

Gasgrid Finland Oy

# Terms and conditions of the gas and hydrogen guarantee of origin system

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## Definitions

TERM	EXPLANATION
Account	Account in the guarantee of origin register.
Account holder	Organisation and the representatives nominated by it who have the right to use the account and manage the organisation's guarantees of origin.
Aggregator	Registered account holder that takes care of several registered production devices on behalf of their owners. The guarantees of origin issued for these production facilities are issued to the aggregator's account.
Agreement terms	Gasgrid Finland's standard terms and conditions that govern the rights and obligations between the account holder and the Issuing Body.
Application	The application for registration as account holder is made by filling in and signing a service agreement.
Approval criteria	Criteria that must be fulfilled so that guarantees of origin can be issued to a production device.
Assignment/transfer	Transfer of a guarantee of origin from one account to another (usually in connection with a sale or another transaction).
Biogas	Gas mixture created when organic material decomposes in conditions free of oxygen / Gas-like fuel produced from biomass
Biomass	Biodegradable parts of products, waste and leftovers with a biological origin that originate from agriculture or forestry, areas of production related to them, or fishing or aquaculture.
Cancellation	Using a guarantee of origin.
Distribution network	Local or regional natural gas pipeline through which natural gas is transported with lowered pressure, including the parts of high-pressure pipelines that are mainly used for local distribution of natural gas.
Domain	Geographic region where these terms and conditions are in force, in this case Finland.
Domain Protocol	Refers to guarantee of origin terms and conditions valid within a specific geographical area, usually in a specific state. These terms and conditions are valid in Finland, and they define the procedures in force in relation to gas and hydrogen guarantees of origin.
Energy Value	Energy value determined in accordance with standard CEN-EN 16325.
Ex-Domain cancellation	Cancellation of guarantee of origin for consumption in another domain
Expiry	Automatic expiry of a guarantee of origin's validity if the guarantee has not been used within 12 months of the last production date of the energy corresponding to the guarantee of origin.
Finnish Energy Authority	Authority responsible for supervising the guarantee of origin system
Gas fed into the network	Gas fed into the transmission or distribution network.
Gasgrid Finland Oy	Natural gas transmission system operator and Issuing Body of the gas and hydrogen guarantee of origin register in Finland.
Guarantee of Origin (GO)	An electronic document that serves as evidence that a certain proportion or quantity of energy has been produced using renewable sources, nuclear power, efficient combined generation, or from waste heat or cold.
Issuing	A measure of creating guarantees of origin for an account.

Issuing Body	The registrar obligated as the Issuing Body for gas and hydrogen that issues guarantees of origin, in Finland Gasgrid Finland Oy.
MWh	Megawatt hour, standard unit of guarantees of origin (notified at the upper calorific value)
Offgrid gas / hydrogen	Gas/hydrogen that is not fed into the (gas) transmission network.
Operator	Operator of a production device (if different from owner), see registrant.
Owner	Owner of renewable gas or hydrogen production device.
Production device	Production device that is capable of producing renewable gas/hydrogen.
Production device capacity	Production device's production capacity in megawatts (MW).
Register	Electronic database or system in which guarantees of origin are recorded and where they are maintained.
Register database	Database where guarantees of origin are recorded.
Registrant	Account holder that registers a production device and acts as the administrator of the production device in the register.
Renewable energy source	Energy originating from sources other than fossil ones, such as wind and solar energy, geothermal energy, tide and wave energy and other ocean energy, hydropower and biomass, gas produced in landfills and wastewater treatment facilities.
Renewable gas	Biogas and gas produced with renewable energy sources, except for hydrogen.
Renewable hydrogen	Hydrogen produced with renewable energy sources.
Service agreement	Agreement concluded between the Issuing Body and account holder.
Transferring register	Another guarantee of origin register from which guarantees of origin are transferred for example to the Finnish gas and hydrogen guarantee of origin register.
Transmission network	Natural gas pipeline in which natural gas is transported mainly as high-pressure; not, however, the parts of high-pressure pipelines that are mainly used for local distribution of natural gas.
Withdrawal	Withdrawing guarantees of origin from use for example because of an error.

## 1. Introduction

These terms and conditions define the procedures, rights and obligations in force in Finland in relation to gas and hydrogen guarantees of origin. A gas or hydrogen seller that sells renewable gas or hydrogen to a user must verify the origin of the gas or hydrogen sold by it. A gas or hydrogen producer that provides its customers with information about the origin of the gas or hydrogen it uses in business operations other than gas or hydrogen sales must verify the origin of the renewable gas or hydrogen. A gas or hydrogen user who announces in its marketing that it uses renewable gas or hydrogen must verify the origin of the gas or hydrogen or otherwise be able to demonstrate that it has used verified gas or hydrogen. The amount of renewable gas or hydrogen, or the share of sold gas or hydrogen, is verified with a corresponding amount of cancelled guarantees of origin.

