



**MINISTER OF ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

**AMENDMENT OF ORDER  
ON THE APPROVAL OF THE RULES FOR THE ISSUE, TRANSFER AND  
CANCELATION OF GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN OF GAS PRODUCED FROM  
RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, AND FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE  
USE OF GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN, AND FOR THE RECOGNITION OF  
GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN ISSUED BY OTHER MEMBER STATES IN THE REPUBLIC  
OF LITHUANIA**

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In accordance with the Article 5(2)(6) and Articles (28), (29) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Energy from Renewable Sources and sub-clauses 1.2 and 1.3 of the Resolution No 1217 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 19 October 2011 “Regarding conferral of powers in implementing the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Energy from Renewable Sources“:

1. I hereby confirm the Rules for the issue, transfer and cancelation of Guarantees of Origin of gas produced from renewable energy sources, and for supervision and control of the use of Guarantees of Origin, and for the recognition of Guarantees of Origin issued in other Member States in the Republic of Lithuania (enclosed).

2. I hereby designate Lithuanian natural gas transmission system operator AB “Amber Grid” to hold the position of the designated body authorized to perform the functions of the issue, transfer and cancelation of Guarantees of Origin of gas produced from renewable energy sources, and of supervision and control of the use of Guarantees of Origin, and of the recognition of Guarantees of Origin issued in other Member States in the Republic of and the functions of recognizing the Guarantees of Origin issued in other Member States in the Republic of Lithuania.

Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, the Minister of Energy

APPROVED

by the Order No 1-158 of the Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania of 21 May 2019

(Recast of the Order No 1-139 of the Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania of 1 June 2020)

**RULES FOR THE ISSUE, TRANSFER AND CANCELATION OF GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN OF GAS PRODUCED FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, AND FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN, AND FOR THE RECOGNITION OF GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN ISSUED BY OTHER MEMBER STATES IN THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

**SECTION I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Rules for the issue, transfer and cancelation of Guarantees of Origin of gas produced from renewable energy sources, and for supervision and control of the use of Guarantees of Origin, and for the recognition of Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States in the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – the Rules) establish the procedure of the issue, transfer and cancelation of Guarantees of Origin (hereinafter – the Guarantees of Origin) of gas produced from renewable energy sources (hereinafter – the Gas), and of supervision and control of the use of Guarantees of Origin, and of the recognition of Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States in the Republic of Lithuania.

2. The Rules are binding on the following entities:

2.1. body authorized to perform the functions of issuance, transmission and cancelation of Guarantees of Origin for gas produced from renewable energy sources, supervision and control of the use of Guarantees of Origin and recognition of Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States in the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter - Designated Body);

2.2. gas producers;

2.3. gas suppliers (hereinafter – the Suppliers);

2.4. gas transmission system operator and the gas distribution system operator;

2.4. other gas market participants that are registered in the database of the Guarantees of Origin, have the issued Guarantees of Origin, provides information to the Designated Body

3. The person registered in the database of the Guarantees of Origin and holding a unique participant code provided by the Designated Body shall be considered to be the participant (hereinafter – the Participant).

4. The notions used in the Rules shall be understood as defined in the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Energy, the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Energy from Renewable Sources, and in the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Natural Gas.

**SECTION II  
FUNCTIONS OF THE DESIGNATED BODY**

5. The Designated Body performs the following functions:

5.1. administers the electronic database of the Guarantees of Origin in which the data relating to the Guarantees of Origin are registered, collected, stored and processed (hereinafter – the Database);

5.2. registers the Participants;

5.3. issues the Guarantees of Origin;

5.4. registers the transfer of the Guarantees of Origin;

- 5.5. recognises the Guarantees of Origin as used and/or cancels them;
- 5.6. supervises and controls the use of the Guarantees of Origin;
- 5.7. recognises the Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States;
- 5.8. at the request of the Participant (submitted by post, e-mail or by means of other electronic communication) provides the Participant with information about the Guarantees of Origin issued or belonging to the Participant within 10 working days;
- 5.9. at the latest within 30 calendar days after the end of each calendar month, publishes on its website information about:
  - 5.9.1. quantities (MWh) of gas produced from renewable energy sources in Lithuania and supplied to the gas transmission or distribution system during the previous calendar month for which the Guarantees of Origin were issued separately by the types of energy resources used;
  - 5.9.2. recognition of the Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States, transfer and use of the Guarantees of Origin separately by the types of energy resources used;
- 5.10. when publishing or otherwise disclosing information ensures the confidentiality of information provided by the Participants and the requirements of the legal protection of personal data;
- 5.11. performs the functions of supervision and control of the use of the Guarantees of Origin provided for in the Rules.

