



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD

DECISIONNo. 300, Dated 30.12.2024

ON

APPROVING THE REGULATION FOR THE ISSUING, TRANSFERRING OR CANCELLATION OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCED FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Based on article 16 of Law no.43/2015 "On Power Sector" as amended; article 22, point 1 of Law no.24/2023 "On the promotion of the use of energy from renewable resources"; articles 15 and 26 of the "Regulation for ERE Organization, Operation and Procedures", approved with Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) Board decision no.96, dated 17.06.2016; ERE Board on their meeting dated 30.12.2024 after reviewing the report Protocol no. 2645, dated 30.12.2024 prepared by the Policy Development and Supervision of Renewable Energy Sources Directory "On approving the Regulation for the issuing, transferring or cancellation of the guarantee of origin for electricity produced from renewable resources"

Observed that:

- ERE Board with decision no.378, dated 28.12.2023 opened the procedure to approve the "Regulation for the issuing, transferring or cancellation of the guarantee of origin for electricity produced from renewable resources".
- ERE has informed all interested parties to submit their opinions on this draft regulation and has made the document available on its official website under the "Consultations" section. As of this decision, no comments have been received from the interested parties regarding this draft regulation.
- Article 22, paragraph 2 of this law establishes that: ERE is the national authority responsible for issuing guarantees of origin in the Republic of Albania and ensures the alignment of the guarantee of origin policies and principles with the certification systems recognized by the Energy Community.
- In accordance with Article 22 of Law no. 24/2024, ERE is the national authority responsible for issuing guarantees of origin in Albania and aligning its policies with the certification systems recognized by the Energy Community. The law also mandates that ERE integrates into the regional Energy Community system, facilitating the trade of guarantees of origin with contractual parties, an obligation that has been fulfilled through the signing of the agreement for the regional electronic register. Additionally, ERE is responsible for approving the

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regulations and overseeing the management of the guarantees of origin register, as specified in the law.

- The approval of the new regulation is essential for implementing the provisions of Article 22, paragraph 1, of Law no. 24/2023 "On the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources," by establishing and managing, through ERE, a system for the issuing, transferring or cancellation of the guarantees of origin, which has been developed by a company selected by the Energy Community Secretariat.
- The regulation submitted for approval consists of 25 articles that define the regulatory framework for the operation of the guarantee of origin system for electricity generated from renewable sources. It covers the authority and purpose of approval, aiming to create a reliable and transparent system for the issuance, transfer, and cancellation of guarantees of origin, ensuring equal treatment for all producers. This regulation defines the scope and definitions, the electronic register, and the procedures for creating, modifying, and closing accounts. The regulation also outlines the procedures for issuing certificates, their content, as well as the processes for data measurement and correction, transfer, withdrawal, cancellation, and the determination of certificate validity periods.
- It includes the procedures for the recognition of certificates by other parties, reporting, and publishing information on the use of the register, as well as transparency regarding account holders. The costs of the electronic register are defined, which shall be covered annually by electricity producers, along with cooperation with international authorities to inform end-use customers about the composition of energy supplied from renewable sources. Finally, the regulation addresses the resolution of disputes, review processes, and its entry into force.
- Based on the above, it is evaluated that the proposed regulation for approval ensures compatibility with the electronic register and the new format for the issuance of guarantees of origin by ERE, aiming to create a functional market for guarantees of origin that supports renewable energy producers and encourages the use of green energy by end-use customers.

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For all of the above mentioned, ERE Board

Decided:

- 1. To approve the "Regulation for the issuing, transferring or cancellation of the guarantee of origin for electricity produced from renewable resources"
- 2. Policy Development and Supervision of Renewable Energy Sources Directory shall inform the interested parties about ERE Board decision.

This decision enters immediately into force.

Any party involved in this procedure may request from ERE - within 7 calendar days from the date of the decision, to review the board decision if it has provided new evidence that could lead the board to obtain a decision different from the previous one or for material errors ascertained. This decision can be appealed in the Administrative Court of Tirana, within 30 calendar days from the day of publication in the Official Gazette.

This decision shall be published on the Official Gazette.

