



## Contracts for Difference: Stakeholder Bulletin

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### Government publishes response to AR6 contract changes consultation

The Government has today published the response to the Allocation Round 6 (AR6) contract changes consultation alongside the final contract documents for the round.

The response confirms changes to make generators that directly supply offshore oil and gas facilities ineligible for the Private Network CfD Agreement from AR6 onwards, implementing the government's previous decision on this matter.

It also confirms that the definition of Milestone Delivery Date (MDD) has been amended to allow the MDD to be extended where a generator has not received confirmation from the Ministry of Defence of the availability of suitable mitigation measures in relation to interference between windfarms and air defence radar systems.

Other confirmed contract changes concern strengthening 'Know Your Customer' checks and introducing a new threshold for the Change Control Procedure.

- [Read the AR6 contract changes consultation response](#)
- [Final AR6 contract documents](#)

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### AR7: Government publishes response to Sustainable Industry Reward consultation

The Government has today published its response to the consultation on introducing a CfD Sustainable Industry Reward (SIR).

The response confirms that the CfD SIR process will run for three years from Allocation Round 7 (2025) onwards as a competitive allocation for extra revenue support. The SIR process will take place six months before the main CfD auction, and applicants will need to meet minimum standards to gain access.

Some key aspects of the proposed SIRs have been amended to simplify the process. The number of criteria has been reduced to two, and there are now only three questions. The criteria for SIRs will be:

- a) Investment in shortening supply chains in deprived areas in the UK; or
- b) Investment in more sustainable means of production anywhere in the world; or

- c) A combination of both approaches by investing in shorter supply chains in UK deprived areas and ensuring that such investment goes to more sustainable means of production.

- [Read the SIR consultation response](#)

The Government has also published the [draft CfD SIR Allocation Framework \(PDF, 516KB\)](#), which sets out the mechanics of how SIRs will operate, for further discussion with industry. This is a draft document that will continue to be iterated and updated, and all new drafts will be published on the dedicated GOV.UK page (linked above) and publicised to industry stakeholders.

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## AR6 event materials now available

If you were unable to attend the 'Introduction to Allocation Round 6' online event on 22 February 2024 or would like to revisit what was covered, materials from the event are now available via the [CfD microsite](#). These include:

- [Presentation slides \(PDF, 6.45MB\)](#)
- [A recording of the event](#)
- [Q&A \(PDF, 343KB\)](#)
- [A video on the allocation process](#)

If you have any queries after consulting these materials, please submit them via the [contact page on the microsite](#).

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## AR6 applicant readiness webinar

- Date: Thursday 21 March 2024, 10am to 11am

National Grid ESO will host a webinar on the above date to help prospective applicants prepare for submitting an application in AR6.

- [Find out more and register here](#)

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