

AIB Press Release

The Swedish Energy Agency is a new Swedish member of the AIB

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On June 9th 2017, the Swedish Energy Agency (Energimyndigheten) was accepted as a member of the AIB. From June 1st onwards, EECS certificates for production devices in Sweden have been issued solely by the certificate registry CESAR, which is operated by the Agency.

Guarantees of origin can be issued either in a national version, which is only transferrable within Sweden, or in an EECS version for transfer anywhere in Europe. Both types can be issued for any type of electricity production, be it renewable, fossil or nuclear.

The Swedish Energy Agency has been issuing body for guarantees of origin since January 1st 2015, a role which it took over from Svenska Kraftnät, the transmission systems operator, but the handling of EECS certificates has until now been delegated to the Finnish company Grexel Systems. This meant that electricity producers needed to have accounts both in CESAR and CMO.grexel to be able to trade GOs internationally, and that import of certificates had to go through CMO.grexel. This is no longer the case. The CMO.grexel registry for domain Sweden will close down on December 31st 2017, so by then all EECS certificates must be removed from accounts in that registry.

The membership of the Swedish Energy Agency and the connection of CESAR to the AIB Hub will facilitate the transfer of EECS certificates both to and from Sweden, and will give the Swedish Energy Agency a better insight into the European GO market and the ability to exercise membership rights.

148 million GOs were issued in Sweden during last year, of which 31 million were EECS certificates.

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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