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**EU 10 Testing and Commissioning**

1. The Technical Circular Letter hereby announces an update to the credit content for the following credits under BEAM Plus NB v1.1 and v1.2:

   - EU 10a Commissioning specifications
   - EU 10b Commissioning plan
   - EU 10c Commissioning
   - EU 10d Commissioning report

2. The requirement given in Appendices 8.5.1 to 8.5.4 of the BEAM Plus Manuals is hereby updated with the enclosures in Annex A and Annex B of this Technical Circular.

   - Pages Annex A-1 to A-2 shall replace all contents specified in Page 8-15 to 8-18 under BEAM Plus NB v1.1; and
   - Pages Annex B-1 to B-2 shall replace all contents specified in Page A-15 to A-18 under BEAM Plus NB v1.2.

3. For the clarity of the assessment, the Applicant should provide a summary table with cross-referencing between the sub-items listed in the annexes against the relevant sections in the submitted document (i.e. commissioning specification, plan, checklist, report).

4. **Approved PA projects:** For projects that have already completed PA and have certain assessment approach approved, the Applicant may opt to adopt the same assessment criteria for FA or voluntarily comply with this Technical Circular. For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicant shall provide PA evidences (e.g. extract of the PA report, documents submitted for assessment in PA, etc) in subsequent assessments to support the intention of using the same assessment methodology as in PA.

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Annex B: Updated Credit Content for Appendices 8.5.1 to 8.5.4 under BEAM Plus NB v.1.2

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