

## AIB Press Release - THE SYSTEM OF GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN OF OTE, A.S. HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO THE AIB INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM 25 April 2014



Following the launch of the electronic system for issuing Guarantees of Origin in the Czech Republic (the so-called EZP) in 2013 by OTE, a.s. (Czech Market Operator), and the joining of OTE, a.s., as a member of the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) in November 2013, this system was connected to the international system of the Association (AIB Hub) on the 25th of April 2014.

This connection allows EZP account holders to import the Guarantees of Origin (GOs) issued in other EU Member States, which are also members of the AIB.

The cooperation between OTE, a.s., and the members of the AIB increases the transparency of the whole system of GOs in all phases of their life cycle - from their issuance, up to their cancellation - which proves the delivery of electricity to the final consumer. Through this OTE, a.s., contributes to the fulfilment of the Act No. 165/2012 Coll. on supported sources of electricity and to the objectives presented in the European legislation, in particular Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

The list of countries from which the GOs can be imported will be extended, as more and more countries join the AIB. Exports of GOs from the Czech Republic are not yet allowed.

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The AIB provides a well tested standard for certificate trade - the **European Energy Certificate System (EECS)** - which is the basis for certificate schemes in 16 European countries and enables international trade. The knowledge of AIB is shared by available documents on Internet and by contacting the organisation.

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