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Notification of Consultation on the Eligibility of HVO Generators for Intermediary Arrangements

Today, Tuesday 13th October 2026, the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) are publishing a notification of their decision to consult on the eligibility of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil-fuelled generators (HVO generators) for Intermediary Arrangements.

In August 2026, the RAs received a request to allow HVO generators to participate in Intermediary Arrangements. The RAs are therefore seeking stakeholder views on whether the eligibility criteria for Intermediary Arrangements should be amended to facilitate the participation of HVO-fuelled generators.

In November 2020, as per [SEM-20-063](#) '*Intermediary Arrangements in the SEM*', the eligibility criteria for Intermediary arrangements were expanded to include a number of technology types. The decision paper included a mechanism for considering future or new technology types for participation in future Intermediary arrangements. Where a request is received regarding a technology type not currently eligible, a mandatory notification will be published on the SEM Committee website inviting stakeholder responses. A four-week consultation period will follow to allow interested parties to respond before a decision is made on whether to amend the eligibility criteria.

As part of this consultation, the SEM Committee invites stakeholder views on whether HVO generators are a distinct and new technology type and whether they should be eligible to participate under Intermediary Arrangements, or whether HVO generators are conventional generation units operating with an alternative fuel source. Stakeholder views on this matter will inform the SEM Committee's assessment of the request and whether any amendment to the eligibility criteria is required. The SEM Committee notes that the RAs' preliminary view is that HVO generators are not a distinct and new technology type. Stakeholder views are being sought before any decision is made, and the SEM Committee invites respondents to explain why, in their view, HVO generators are, or are not, a distinct and new technology type.

Responses should be sent, in electronic form by close of business on 11th November 2026 to: TSC@cru.ie and tsc@uregni.gov.uk All responses received may be published unless the respondent clearly indicates that their response is confidential.