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REGULATION ON ISSUE, TRANSFERING, SETTLEMENT AND REVOCATION/CANCELLATION OF THE GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Article 1 AUTHORITY

This regulation is drafted pursuant to Article 22 of Law no. 24/2023 "On the promotion of using the energy from renewable resources", as well as in conformity with the "Regulation of ERE organization, operation and procedures", approved with ERE Board Decision.

Article 2 SCOPE

The scope of this regulation, is to establish a regulatory framework necessary for the establishment of an accurate, reliable and transparent system for the issue, transferring and revocation of the guarantees of origin, ensuring an equal, right handling of all electricity producers from renewable sources, regarding the issue, transferring or revocation of the Guarantees of Origin.

Article 3 OBJECT

This regulation defines the criteria, procedures and terms for the issue, transferring and cancellation of the Guarantee of Origin (GO), for the producers utilizing renewable energy resources as defined on Article no. 24/2023 "On the promotion of using energy from renewable resources", as well as the maintenance an electronic register of the guarantee of origin certificates.

Article 4 DEFINITIONS

The words and phrases used on this Regulation shall have the meanings as follows:

- 1. "Law" shall mean Law no. 24/2023 "On the promotion of using energy from renewable sources."
- 2. "ERE Board" shall mean the decision-taking body of ERE, that operates according to the provisions of Law no. 43/2015 "On Power Sector" as amended.
 - 3. "ERE" shall mean the Energy Regulator Authority.
 - 4. "Licensee" shall mean a person that holds a license issued according to Law no. 43/2015, "On Power Sector", as amended.

- 5. "Guarantee of origin (GO)" shall mean an electronic document which has the sole function to evidence to the end-use customer that a given share or quantity of energy was produced from renewable sources.
- 6. "Applicant" shall mean any legal person, that has an active license for the electricity generation, trading and supply and submits a request to open an account to the electronic register;
- 7. "Account holder" shall mean an applicant, whose application is accepted.
- 8. "Additional user" shall mean any other user, that upon the request of the applicant/account holder is issued from the GO issuing authority the right to access on the account of the account holder in the electronic system of the guarantee of origin.
- 9. "Account" shall mean the data and information that are ready to the register regarding the account holder
- 10. "Electronic register" shall mean the register of guarantee of origin certificates
- 11. "System" shall mean the electronic system through which is maintained and managed the GO register
- 12. "Reporting period" shall mean the calendar month, from hour 00.00 of the first calendar day to hour 00.00 of the last calendar day.
- 13. "Energy from renewable sources" shall mean the energy from renewable non-fossil sources, including the energy from wind, solar, aerothermal energy, geothermal energy, hydrothermal energy and the energy of the oceans, hydropower, biomass, landfill gas, the gas that is collected to handle the sewerage and biogases;
- 14. "Biomass" shall mean the biodegradable fraction of products, waste and residues from biological origin from agriculture (including vegetal and animal substances), forestry and related industries including fisheries and aquaculture, as well as the biodegradable fraction of industrial, urban and rural waste.
- 15. "Geothermal energy" shall mean the energy stored in the form of heat under the earth's surface.
- 16. "Association of Issuing Bodies" or "AIB" shall mean a non profit organization facilitating the certification and tracking of renewable energy throughout Europe. It mainly manages the European Energy Certificates System (EECS), a standardized framework for the issue, transferring and revocation/cancellation of the Guarantee of Origin (GO) and other energy certificates.
- 17. "Renewable Energy Operator" or "REO" shall mean the counter party of priority qualified producers for support in conformity with Law no. 24/2023 "On the promotion of using energy from renewable resources" through the contracts for support or supported through the Feed-in Tariff System through Power Purchase Agreements.
- 18. "Hybrid generator" shall mean the electricity plant, which uses two types of energy sources, the renewable and the non-renewable one, for electricity generation.
- 19. "Pumping reserve" shall mean a hydropower system on which power is generated during peak demand periods from the water use pumped in a reservoir in a higher height, during not peak periods, with lower demand for electricity
- 20. "Settlement" shall mean the accurate and verifiable declaration process of the information regarding energy source.
- 21. The words and phrases used on this regulation, which are not defined above, shall have the meaning as provided on Law no. 24/2023 "On the promotion of using energy from renewable sources." as well as Law no. 43/2015 "On Power Sector", as amended

