



New Zealand Energy Certificate System Rules

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SECTION A: Introduction

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document (**Rules**) explains the key processes and standards that govern the New Zealand Energy Certificate System (**NZECS**).

2. NEW ZEALAND ENERGY CERTIFICATE SYSTEM

- 2.1. The NZECS is administered by the New Zealand Body for Certificate Issuance (**NZBCI**).
- 2.2. The NZBCI is the New Zealand issuing agent for the NZECS, issuing Guarantee of Origin (**GO**) products of 2 types: *renewable* and *non-renewable*. The NZECS-GO certificate (**Certificate**) corresponds to the production of 1 megawatt hour (**MWh**) of electrical energy; whereby *type* refers to the characteristics of generation.
- 2.3. The only certificate product currently recognised under the NZECS is the NZECS-GO; sourced from Production Devices located in New Zealand and inputting into the New Zealand grid.
- 2.4. The rules governing the creation and management of NZECS-GO certificates (**NZECS Certificate**) are outlined in Section C.

SECTION B: Operation of the system

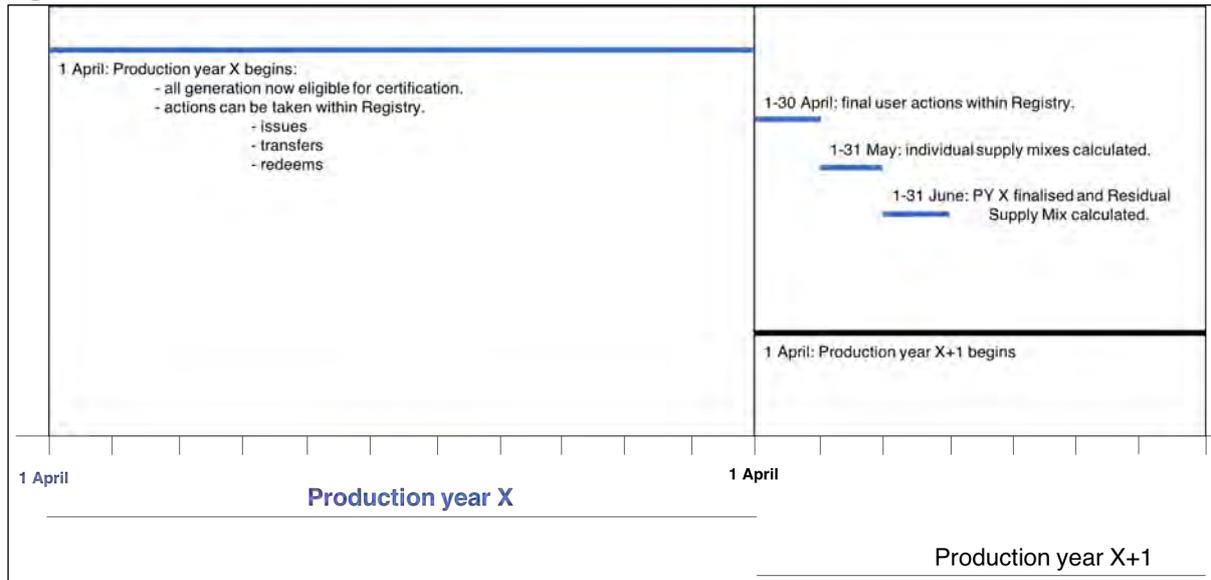
3. THE REGISTRY

- 3.1. The NZECS registry (**Registry**) is the online platform within which users of the NZECS (**Account Holders**) initiate transactions and make changes to their trading accounts.

4. THE NZECS PRODUCTION YEAR

- 4.1. All NZECS activities and transactions relate to a specific 12-month period (**Production Year**) and are time-bound to particular date ranges throughout that year.
- 4.2. No Certificate issued in relation to generation output (**Output**) that occurred within a particular Production Year can exist in any other Production Year.
- 4.3. Within the Production Year a number of key dates govern the operation of the system (shown in Fig. 1 below). These are:
 - a) 1 April in Production Year X: the first day of the NZECS Production Year – Certificates related to this Production Year can be issued against Output occurring from this day forward.
 - b) 31 March in Production Year X: the last day of the NZECS Production Year – the last day of Output for which Certificates can be issued that relate to this Production Year.
 - c) 30 April in Production Year X+1: the last day that Account Holders can perform transactions that relate to Production Year X.
 - d) 31 May in Production Year X+1: the date by which the official supply mix of all registered energy users and electricity retailers will have been calculated and communicated.
 - e) 30 June in Production Year X+1: the date by which all actions and processes relating to Production Year X will have been finalised, and the date by which the residual supply mix will have been calculated and published.

