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Dear Mr MacArthur,

Thank you for your submission of 23 February 2018, on behalf of EDSL requesting approval of the DSM interface software, TAS v9.4.2.

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the report produced by AECOM confirms that TAS v9.4.2 is compliant with the approved national calculation methodology (SBEM version 5.4.a) and has been approved. This letter of approval supersedes any previous letter issued by MHCLG in relation to this software.

The approval is based on the following:

- The scope of the validation at the current time has focused on compliance of the generated certificates and reports using the business and operational logic, both published and agreed, at the Commercial Energy Performance Certificate Conventions Group meetings.

- The approval has taken account of the information provided by you and testing by AECOM, as set out in their report of 19 March 2018. The department is, therefore, satisfied that the software correctly replicates satisfactory agreement with the certificate and report templates. A copy of AECOM report recommending approval is attached for ease of reference.

- The software is approved as fit for commercial use in its current state and form including the Checksum results set out at Annex A. These Checksum results set out in Annex A replace those included in previous approval letters. Any later variant or version will need to be submitted separately for approval.

- It is the responsibility of software providers to ensure that the software they produce provides accurate calculations in line with the National Calculation Methodology (NCM) for which it is approved.

- This approval does not imply any liability is accepted by the department for software calculation inaccuracies.

Please note that a formal publication of the approval will be made in due course.

Yours sincerely,

JASON WARD

Annex A

Checksum results

Below are the results from the checksum carried out on SBEM interface software version 5.4.a which must be present in this current version.

File Name	Checksum Value
TBD.exe	2994FABFCB3093AC0433193D4550AD20
TPD.exe	FED7CF41FC970FC51A6BDB86259E740C
UKBRStudio2013.exe	F4D6CD6AE91381748AA2867BE7CADD51