

NOTE FROM THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES

SUBJECT: Forecast document in accordance with Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

Pursuant to Article 4(3) of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, the French authorities herewith notify the Commission of the following:

- the estimated excess production of energy from renewable sources compared to the indicative trajectory defined in Annex I to the Directive which could be transferred to other Member States in accordance with Articles 6 to 11 of the Directive, as well as the estimated potential for joint projects, until 2020;
- the estimated demand for energy from renewable sources to be satisfied by means other than domestic production until 2020.

Following the national consultations that were held during the Grenelle Environment Forum from 2007 to 2008 and that involved all French players in the sector of renewable energy, France implemented an ambitious strategy for the deployment of renewable energy and the management of energy consumption. The strategy aims at increasing the annual production of renewable energy by 20 million tonnes oil equivalent (Mtep) in order to lift its share in final energy consumption to at least 23 % by 2020, the forecasted total production being at least 32 Mtep. This objective was set in Programme Law No 2009-967 of 3 August 2009 on the implementation of the Grenelle Environment Forum. It corresponds to the target of 23 % for the share of energy from renewable sources in the gross final consumption of energy, as laid down in the Directive for France.

Given this legislative commitment, the French authorities for now do not wish to adopt the role of either buyer or seller to meet the objective of 23 %.

In any case, France has already examined ways of putting these mechanisms to practice. Considering the innovative nature of the flexibility mechanisms, considerable groundwork will go into establishing a legislative and regulatory framework suited to the import and export of electricity from renewable sources. France is ready to embark on this task, relying in particular on exchange with the other Member States through the concerted action planned by the European Commission in order to implement the Directive.

Furthermore, the French authorities reiterate their commitment to the Mediterranean solar plan within the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean. The economic model of this plan is based, in particular, on the possibility of selling in the Member States of the European Community electricity produced from renewable sources in Mediterranean countries that are not members of the Community. Partnerships and joint projects established in the context of the Mediterranean solar plan might lead France to import a certain amount of electricity produced from renewable sources from countries not members of the European Community. It is not yet possible to estimate the amounts of such imports.

Estimate of the excess production and / or deficit production of energy from renewable sources compared to the indicative trajectory which could be transferred to / originate from other Member States

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