Article 5 REGISTER OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN

- 1. The register of the guarantee of origin is maintained and administered through the electronic system from ERE, in conformity with the requirements of this Regulation.
- 2. ERE shall mean the responsible body for the accuracy of the register data.
- 3. Any natural or legal person or entity shall have the right to apply to be registered to ERE guarantee of origin register, categorizing according to the roles as follows:
 - 3.1. The energy producer, licensed by ERE in conformity with the definitions of Article 37 of Law no. 43/2015 "On Power Sector", as amended;
 - 3.2. The Energy Supplier/trader, licensed by ERE or any other regulatory Authority of another Energy Community Contracting Party/or European Union Member State, or another country with which it is signed the bilateral Agreement, for the mutual acknowledgement of the licenses between ERE and the respective regulatory authority;
 - 3.3 The Renewable Energy Operator, for electricity producers that benefit the supporting measure for electricity purchase
 - 3.4. Guarantee of Origin Trader;
 - 3.5. End-use customer.
- 4. For any registered entity, ERE shall establish a profile of "the Account Holder" to the register, with specific operations based on its category.

Article 6 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACCOUNT TO THE GO REGISTER

- 1. One account to the register is established based on an application, which form is approved by ERE Board and is published on the website.
- 2. The applicant completes the application form for the establishment of the account to the guarantee of origin register and send it at ERE, the issuing body for the guarantee of origin in the Republic of Albania.
- 3. The applicant, that requires to be registered at the register as electricity producer or as renewable energy operator, shall submit the application form for the establishment of the account to the guarantee of origin register and submits it at ERE for approval, the issuing body for the guarantee of origin in the Republic of Albania.
- 4. The application form shall include at least the information as follows:
 - 4.1. identification data:
 - a) name/title of the applicant, the personal number / identification code, legal address and/or actual address, email address and the phone number;
 - b) type of activity;
 - c) user/additional user and his/her competences to the register (if required from the applicant);
 - 4.2. during the registration of energy generation equipment, for the generation equipment shall be defined:

- a) type of technology and the energy source from which electricity is generated;
- b) installed capacity;
- c) metering point;
- d) set into operation date;
- e) location;
- f) type of the supporting schemes of the investments for the equipment and/or energy units (if any);
- g) the demand: shall be defined if it is the initial registration, re-registration or the registration of additional generation equipment
- 4.3. the reference for commercial sensitive information (if any);
- 4.4. the list of the documents that shall be submitted.
- 5. ERE, as the issuing body for the GO, within 5 business days from submitting the request, shall access the compatibility of the submitted request with the requirements provided on point 3 of this Article.
- 6. If the application does not comply with the requests provided on point 3 of this Article, ERE shall set to the applicant an additional reasonable term to eliminate the deficiencies and this time period shall be less than 5 business days. In case of not eliminating the deficiencies within the abovementioned period, the request shall be refused. In such a case the applicant shall have the right to re-apply to ERE.
- 7. ERE, upon taking the request for the establishment of the account, verifies if the content of the application and the submitted documentation complies the conditions of this regulation and informs the applicant for the respective decision in conformity with the requirements of points 7 and 8 of this article.
- 8. If, ERE observes that the application does not comply with the requirements provided on these rules, within the period provided on Point 6 of this Article, ERE shall refuse the establishment of the account to the applicant and shall send to him a justified refusal.
- 9. If, ERE observes that the application fulfills the conditions provided on this regulation, shall establish an account to the register on the name of the applicant and to secure full access on it, shall send the email address defined on the application form:
 - a) the necessary data to enter to the register and access his account;
 - b) the data of the users / additional users that enter to the register and access to the account, considering the respective roles if it is defined on the application.
- 10. Following the completion of the requirements of point 8 of this Article, after the first entrance of the applicant to the register, he has the status of the account holder.
- 11. The account holder shall have the right to add or remove one additional user to the system at any time or to direct to him the above request electronically to ERE. When receiving such request, ERE shall add or remove one additional user within 5 business days and shall inform the applicant about it, at the email address or through the communication means provided from the system.

