

Biomass & Biogas Sustainability Implementation Group (BABSIG)

Wednesday, 30th May 2012

Agenda

14.00	Introductions and Welcome (Chair)
14.05	I. UK Bioenergy Strategy
14.30	II. Q&A on the Strategy
15.15	<i>Comfort break</i>
15.30	III: Biomass Sustainability Update & Group discussion To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Criteria, GHG tool & guidance going forward- Update on sustainable forest management- General concerns and issues
16.30	<i>Close.</i>

Biomass Sustainability Update

Progress and Timelines



- ORED's top priority is to publish the Government Response on the Renewables Obligation Banding Review
- RO Banding Review consultation included a question on the sustainability criteria and grandfathering
- Govt response expected to be followed by launch of the statutory consultation to link ROCs with biomass sustainability criteria
- This consultation will also address other biomass sustainability issues such as forestry management
- Aim is for decisions by late Autumn, and any legislative changes to be introduced through ROO 2013, for April 2013 start
- Also expecting a summer consultation for complementary sustainability criteria under the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

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