Information to be provided to consumers regarding free solar PV systems

Where members are offering to provide the small-scale electricity generator free of charge in return for the consumer assigning their right to the Feed-in Tariff benefits they must give the consumer full information in writing about the value and conditions of the arrangement before the consumer signs a contract. The contract should comply with this Code in all respects. The additional information members must provide to consumers is set out below:

- the full value of the expected Feed-in Tariff income over 20 years
- the up-front cost of the system if purchased outright
- the up-front cost of the system if purchased with a loan
- any additional charges
- in the case of a hire purchase agreement, details of the consumer credit licence
- whether the consumer will receive the 'export premium'
- whether the consumer will receive the Feed-in Tariff income once the capital cost of the system has been repaid
- legal ownership of the system
- arrangements for maintaining and insuring the system
- the status of the relevant manufacturers' and installers' guarantees
- implications for the consumer's existing or future mortgage or other loans
- whether the consumer can opt to purchase the system at a later date
- whether the consumer can add to the system at a later date
- who will be responsible for removing the system at the end of its useful life
- arrangements for assigning the arrangement if the property changes hands
- arrangements for terminating the agreement.