



**Northern Ireland
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The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Closure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for the Economy (the Department) provided the draft of the proposed regulations prior to the RHI (Closure of Non-Domestic) Scheme Bill achieving Royal Assent. The Department did this as it wanted the regulations to be in place prior to the withdrawal of Ofgem support for the current RHI arrangements at the end of June.

The Committee for the Economy agreed to launch a call for views, (which are always based on draft regulations), which closed on 10 June 2026. Only one response to the survey was received.

Call for Views Responses

The respondent agreed that the information provided by the Department, in relation to the proposed statutory rule, was accurate and that no unintended consequences were foreseen.

The respondent advised that the engagement between the Department and stakeholders has been positive, aimed at achieving good outcomes for all, with discussions centred around the transition to the new closure arrangements. The respondent also stated that there is an urgent need for a standalone biomass strategy.