The Act on Guarantees of Origin for Energy 1050/2021 entered into force on 3 December 2021. In accordance with the Act, Gasgrid Finland Oy is the Issuing Body for gas and hydrogen in Finland, and it has the right to issue guarantees of origin. The electronic guarantee of origin register will be taken into use in accordance with the transitional period stated in the Act, on 1 April 2022. The obligation to verify the origin of gas and hydrogen with a guarantee of origin will start on 1 July 2022.

The terms and conditions of the guarantee of origin service are subject to national legislation and supplement it. The terms and the complementing documents are executed in Finland in the manner described in this document. These terms and conditions bind operators that participate in the guarantee of origin system and the Issuing Body.

If these terms and conditions result in or are related to disputes, including issues relating to the validity, binding nature or expiry of the terms, the approved Finnish language version of the terms takes precedence in relation to other language versions (Swedish and English).

## 2. Roles and responsibilities

Gasgrid Finland Oy is responsible for issuing guarantees of origin for gas and hydrogen and for maintaining the system and the register of guarantees of origin in Finland (excluding Åland Islands). Acting as the Issuing Body is a public administrative task that has been assigned to a party other than a public authority in legislation. When carrying out a public administrative task, also general administration legislation, such as the Administrative Procedure Act, the Language Act, the Act on the Openness of Government, the Data Protection Act, and the Act on Electronic Services and Communication in the Public Sector, must be complied with. It is possible to appeal against decisions made by the Issuing Body on the basis of the Act on Guarantees of Origin of Energy. Appeal instructions are delivered together with decisions.

A link to the guarantee of origin register can be found on Gasgrid Finland's website. Only registered users can log into the register.

The price list for guarantees of origin is published on Gasgrid Finland's website.

Users of the register are responsible for the accuracy, up-to-dateness and reliability of the information in the register. Users must comply with legislation and decrees issued pursuant to it, as well as documents supplementing legislation.

Gasgrid Finland acts as the data controller for personal data contained in the guarantee of origin register. Details associated with the processing of personal data are described in Gasgrid Finland's register description, which is available on its website.

### **3. Registering as account holder**

#### **3.1 Application**

The application is made by filling in and signing a service agreement with the Issuing Body. The agreement also contains the agreement terms. The agreement must contain

- a. a contact form
- b. a trade register extract or a similar official document verifying that the organisation is factually operating and has been incorporated in accordance with the laws of the company's home country
- c. the organisation's (contractual party's) name and address
- d. invoicing information
- e. the organisation's Business ID or another company identification
- f. the names of persons authorised to sign (the service agreement must be signed by such authorised person(s)).

On the basis of the application, the Issuing Body makes a judgement on whether the application is approved or rejected and whether further information needs to be requested. Bases for rejection can be

- a. missing or inadequately completed mandatory documents,
- b. the Issuing Body's justified reason to suspect the intentions of the applicant, or
- c. an authority's recommendation about rejecting the application.

When an application has been approved, the Issuing Body creates an account in the register for the applicant organisation. At the time of creating an account, instructions for registration are sent to the person authorised in the service agreement. The authorised person is named as the administrator of the account holder. One account holder organisation may have several users that the administrator of the said account holder (the authorised person) can create. The administrator is responsible for managing the account and its user rights and can create new users.

The Issuing Body registers the operators participating in the guarantee of origin system without delay.

#### **3.2 Maintenance of data**

An account holder must notify the Issuing Body in writing without delay of all changes that may cause or have caused information recorded in the register containing the account holder no longer being accurate. The account holder is responsible for the accuracy and up-to-dateness of the information in the register.

#### **3.3 Processing of errors**

If the Issuing Body observes errors in the account holder's information, the Issuing Body will request the account holder to correct such information without delay. If an account holder is not able to correct the information itself for example due to restrictions concerning the register's user rights, the Issuing Body will correct the information. The account holder is notified of such actions.



### 3.4 Withdrawing from the system / closing an account

An account holder must notify the Issuing Body in writing about its intention to close its account. The date when the closure enters into force must at a minimum be 30 business days from the date when the Issuing Body received the notification. When an account is closed, the account holder must pay any payments due relating to the guarantee of origin system to the Issuing Body. The Issuing Body is not obligated to refund any payments already made by the account holder. The Issuing Body makes the changes to the register and closes the account on the date the request comes into effect or 30 days from the date of receiving the notification, whichever is later. All guarantees of origin that are on the register's account on the date it is locked remain on the account unless they expire. The account information will be kept in the register for six years from the end of the calendar year that the information concerns.

## 4. Registering a production device

### 4.1 Adding a production device to the register

Owners of production devices or their duly authorised registrants may register a production device in the register. The Issuing Body ensures that the production device complies with the following requirements of the Finnish regulations concerning guarantees of origin. A production device may be registered only if it meets the criteria for the approval of the guarantee of origin system. For a production device to be approved for gas/hydrogen guarantee of origin registration, it must

- be located in Finland and
- be capable of producing renewable gas/hydrogen.