ARTICLE 7 REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION EQUIPMENTS

- 1. The applicant/account holder, categorized as electricity generator or as the renewable energy operator at the register, shall have the right to register one or more generation equipment's if there are fulfilled the requirements defined on these Rules.
- 2. The generation equipment's may be registered only if the generation equipment's are in Albania and their metering equipment is in conformity with the effective legislation.
- 3. For the registration of the Electricity Generation equipment's, shall be submitted the respective documentation that confirms the data provided on point 3.2, Article 6 of these Rules.
- 4. With the registration of the generation equipment's, the owner of the generation equipment's or the authorized representative declares his/her approval for the publication of information provided on these Rules for the Generation Equipment's.

ARTICLE 8

MODIFICATION OF THE REGISTERED DATA OF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER

- 1. The account holder shall inform the issuing body electronically:
 - a) for the amendment of the registration data provided on Point 3.1, Article 6 of this Regulation, immediately after their implementation, but not later than 3 business days.
 - b) for the amendment of the registration data provided on Point 3.2, Article 6 of these rules, at least 3 business days before the implementation of the amendment, and shall show the exact date of implementing this amendment on the application. The issuing body shall prevent the issue of the GO Certificate for the respective equipment's of the generation on hour 00:00 of the date specified on the application.
- 2. In case of the amendment provided on letter "a" point 1 of this Article, ERE shall execute the amendment to the register within 5 business days from receiving the application.
- 3. The account holder shall submit at ERE a document issued according to the law, that confirms the implementation of the appropriate amendment and its date, or in the case such amendment is not implemented, is submitted for its non-implementation, immediately after the termination of the amendment implementation provided on letter "b" point 1 of this Article, but not later than one business day.
- 4. ERE, as the issuing body performs the registration of the amendment to the system and/or renews the issue of GO implementation within 5 business days from receiving the document provided on point 3 of this Article, except of the case provided on point 5 of this Article.
- 5. When the document submitted from the account holder regarding the implementation of the amendment is not issued in conformity with the effective legislation, ERE shall refuse to reflect the system amendment to the account holder and shall restrict the transferring of the GO Certificate issued for the relevant Generation Equipment's, for which informs the account holder electronically. This refusal shall be justified.
- 6. On the case provided on Point 5 of this article, ERE shall re-initiate the issue and transferring of the GO certificate when the account holder shall correct the mistake. ERE reviews the requirement of the account holder for the correction of the mistake according to point 4 of this Article.
- 7. In case the account holder informs ERE regarding the amendments to the data provided on point 3.2, Article 6 of these Rules, after the implementation of the amendments, ERE, when receiving such information shall stop the issue of the GO certificate for the respective generation equipment's, shall restrict the transferring of the issued certificates to the respective generation equipment's and shall review the demand according to point 4 of this article. Moreover:

- a) If the account holder does not confirm the performed amendments according to the requirements of these rules within 30 calendar days from ERE notification, ERE shall suspend the GO certificate issued and/or transferred for the respective Generation Equipment's;
- b) If the account holder confirms the amendment, ERE immediately after such confirmation shall withdraw the GO Certificate issued for the respective Generation Equipment's to the reporting period of the amendment, as well as any subsequent terminated reporting period and shall re-set the right to issue and transfer the GO certificate to the account holder.
- 8. If as the result of the amendment, it is increased the installed capacity of the Generation Equipment's registered in the way that the additional capacity shall have an independent metering point, the additional capacity is registered in a register in conformity with the requirements of Articles 6 and 7 of this Regulation, as additional generation equipment.
- 9. ERE shall inform the account holder for the completion or refusal of the requirements provided on this Article, as well as shall inform the respective account holder/holders for the withdrawal of the GO Certificate at the email address or through the system, through the communication means, immediately but not later than one business day.

