

AIB Press Release

OTE now being importer and exporter through the AIB HUB

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The number of AIB members is constantly growing. In order to fully implement a scheme for guarantees of origin (GO), AIB's members sometimes have to overcome delays in the development of their national legislation. OTE, the Issuing Body from the Czech Republic has now successfully overcome the issue of implementing appropriate disclosure legislation.

From April 2015 until December 2015, the Czech registry was connected to the AIB's HUB, but while GOs were permitted to be imported from other European registries into the Czech Republic registry, Czech GOs could not be exported to other European registries due to the possibility of double-counting.

Given the continued absence of disclosure legislation, in December 2015 AIB's general meeting allowed OTE to remain a member of the AIB, but its membership of the EECS Electricity Scheme was suspended and the Czech registry was disconnected from the HUB.

Since then, OTE has succeeded in resolving this issue. Appropriate disclosure arrangements are now in place in the Czech Republic, as was determined by AIB's general meeting in September 2016, where the suspension of OTE was lifted pending amendments to the Hub, which have now been implemented.

The AIB is happy to welcome OTE now with both Importer and Exporter status in the HUB!

All registries should ensure to have the necessary configurations ready to be able to import certificates exported by Czech account holders and certificates issued by OTE.

GOs issued in the Czech Republic since 1 October 2016 for production periods starting from 1 July 2016 can now be exported. The AIB HUB has been upgraded to validate those dates on import and export.

It will be interesting to see what other positive news we can expect during 2017.

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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 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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