Figure 1. The NZECS Production Year.



5. RESIDUAL SUPPLY MIX

- 5.1. The NZECS will calculate the average mix of generation attributes which shall apply to all supply in respect of which NZECS Certificates have not been redeemed. The result of this calculation is the **Residual Supply Mix**.
- 5.2. The Residual Supply Mix will be made public by the NZECS in reasonable course following its calculation, via publication on the NZECS website, and direct communication to current registrants and participants.

SECTION C: Rules governing the creation of Certificate products

6. REGISTERING A PRODUCTION DEVICE

- 6.1. An NZECS Certificate can only be issued in relation to the associated Output of a registered Production Device.
- 6.2. A Production Device may only be registered in the NZECS Registry by:
 - a) the owner of the Production Device; or
 - b) an agent duly authorised by the owner, who has provided adequate evidence:
 - i. of such authorisation; and
 - ii. that it can comply with the requirements of the Rules with respect to the imposition of duties on the owner and/or operator of the Production Device;
- 6.3. Applicants for registration of a Production Device must provide the following information to the NZECS at the time of application:
 - a) the applicant's name and address and any additional contact details;
 - b) the identifying number of the Account into which the NZECS Certificate in respect of the Output of such Production Device is to be Issued;
 - c) the location of the Production Device, being its:
 - i. latitude and longitude; or
 - ii. region, city and postal code;
 - d) details of the grid injection point(s) for the Production Device;
 - e) details of any Production Auxiliaries associated with the Production Device;
 - f) the type of Production Device, where this reflects the relevant fuel source(s) for and technology of that Production Device;
 - g) the nameplate capacity of the Production Device;

- h) the date on which that Production Device was, or is expected to be, commissioned;
 - i) details of any payments (other than payments arising from the sale of NZECS Certificates):
 - i. which have been received by any person in relation to the Production Device under any public support schemes; and
 - ii. that are due to accrue to any person in relation to the Production Device under any public support scheme;
 - j) a single-line diagram of that Production Device, including details of the location of:
 - iii. the grid injection point(s) for the Production Device;
 - iv. any Production Auxiliaries for the Production Device;
 - k) the name commonly used to identify the Production Device; and
 - l) the expected annual Output of that Production Device.
- 6.4. Applicants for registration of a Production Device are obliged to provide the NZECS (or an appointed agent) access to the Production Device in order to verify the information provided in connection with that application, and any application for registration is to be rejected where such access is not provided upon reasonable request.

7. MEASURING OUTPUT OF REGISTERED PRODUCTION DEVICES

- 7.1. In relation to the measurement of Output for the purposes of establishing an NZECS Certificate, the following criteria apply:
- a) the NZECS may independently source data on the Output of registered Production Devices from the Electricity Authority (**Authority**) for the purposes of operating the NZECS and NZECS Registry;
 - b) the NZECS may request the Registrant provide Output data in order to perform a process of comparison against exported generation data made available from the Authority in order to ensure accuracy; and
 - c) the Registrant of a Production Device is responsible for the delivery, quality and accuracy of measured values with respect to the Output of that Production Device where it is not appropriately accessible from the Authority; for the purposes of operating the NZECS and NZECS Registry.

8. REGISTERING AN ENERGY USER

- 8.1. An NZECS Certificate can only be redeemed against the associated consumption of a registered energy user (**Energy User**) or against the supply of a registered electricity retailer acting as a Participant.
- 8.2. An Energy User may only be registered within the NZECS Registry by the Participant Account Holder to which the Energy User is to be registered; which has provided adequate evidence that:
- a) it has been authorised by the Energy User to do so; and
 - b) that it is the only entity authorised to act in relation to the attributes of the Energy Users consumed electricity.
- 8.3. When registering an Energy User, the Participant must provide the following information to the NZECS at the time of application:
- a) the applicant's name and address and any additional contact details;
 - b) a contact for the Energy User and contact details including, but not limited to, email and mobile phone details;
 - c) the location of the Energy User;
 - d) details on the nature of the Energy User, including but not limited to industry, number of employees, number of ICPs, and expected annual consumption;
 - e) the trading name of the Energy User, if relevant.