ARTICLE 9 AUDIT OF THE REGISTERED GENERATION EQUIPMENTS

- 1. ERE shall have the right to verify the generation equipments at any time to define if the electricity is generated from the electricity generation Equipments and if the measurement of the generated electricity and/or other actions is performed according to the information specified in the system. The refusal and/or intervention to the inspection of the generation equipments from the owner of the generation equipments or the authorized representative shall be considered as a violation of these Rules.
- 2. ERE shall notify the representative of the generation equipment via email for the accurate time of monitoring at least prior to 2 (two) business days.
- 3. ERE shall immediately after the monitoring of the registered generation equipment draft the minutes. The minutes are signed by the respective representative from ERE and the representative of the registered generated equipment, if at the inspection it is present the representative of the registered generation equipment. ERE shall send a copy of the minutes for inspection to the owner of the generation device on the electronic post (e-mail) within 2 working days from its preparation.
- 3. To the inspection minutes, ERE shall present at least the information as follows:
 - a) the name and identification data of the generation equipment;
 - b) the owner of the generation equipment;
 - c) the account holder;
 - d) the inspection date;
 - e) the technical data, which are verified;
 - f) the result of inspection;
 - g) the person/persons that performed the monitoring and their signature;
 - h) the date of the minutes.

ARTICLE 10 THE REQUEST FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE ACCOUNT FROM THE ACCOUNT HOLDER

- 1. The account holder shall have the right, that within 30 working days from opening the account, to electronically apply at ERE, with the request for the cancellation of the account.
- 2. ERE, as the issuing body for the guarantee of origin, shall cancel the account within 10 working days from receiving the application provided on Point 1 of this article and sends a notification at the email address of the account holder. Before the calcellation of the account, the account holder shall transfer the guarantee of origin certificate to another account holder, on the contrary the guarantee of origin certificate in question shall be cancelled from ERE.
- 3. ERE shall not be responsible for the reimbursement of any paid tariff from the Account Holder.

ARTICLE 11 CONTENT OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE

The guarantee of origin certificate shall include the data as follows:

- a) the source of energy from which is generated electricity, as well as the commencement and termination data of its generation;
- b) the identification data, location, type and capacity of the equipment that generates electricity;
- c) date for issuing the Origin Certificate, location and the unique identification number;
- d) reference for the fact that the certificate is issued for 1 MWh electricity.

ARTICLE 12 ISSUING THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE

- 1. The Guarantee of Origin for an electricity generation plant from renewable resources is issued on monthly basis.
- 2. To issue the guarantee of origin certificate, the Generation Equipment shall be set at the Albanian territory, shall have a generation license issued by ERE (excluding the generators with installed capacity up to 1 MW) and shall be registered at the ERE electronic register for the guarantee of origin.
- 3. ERE shall issue into the system to the account holder the guarantee of origin certificate, electronically, not later than 10 calendar days from the submission of the request to issue the guarantee of origin.
- 4. The GO certificate shall be issued to the account holder for each MWh of electricity generated from the respective generation Equipments, considering the metering data received according to the requirements of these Regulations and the effective laws.
- 5. It is not permitted to be issued the guarantee of origin certificate:

- a) for the energy generated for which it is issued the guarantee of origin certificate;
- b) for the energy required for personal consumption from the Generation Equipment's.
- 6. For each generated electricity unit (MWh) shall be issued only one Guarantee of origin Certificate.
- 7. The guarantee of origin is valid for one year commencing from the last day of the generation period for which it is issued.
- 8. The guarantee of origin shall be issued on the request of the energy generator from renewable sources only once for a net unit quantity of about 1 MWh of electricity generated and measured at the connection point with the transmission system, the distribution system or closed distribution system. The monthly quantity of energy generation shall be rounded on the following months until when they reach 1 (one) MWh. The same energy unit from renewable sources shall be considered only once.
- 9. When the priority generator benefits from the supporting scheme according to Law "On promoting the use of energy from the renewable resources", the value gained from trading the guarantee of origin for the same generation shall be returned to OER.
- 10. If the generator benefits a supporting measure for the energy purchase, the guarantee of origin is issued to OER.

