

Third-country GOs recognised in Austrian electricity labelling

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The *Stromkennzeichnungsverordnung* (Electricity Labelling Ordinance) 2011, Federal Law Gazette (FLG) II no 310/2011, 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.
- The country in which the guarantees of origin in line with Article 15 of Directive 2009/28/EC were issued must run a labelling system which ensures that the same renewable energy unit cannot be counted twice (no double counting).

In 2011, a working group initiated by the industry association Oesterreichs Energie set out to examine together with E-Control the labelling systems of countries from which guarantees of origin are currently imported to Austria for labelling purposes. Oesterreichs Energie determines the order in which the countries' systems are analysed according to its members' trading activities. The below list is thus not a comprehensive and final result but rather informs market players about the systems that have already been looked at and have been found to comply with section 6 of the Electricity Labelling Ordinance 2011. In this sense, the present document is a snapshot.

For Austrian electricity labelling guarantees of origin from the following countries are generally recognised:

Belgium – Wallonia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Italy
The Netherlands
Norway
Sweden
Switzerland
Slovenia

We would like to emphasise again that this is not a final list; it rather represents the situation at the time of writing. The electricity industry's trading priorities have a strong bearing on the development of this list. It is subject to change at any time.