

9. If you are unable to submit your response electronically, please complete a paper copy of the consultation response form, or submit written comments, making clear reference to the question (including its number) which the comments address, and forward your reply by post to Sam Lutterodt, at the address above.
10. For all enquiries, please telephone 0300 068 5302, or e-mail ccaconsultation@decc.gsi.gov.uk.
11. Responses must be received by **18 May 2010**. All responses will be fully considered before the final report is issued.
12. In line with DECC's policy of openness, at the end of the consultation period, copies of the responses we receive will be made available to the public. Members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.
13. If you do not consent to this, you must clearly request that your response be treated confidentially. Any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in e-mail responses will not be treated as such a request. You should also be aware that there may be circumstances in which DECC will be required to communicate information to third parties on request, in order to comply with its obligations under freedom of information legislation.
14. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at: www.decc.gov.uk/consultations. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact Sam Lutterodt on the above address. Please allow 24 hours notice. There may be a charge for photocopying and postage.

15. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, as opposed to the content in the consultation paper, please address them to Ferry Lienert, DECC's Consultation Co-ordinator, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AA, or email consultation.coordinator@decc.gsi.gov.uk.
16. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

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