ARTICLE 13 METERING DATA AND THE CORRECTION OF THE DATA

- 1. Guarantee of origin certificate shall be issued by ERE based on the registered metering data to the electricity network system operators.
- 2. If there is a correction of the electricity metering data, ERE:
 - a) in case of issuing the biggest number of the guarantee of origin certificates, shall reduce on the next reporting period the number of the issued guarantee of origin certificates;
 - b) in case of issuing a smaller number of the guarantee of origin certificates, shall add to the next reporting period the number of the guarantee of origin certificates that are not issued due to not correct metering data.
- 3. ERE shall inform the account holder within 3 business days to correct the metering data, the correction justification, the metering data that are corrected and the number of the guarantee of origin certificates that shall be issued to the next reporting period as the result of the correction.
- 4. Any remaining quantity of electricity that is identified from the metering data shall be added to the electricity guarantee of origin certificates, that shall be issued on the same reporting period or any next reporting period to the termination on a MWh.

ARTICLE 14 TRANSFERING OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE

 Certifikata e garancisë të origjinës të energjisë elektrike do të transferohet nga një mbajtës llogarie te një mbajtës llogarie tjetër në bazë të kërkesës së dorëzuar në sistem ERE-s nga mbajtësi i Certifikatës së garancisë të origjinës, në të cilën tregohet informacioni i mëposhtëm:

The electricity guarantee of origin certificate shall be transferred from the account holder to another account holder according to the request delivered to ERE system from the holder of the guarantee of origin Certificate, on which it is shown the information as follows:

- a) the number of the guarantee of origin Certificate that shall be transferred;
- b) the name/title of the receiving account holder and his/her identification data of the account.
- 2. ERE shall confirm the request for the transfering of the guarantee certificate, not later than 5 business days from its receiption.
- 3. ERE shall refuse the request for transfering the guarantee of origin certificate to the Received account holder, if it does not fulfill the requirements provided on these rules or if the system has a technical defect. In case or refusal or inability to transfer the guarantee of origin certificate, the transfering applicant shall receive an automatic message on the system for the inability to reflect or transfer the guarantee of origin certificate to the account of the recipient, showing the reason, for which the guarantee of origin certificate remains to the existing account.
- 4. After the successful transfering of the Origin Certificate, an automatic message shall be sent to the sender of the guarantee of origin certificate, as well as to its receiver
- 5. The cancelled or expired Guarantee of Origin Certificate shall not be subject to the transfering.

ARTICLE 15

WITHDRAWAL OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE FROM THE REGISTER

- 1. ERE shall withdraw the guarantee of origin certificate issued and/or transferred from the register with its initiative or the request of the account holder, if:
 - a) the information provided on Article 11 of this Regulation is reflected as an error to the guarantee of origin certificate;
 - b) the guarantee of origin certificate is issued based on not-accurate data from the metering points of the generation equipments;
 - c) on cases directly provided from this Regulation.
- 2. When occur the circumstances provided on letters "a" and "b" point 1 of this Article, ERE shall immediately terminate, not later than one business day, the issue of the guarantee of

origin certificate for the Generation Equipments, limiting the account holder from transfering the GO certificate issued to the respective Generation Equipments and shall require from the register the respective certificates of the guarantee of origin. ERE, not later than one business day, shall inform the respective account holder regarding the above, immediately after requiring the guarantee of origin.

- 3. To reset the issue or transfering of the guarantee of origin certificate in conformity with point 2 of this Article, the respective account holder shall deliver at ERE a document that confirms the correction of the error, except of the cases when the error in question is caused from the error of the issuing body. ERE shall review the request in conformity with the requirements of point 4, Article 8 of this Regulation.
- 4. In case when the withdrawal of the GO certificate is due to an error from ERE, the issuing body shall terminate the issue of the GO certificate for the Generation Equipments until the error is corrected, shall limit to the account holder the transfering of the guarantee of origin Certificate issued for the respective generation equipments and shall immediately change the data registered to the system, if the error is caused from the incorrect entry of the data to the system. ERE shall inform the respective account holder/holders within one business day.
- 5. On the case provided on point 4 of this Article, ERE shall issue the respective number of the guarantee of origin certificate, that is corrected for the next reporting period, for the required volume of the guarantee of origin certificate, except of the case provided on Point 3, Article 13 of this Regulation.
- 6. ERE shall require the withdrawal of the guarantee of origin certificate, despite if the information on the part or the electricity quantity generated and delivered with this certification or issued or not.
 - 7. If the guarantee of origin certificate is withdrawn from the ERE, it shall be removed from the system.

