

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



Number of legislative act with a link			2007 No 3072	
Name of legislative act			The Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007	
Date of Publication			26th October 2007	
Date of implementation			26th October 2007	
Purpose			The Order imposed an obligation on fuel suppliers to ensure that, by 2010, renewable fuels made up 5% of their UK road fuel sales	
Relevance to the biomethane sector			Biomethane was later included in the list of allowable fuels	
Relation to EU legislation			The 2007 Order was amended in December 2011 to transpose the transport elements of the EU Renewable Energy Directive (RED) 2009/28/EC. It was amended again in 2013 to implement the requirements of articles 7a-e of the EU Fuel Quality Directive 2009/30/EC.	
Scope			In 2011 the functions of the administrator of the RTFO were transferred to the RTFO unit in the Department of Transport. The RTFO unit administers schemes under both the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007 and the Motor Fuel (Road Vehicle and Mobile Machinery) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations 2012.	
Specification of a legislative act	Targets		5% of fuel sales by 2010	
	Support Systems for Biogas	Subsidies		n.a.
		Feed in Tarrifs		n.a.
		Premiums		n.a.
		Tax exemption		n.a.
	Support Systems for Biomethane	Subsidies		Road Transport Fuel Obligation creates market for biomethane fuel
		Feed in Tarrifs		n.a.
		Premiums		n.a.
		Tax exemption		n.a.
	Sustainability			Yes
	Non-discriminatory access to the grid			No
	Mass-balance			No
	Transport			Yes
Emissions			Yes	
Biowaste			Yes	
Digestate			No	