

Recognition of foreign GOs (for electricity produced from renewable or conventional resources) for Austrian electricity disclosure purposes

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The *Stromkennzeichnungsverordnung* (Electricity Labelling Ordinance) 2011, Federal Law Gazette (FLG) II no 310/2011, in version amendment BGBl. II Nr. 467/2013 stipulates in section 6 which kinds of guarantees of origin (i.e. for electricity from renewable energy sources) issued in third countries are recognised in Austria for the purpose of electricity labelling. It lists the following recognition criteria:

- The minimum criteria set out in Article 15 of Directive 2009/28/EC must be met (now Article 19 of Directive 2018/2001/EC).
- The country in which the guarantees of origin in line with Article 15 of Directive 2009/28/EC (now Article 19 of Directive 2018/2001/EC) were issued must run a disclosure system which ensures that the same renewable energy unit cannot be counted twice (no double counting, no double issuing).

In 2011, a working group initiated by the industry association Oesterreichs Energie sets out to examine together with E-Control the disclosure systems of countries from which guarantees of origin can be used for disclosure purposes. A “positive list” for countries accepted for Austrian disclosure purposes was published.

In the last years the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) adapted the EECS and introduced disclosure requirements. In the audits of AIB members the systems are checked also in respect of the implementation of a national disclosure system that excludes double issuing and double use of guarantees of origin and therefore avoids double disclosure. Further it is approved that members have legally nominated a Competent Body for disclosure. The implementation of all relevant criteria of Art. 19 of Directive 2018/2001/EC (previous Art. 15 of Directive 2009/28/EC) is a prerequisite of the EECS and need to be confirmed by AIB Members.

The AIB requirements on disclosure to become an AIB member equal the Austrian requirements in the *Stromkennzeichnungsverordnung* 2011. Therefore, **GOs from all domains having a full AIB membership (imports and exports are allowed) are accepted for Austrian disclosure purposes as of production date 1.1.2020.**

This regulation is effective unless the system is used fraudulently or misuse becomes known.

On the AIB website the current list of full members is published.

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Electricity GOs from renewable, fossil and potentially nuclear sources are covered by this regulation.