

AIB Press Release

First operations from CNMC Spain

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After the joint efforts of the AIB Hub Superuser and the staff of CNMC, it is now time to open the Spanish domain for imports and exports and welcome CNMC to the practical side of the AIB. At the moment, while a number of Spanish account holders have registered as exporters, none have registered as importers, so only exports from Spain to the rest of Europe are currently possible.

Since 2007, the Spanish National Regulatory Authority (National Commission on Markets and Competition - CNMC) is the official Issuing Body for guarantees of origin of electricity from renewable energy sources and high-efficiency cogeneration in Spain. CNMC is also responsible for the National Electricity Source Disclosure system, including audit and inspection of renewable and cogeneration electric production devices, as well as being responsible for renewable support schemes settlements and the payments system.

On 4th March 2016, the AIB (Association of Issuing Bodies) General Meeting decided unanimously to accept CNMC as a member. For this participation to become active, a formal agreement between the CNMC and AIB had to be signed, and this took place on 26th July.

After the adaptation of the Spanish system, and signing the STC (Standard Terms and Conditions) document, account holders were ready to request their first transfers, and on 22nd September the first export from Spain took place via the AIB Hub.

The Spanish domain has specific rules relating to imports and exports. These rules are mentioned below, and set out in more details in the [Spanish Domain Protocol](#):

- 1) Under Spanish legislation, once a GO has been imported into the Spanish domain, it is not possible to export it from Spain. So if (e.g.) an account holder in another country exports the wrong GOs to Spain, it is not possible for that account holder to get them back.
- 2) In accordance with section E.7 of the Spanish Domain Protocol, only Spanish electricity suppliers can import GOs, and only Spanish production device owners can export GOs, so the same company cannot be an account holder for both imports and exports.
- 3) All imports and exports must be approved by the CNMC's Director.
 - a) A Spanish importer must apply for the import to be approved by the CNMC's Director before an exporter from another domain can start the export.
 - b) If the transfer is sent to the Spanish registry before approval has been granted, then this will result in error code 91 ("Rejected due provisions of national legislation or regulations") being sent to the exporting registry, and the GOs will be returned to the sender's account.
 - c) [Spanish importers](#) and [Spanish exporters](#) are required to provide specific details in order for approval to be granted, using the form at: <https://gdo.cnmc.es/CNE/accesoDescargaFormularios.do>
 - d) Import and export requests should follow the deadlines set out in section E2.4 of the Spanish Domain Protocol.
 - e) The imports and exports that have been approved are published on the CNMC website.
- 4) The expiry rules are very specific, and the same applies for imports - see more in the Spanish Domain Protocol.
- 5) According to the Spanish Domain Protocol, the Spanish registry only facilitates GOs for electricity from renewable resources and highly efficient cogeneration, and does not support GOs from fossil and nuclear energy sources.
- 6) For more information, see: <https://gdo.cnmc.es/CNE/navegacion.do?accion=home&reloadNews=true>

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The Association of Issuing Bodies is the leading enabler of international energy certificate schemes. The AIB promotes the use of a standardised system, based on harmonised environment, structures and procedures in order to ensure the reliable operation of international energy certificate systems.

The AIB provides a well-tested standard for certificate trade - the **European Energy Certificate System (EECS)** - which is the basis for certificate schemes in 20 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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