



The European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) (No. 3) Regulations 2025  
Circular

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To: Directors of Planning in each local authority

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**Purpose of the Circular**

This circular notifies planning authorities, the Commission and other key stakeholders of the making of The European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) (No.3) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 435 of 2025). The Regulations were signed by the Minister on 24 of September and enter into force on that date.

The new Regulations seek to amend the commencement date at regulation 38(2) of S.I. 274 of 2025, which concerns the coming into effect of regulations 6, 12, 14 and 18 of that Statutory Instrument. This commencement date has been changed to on or after the 1 May 2026.

This Circular should be read in conjunction with Circular letter CEPP 1/2025, which issued on 15 August 2025.

**1. Summary of new legislation**

Regulations 6, 12, 14 and 18 of S.I. 274 of 2025, made amendments to the EIA scoping provisions of the 2000 Act in order to transpose article 16b(2) of RED III, which requires that EIA scoping is mandatory for renewable energy projects that fall within the provisions of article 16b of the Directive. Regulation 38(2) of S.I. 274 of 2025 provided that those amendments did not come into effect until the 1 October 2025.

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The objective of the new legislation is to amend the date of commencement of regulations 6, 12, 14 and 18 of S.I. 274 of 2025. These regulations now come into effect on or after 1 May 2026.

## 2. Further information

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