9. ISSUING NZECS CERTIFICATES

- 9.1. An NZECS Certificate may only be issued for Output produced by a Production Device which has been registered in the NZECS Registry, as per [point 6](#) above.
- 9.2. An NZECS Certificate may only be issued against Output occurring within the Production Year to which the Certificate relates, as per [point 4](#) above.
- 9.3. Issuance of an NZECS Certificate can be initiated within the Registry by submitting a Request for Issuance, providing the following information to the NZECS at the time of request:
 - a) the identity of the relevant Production Device, where this shall include:
 - i. the identification number which has been assigned to the Production Device and optionally,
 - ii. the name of the Production Device as specified in the application for registration of that Production Device.
 - b) the location of the relevant Production Device, being its:
 - i. latitude and longitude; or
 - ii. region, city and postal code;
 - c) the identity of the requesting party;
 - d) the energy source from which the Output was produced;
 - e) the first day on which the Output to which it relates was produced; and
 - f) the last day on which the Output to which it relates was produced.
- 9.4. Certificates issued in response to a Request for Issuance are to contain information as follows:
 - a) the identity of the relevant Production Device, where this shall include:
 - i. the identification number which has been assigned to the Production Device and optionally,
 - ii. the name of the Production Device as specified in the application for registration of that Production Device.
 - b) the location of the relevant Production Device, being its:
 - i. latitude and longitude; or
 - ii. country, city and postal code;
 - c) the Nameplate Capacity of the Production Device;
 - d) the date on which the Production Device was commissioned; as verified by the NZECS during the registration process for that Production Device;
 - e) the registration type of the Production Device;
 - f) the identity of the requesting party;
 - g) the energy source from which the Output was produced;
 - h) the volume of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions associated to the Output;
 - i) the date of issue;
 - j) the first day on which the Output to which it relates was produced;
 - k) the last day on which the Output to which it relates was produced; and
 - l) a unique serial number as identifier of this issuance.

10. TRANSFERRING NZECS CERTIFICATES

- 10.1. An NZECS Certificate may be transferred without cost between Account Holders within the NZECS Registry.
- 10.2. Transfer of an NZECS Certificate can be initiated within the Registry by submitting a Request for Transfer, providing the following information to the NZECS at the time of request:
 - a) the number and type of Certificate(s) to be transferred;
 - b) the name and account number of the recipient account; and
 - c) the name and account number of the account from which the Certificate(s) are to be transferred.

11. REDEEMING NZECS CERTIFICATES

- 11.1. NZECS Certificates can be redeemed only once, and once redeemed are removed from circulation.
- 11.2. An NZECS Certificate can only be redeemed against an Energy User registered within the NZECS Registry, as per [point 8](#) above.
- 11.3. Redemption of an NZECS Certificate against an Energy User can be initiated within the Registry by submitting a Request for Redemption.
- 11.4. a Request for Redemption of NZECS Certificates must meet the criteria set out below:
 - a) redemption must be initiated by a Request for Redemption, stating, amongst other things, the Energy User to whom redemption is to apply;
 - b) the Energy User must be registered within the account of the Participant;
 - c) a Request for Redemption must be accompanied by a verifiable record of the consumed electricity of the Energy User for the period for which redemption is sought; and
 - d) redemption of NZECS Certificates may not exceed the consumed energy of the Energy User for the period for which redemption is sought; as evidenced by the record provided with the Request for Redemption.

12. CANCELLING AN NZECS CERTIFICATE

- 12.1. An NZECS Certificate may not continue to exist beyond the Production Year in which it was Issued.
- 12.2. An NZECS Certificate that has been issued and remains within the Registry beyond 30 April of the relevant Production Year X +1 will be cancelled for the purposes of returning these attributes to the residual supply mix.
- 12.3. This cancellation will take place without cost and without notice.