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Simplifying Climate Change

DEFRA launch consultation seeking views on the simplification of its climate change legislation.

This consultation is on the recommendations presented in the “Climate Change Instruments: Areas of Overlap and Options for Simplification” Report and is intended to eliminate any avoidable overlap between the three main climate change instruments currently available to DEFRA. These are the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS), Climate Change Agreements (CCAs) and the proposed Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC).

The consultation is taking place with a series of questions produced by DEFRA to obtain views on the subject and as increasing numbers of plant operators are required to measure and commit to reducing emissions, many will see a simplification of the legislation as a welcome move.

DEFRA’s objective is to measure, control and suggest some broad principles to potentially reduce carbon emissions. In addition, by simplifying existing regulation it is hoped that the regulatory burden on the UK economy may be kept to a minimum.

You can obtain further information on the results and progress of the consultation, which closed for comment on 19th March 2008 at www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/cc-instruments/index.htm

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