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Government response to the Consultation on Amendments to GN 52 of 2010 and Electrical Installations Regulation

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Executive Summary

Introduction and overview

1. A brief introduction about the subject.

The 2020 Budget speech made reference to the introduction of a new support scheme to encourage the use of Battery Storage. The use of battery storage in combination with solar photovoltaic installations is expected to become more common as the battery technology evolves and for this reason it is being proposed that for future solar photovoltaic grant schemes, the inverter system should be of the hybrid type.

2. The public consultation date.

Include the objective and purpose of the public consultation.

The introduction of the aforementioned technologies requires some changes to the Government Notice GN 52 of 2010 and the Electrical Installations Regulations. As such, a public consultation on the proposed amendments was issued on the 16th April 2020 and closed on the 30th April 2020.

3. This consultation sought views on:

- The introduction of new standards for the registration of battery equipment to be used as energy storage in connection with photovoltaic systems.
- Amendments to the Electrical Installations Regulations to cater for battery storage use as described above.

Responses to the consultation and process used to seek stakeholder views

This document is the Government Response to this consultation and sets out the Government's decisions on these matters.

4. The closing date of the public consultation. Which methods were used to receive the feedback. The total amount of responses. From whom you received the feedback.

The consultation closed on 30th April 2020. The consultation document was available online and responses were accepted electronically via the Regulator for Energy and Water Services general email address.. In total, there were 4 responses. Most of these were received from retailers that generally supply such equipment to the general public. One reply was received from a regulatory authority. A list of respondents can be found at Annex A.

5. Include (if any) meetings with stakeholders and list who the stakeholders were.

NA

Summary of responses and decisions

The following is a summary of the consultation responses received. We would like to thank all those who took the time to respond to the consultation and participate in stakeholder meetings around the consultation exercise.

6. Statistics.

- Total feedback received: 4
- Total feedback received by individuals: 0
- Total feedback received by organisations: 1
- Total feedback received through email: 4
- Total feedback received through online form: 0
- Total feedback received by post: 0

7. Summary of feedback received.

All the respondents commented on matters that go beyond the scope of this consultation.

8. Your assessment and the Government's decision (list the Government's decisions).

Having reviewed all the replies, it was agreed that the proposed changes would be moved forward as they were.

Implementation

9. When you intend to implement the decisions

Following the public consultation locally, these amendments were notified to the EU commission for consultation from all member states (Notification number is 2020/316/MT). Standstill period elapses in August 2020 and if it is accepted we can proceed with publication of amendments.

Contact Details

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact: enquiry@rews.org.mt

Annex A: List of respondents

Organisation
Solar Solutions Ltd
Virtue Solaris
Alternative Technologies Ltd
Environment and Resources Authority