### **SECTION III REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DATABASE OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

- 6. The gas producers, suppliers and other participants of the gas market that seek to obtain the Guarantees of Origin and/or that seek to recognise the Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States in the Republic of Lithuania are registered in the Database.
- 7. To be registered in the Database, persons shall provide to the Designated Body:
  - 7.1. a completed application of the form established by the Designated Body to register in the Database;
  - 7.2. a copy of an authorization to produce gas and/or a copy of an authorization to operate or license issued to a supplier if such authorizations or licenses are required by applicable laws.
- 8. In case of doubt, the Designated Body may request the information provided in Article 7 of the Rules the Designated Body may request clarification of the information that is required to register the Participant in the Database by indicating the deadline for the Participant within which information requested must be provided.
- 9. After verifying the information provided, the Designated Body shall at the latest within 10 working days from the date of the submission of the request or revised information register the Participant in the Database and assign to it a unique participant code. If the Participant fails to provide the additional information requested by the Designated Body that is specified in the Rules, the Designated Body shall refuse to register the Participant in the Database and inform Participant accordingly

### **SECTION IV ISSUE OF THE GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN**

- 10. The Guarantee of Origin shall be deemed to have been issued to the gas producer when the Designated Body makes entry in the Database about the granted Guarantee of Origin. The standard form of the Guarantee of Origin is the entry in the Database.
- 11. The Guarantee of Origin is granted for one unit – 1 (one) MWh of energy produced from renewable energy sources and supplied to the gas system. No more than one Guarantee of Origin shall be issued for each unit of energy produced from renewable energy sources, taking into account the same unit of energy no more than once.

12. The Guarantee of Origin is not issued for gas produced and consumed by the gas producer for its own use and needs.

13. The Guarantee of Origin shall specify:

13.1. type of energy;

13.2. energy sources from which energy was produced;

13.3. production start date and production end date;

13.4. identification data, place, type and capacity of installation in which the Gas was produced;

13.5. whether or not investment support was provided for installation and to what extent, whether or not other support was provided under the national support scheme to produce unit of energy and to what extent, as well as types of support scheme and/or incentive instruments;

13.6. date of commissioning of gas production installation;

13.7. date of issue, state and unique identification number.

## **SECTION V TRANSFER, USE AND CANCELATION OF THE GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN**

14. The Participant shall transfer the Guarantees of Origin to another supplier by bilateral agreement during the period of validity of the Guarantee of Origin.

15. The Guarantee of Origin shall be deemed to have been used when the Guarantee of Origin is transferred to the final consumer in order to prove the origin of the gas supplied. In order for a Guarantee of Origin to be recognized as proof of compliance with the sustainability and greenhouse gas emission reduction criteria provided for in Article 38 of the Law on Renewable Energy of the Republic of Lithuania, participants must apply the mass balance system specified in Article 37 of this Law.

16. The Participants having used the Guarantee of Origin must notify the Designated Body thereof under the procedure established in Section VI of the Rules.

17. The Guarantee of Origin shall be considered valid 12 (twelve) months from the date of production moment of the relevant gas unit. Participants may cancel the Guarantee of Origin no later than six months after the expiry of the Guarantee of Origin. In order to prove the origin of the gas delivered in the previous year, the Guarantee of Origin must be cancelled by 31 March of the current year. Guarantee of origin shall expire 18 months after the date of production moment of the unit of energy concerned at the latest.

18. The Guarantee of Origin shall be cancelled once it becomes clear that the Guarantee of Origin was issued in accordance with erroneous or inaccurate data.

## **SECTION VI SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF THE GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN**

19. The Participants must at the latest within the calendar month following the end of the reporting calendar month provide the Designated Body with information about the Guarantees of Origin (MWh) that have been cancelled or transferred (indicating the period of use for which they have been cancelled) within the last calendar month under bilateral agreements.

20. Gas distribution system operators must at the latest within 10 working days following the end of calendar month provide the Designated Body with information about each quantity (MWh) of gas supplied to the gas system by the producer connected to their system during the last calendar month.

21. The Participants, gas distribution system operators and the National Energy Regulatory Council must also provide at the request of the Designated Body other information necessary for the performance of the functions of the Designated Body.

22. The Participants providing data to the Designated Body are responsible for the accuracy and reliability of the data provided. After having noticed that they have provided inaccurate data, the

Participants must immediately, but at the latest within 5 working days, notify the Designated Body thereof and provide revised data.

23. After having received revised data from the Participant or National Energy Regulatory Council the Designated Body must within 5 working days revise the issued Guarantees of Origin.

24. National Energy Regulatory Council during the scheduled inspections, or at the request of the Designated Body performs control of quantity of gas produced from renewable energy sources. After having performed control of quantity of gas, the National Energy Regulatory Council shall at the latest within 10 working days provide the Designated Body with the conclusion of control of quantity of the Participant's gas produced from renewable energy sources. The Designated Body may refuse to recognise or transfer the Participant's Guarantee of Origin if such the conclusion has not been provided.

## **SECTION VII RECOGNITION OF THE GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN ISSUED BY OTHER MEMBER STATES**

25. The Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States are only recognised in the Republic of Lithuania as proof of information specified in Article 28(1), Article 29(7) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Energy from Renewable Sources and in Article 13 of the Rules.

26. Guarantees of Origin issued in by other Member States can be recognized as proof of compliance with the sustainability criteria provided in Article 38 of the Law on Renewable Energy of the Republic of Lithuania, if participants apply the mass balance system specified in Article 37 of this Law.

27. The Designated Body may refuse to recognise the Guarantees of Origin issued by other Member States if the verification of the data of the Guarantees of Origin gives rise to reasonable doubt as to the accuracy, reliability or veracity of the data referred to in Article 13 of the Rules.

## **SECTION VIII FINAL PROVISIONS**

28. Persons having breached the Rules shall be liable in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

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