ARTICLE 16 CANCELLATION OF GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE

- 1. The cancellation of the Guarantee of Origin Certificate is the removal of the certificate from circulation. Once cancelled, the Certificate may not be moved to any other account, and in this case is not tradeable.
- 2. The guarantee of origin certificate shall be subject to cancellation if it is disclosed.
- 3. The holder of the respective account shall require the cancellation of the guarantee of origin certificate through the system, immediately after the moment of declaring the electricity origin from the guarantee of origin certificate.
- 4. The guarantee of origin certificate shall be cancelled within 5 business days from the submission of the request for cancellation to the system.

ARTICLE

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EXPIRY TERM OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE

1. The guarantee of origin certificate shall be used within 12 months from the generation of

Approved with ERE Board Decision no. 300, dated 30.12.2024 respective energy. For the purpose of these Rules, the issuing date of the Origin Certificate shall be considered to be according to the generated energy.

- 2. After the expiry of the term defined on point 1 of this Article, the guarantee of origin certificate shall be subject to automatic erase from the system.
- 3. ERE shall inform the account holder for the expiry of the guarantee of origin certificate at least prior to 30 calendar days from its expiry. The guarantee of origin certificate shall be subject to automatic cancelling, despite if ERE send to the account holder the information for the expiry date.

ARTICLE 18 THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE ISSUED FROM OTHER PARTIES

- 1. The certification of the guarantee of origin is issued from the Contracting Parties of Energy Community, or AIB member state, shall be acknowledged in Albania from ERE Board with its incentive or according to the request of an interested party, based on the assessment of the regulatory by-laws for the acknowledgement of the guarantee of origin certificates of that country.
- 2. The acknowlegement of the guarantee of origin certificate from ERE Board shall mean the compatibility of the certificate confirmation, issued from the respective contracting parties of Energy Community, or a member state of the Association for Issuing Bodies (AIB), with the requirements provided on Article 11 of this Regulation. To confirm the compatibility, ERE Board shall access the issue, transfering, disclosure and cancellation the conditions of the Guarantee of Origin Certificate from the Contracting Parties of Energy Community, or a member state of AIB, including the measure on which these conditions ensure the prevention to issue, repeated transfer, or declaration of the guarantee of origin certificate that is currently issued, transferred or declared.
- 3. The issued guarantee of origin certificate from the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community, from any member state of Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) shall be acknowledged once and shall be implemented by the GO Certificates issued from the respective countries.
- 4. When one interested party applies for the acknowledgement of the guarantee of origin certificate, this party shall show to the application the conditions set for the issue, transfering,
 - cancellation and disclosure of the guarantee of origin certificate from the repsective country and shall attach the official translation of the regulatory act/acts that regulate the conditions from the respective Contracting Parties on the Albanian language.
- 5. Regarding the case provided on Point 4 of this Article, ERE Board shall review the application according to the procedure defined from the effective legislation.
- 6. ERE Board has the right to refuse the acknowledgement of the GO Certificate only when there are reasonable doubts regarding the accuracy, reliability or the authenticity of the respective guarantee of origin certificate. ERE shall inform the applicant and Energy Community Secretariat regarding any refusal together with the justification for this refusal. ERE shall consider any opinion of Energy Community Secretariat for the acknowledgement of the guarantee of origin and shall write the reasons for any deviation.

- ERE Board shall inform Energy Community Secretariat for its final decision according to the recommendation of Energy Community Secretariat for the acknowledgement or refusal of the guarantee of origin certificate and shall publish it on the website.
- 7. When ERE Board acknowledges the guarantee of origin certificate issued from the Contracting Parties of Energy Community, or the member state of AIB, the list of the Contracting Parties of Energy Community, to which the guarantee of origin certificate is acknowledged shall be published on ERE website.
- 8. ERE Board shall initiate the procedure to review the issue of the guarantee of origin certificate, issued from the Contracting Parties of Energy Community and shall act according to the requirements of Paragraph 6 of this Article, if there is an amendment to the regulatory by-laws that regulate the guarantee of origin certificate of the Contracting Parties of Energy Community, which may raise question about the accuracy, reliability or the authenticity of the guarantee of origin certificate.

ARTICLE 19 THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN

- 1. ERE shall draft the annual report within 30 April of each year, for using the guarantee of origin register during the previous year and publishes it on the official website.
- 2. The Annual Report shall include:
 - a) the complete number of the applications, including the accepted and not accepted quantities evidencing the persons that perform the respective activity;
 - b) the number of issued guarantee of origin certificates, evidencing the respective electricity quantity;
 - c) the number of refusals to transfer the guarantee of origin certificate, evidencing the respective electricity quantity;
 - d) the number of the transfered guarantee of origin certificates, evidencing the respective electricity quantity;
 - e) the number of cancelled guarantee of origin certificates, evidencing the respective electricity quantity;
 - f) the number of withdrawn guarantee of origin certificates, evidencing the respective electricity quantity;
 - g) the number of expired guarantee of origin certificates, evidencing the respective electricity quantity;
 - h) other information that ERE considers necessary for reporting and does not represent confidential information.

ARTICLE 20 REPORTING AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

- 1. The respective directory for the guarantee of origin shall report at ERE Board every month regarding the issued, transferred, withdrawn, cancelled and expired guarantee of origin certificates.
- 2. ERE shall publish the information as follows on its website:

- a) the name of the account holders to the register and the identification number of their account;
- b) Generation equipment:
 - i. name;
 - ii. energy source;
 - iii. technology;
 - iv. installed capacity;
 - v. commencement of operation date;
 - vi. location;
- c) Annual Report of the guarantee of origin;
- d) Effective regulation.
- 2. ERE, in case of an amendment to the information that shall be published on its website, as provided on this Regulation, shall publish the updated information on the website within 2 business days after the amendment or the confirmation of the amendment.

ARTICLE 21 COSTS FOR THE ELECTRONIC REGISTER

- 1. ERE, as the issuing body for the guarantee of origin certificates in Albania, shall transfer the maintenance cost and the update and administration of the electronic register for the guarantee of origin to the account holder, that shall benefit the guarantee of origin certificate.
- 2. The cost for the electronic register of the guarantee of origin shall be calculated per unit (Mwh) of the guarantee of origin.
- 3. The cost per unit shall be equal to the total of the respective quantity of electricity for which it is issued the guarantee of origin certificate on the previous year to the annual costs of the electronic register.
- 4. After the issue of the guarantee of origin certificate, ERE shall send to the account holder to whom it is issued the certificate, the amount that shall be paid at ERE.
- 5. The cost per unit shall be on annual basis and shall be approved with ERE Board Decision not later than January 31 of each year.
- 6. Any difference established to the incomes from the provision of point 3 of this Article, shall be corrected on the next year
- 7. Exceptionally, for 2025, the value of the obligation to issue the guarantee of origin certificate shall be equal to 0.03 Euro/MWh.

ARTICLE 22 COOPERATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES

ERE shall cooperate with all of the authorities that issue the guarantee of origin to EU member countries and also with the contracting parties of Energy Community, to set available for the end-use customers the information for that part of energy generated from energy renewable souces to the total of supplied energy.

ARTICLE 23 SETTLING THE DISPUTES

- 1. For any dispute that may arise between the Account Holders and ERE regarding the implementation, interpretation or integration of the rules for the operation of the electronic register, the account holder shall submit a written request at ERE, that shall be reviewed within 30 days.
- 2. After the submitted request is handled by ERE, the Account Holder may address to the competent court.
- 3. In case of disputes between the parties, where the reason of the dispute is an error or technical error by ERE, the authority shall be informed in the written form as soon as practically possible.

ARTICLE 24 AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION

This regulation is subject of review and amendment with ERE Board Decision, according to the "Regulation on ERE organization, operation and procedures".

ARTICLE 25 ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Regulation is approved with ERE Board Decision no. 300, of date 30.12.2024 and becomes effective after its publication in the Albanian Official Gazette.