A registrant must provide the information set out below when registering a production device on an account it has in the register.

Mandatory information includes the following:

- Production device: name, address, registrant, start date of production, commissioning date of the production device, production capacity, possible support system (for example state investment or production support), operator, and all owners.

If the production plant is formed of several modules that also contain for example a gas refining device, the date when a device or devices producing raw gas started their operations is recorded, as well as what its/their capacity is.

- The production device's technology code in accordance with the list of technology codes.
- A list of the raw materials used by the production device (for example, an environmental permit or actual raw material to be used in accordance with Appendix IX of the RED II Directive).
- Unique identifier. If no such identifier exists, an ID is created for the production device at the time of registration, which also defines the region. The ID uses GSRN (Global Service Relational Number) numbering. The same ID number can be used for small production devices with production below 50 kW, which are in the same place.
- Is the production device connected to a transmission network or distribution network, or is it an offgrid production device outside networks.

Voluntary information:

- Does the production device fulfil the criteria of a sustainability system:
  - a) does the gas/hydrogen fulfil the requirements of sustainability criteria set out in the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) and/or
  - b) a reference to an assessor who has verified that this is the case, and/or a reference to a report prepared by the assessor.
- Possible additional information that may be needed when using the guarantee of origin for various purposes. This information must be presented in a certificate of verification.

The registrant must declare that the information provided in the application is comprehensive and accurate and that the production device fulfils the approval criteria for guarantees of origin.

When a production device is registered, a certificate of verification is delivered to the Issuing Body together with all the mandatory information concerning the production device. So that a production device can be connected to the register, its production method must be verified in accordance with legislation.

Verification is discussed in more detail in section 6.

If the registrant or its subsidiary owns a maximum of 90% of the production device, it must attach to the application a power of attorney(s) signed by the other owner(s). A Power of Attorney is needed from all owners of a production device whose ownership share in the production device exceeds 5%. The Power of Attorney authorises the registering party to register a production device and/or submit a production device's production information and/or to record guarantees of origin issued to the production device, as well as to carry out transactions with them. A template of a power of attorney is published on the Issuing Body's, Gasgrid Finland's, website. If a production device is physically connected to a refining device and the devices have different owners, the devices can be considered one production device. In this case, for a production device to be registered as a combined production device, a Power of Attorney is required from the party that is not registering the device.

The Power of Attorney may also concern the utilisation of aggregator services: An aggregator has an account on which registered production devices who have acquired services from the aggregator are connected and where guarantees of origin are issued. An aggregator needs a Power of Attorney from the owner or owners of a production device.

The Issuing Body verifies the accuracy of the information provided in the application. If the production device meets the requirements prescribed in Finnish legislation, the Issuing Body activates the production device in the register, sets the next verification date for the register information, and notifies the registrant accordingly.

If the production device does not meet the requirements, the Issuing Body notifies the registrant accordingly and the production device is not activated. The rejection notice must state the reasons for rejection. The Issuing Body performs the production device's registration process without delay after receiving all the necessary documents and information.

## 4.2 Removing a production device from the register

The registrant must notify the Issuing Body in writing about its intention to remove the production device from the register. The Issuing Body will implement the removal from the register without delay. After removal from the register, guarantees of origin are no longer issued for the production of the production device. The information about the production device will be kept in the register for six years from the end of the calendar year that the information concerns.

## 4.3 Maintenance of a production device's registration information

If an existing production device's capacity increases for some reason, for example as a result of the production device's alteration or extension works, the additional capacity can be registered as a separate element of the production device.

The registrant of a production device must notify the Issuing Body about all changes that have caused or may cause

- a change in the information concerning the production device recorded in the register, or
- the production device in question no longer fulfilling the approval criteria of the guarantee of origin system.

The registrant makes the necessary changes to the production device's information, or if that is not possible for example because of user rights, requests that the Issuing Body makes the necessary changes on behalf of the registrant.

When the Issuing Body receives a notification about changed information, it assesses the impact of the changes to the approval criteria and approves or rejects the information. If the production device no longer fulfils the approval criteria, the registration information concerning the production device in question is updated accordingly. The changes enter into effect on the date notified or as soon after receiving the notification as is reasonably possible in practice.

## 5. Delivery of production data to the Issuing Body

Production data must be delivered to the register by the latest on the 15th day following the calendar month of production, or on the following business day if the 15th day is on a weekend or a public holiday. For production notified by the 15th day, guarantees of origin are issued by the last business day of the same month. As regards production notified later or retrospectively, issue of guarantees of origin is correspondingly moved to the next month, and the guarantees of origin are always issued for each production month.

## 5.1 Gas fed into the network

### A. Production data for a production device connected to the distribution network

The Issuing Body receives the data concerning production connected to distribution networks from the information exchange system (gas data hub). Connection to the information exchange system must be arranged before the issue of guarantees of origin is started. The distribution network operator creates a network entry point in the information exchange system and delivers the fed volume in m<sup>3</sup> as well as the upper calorific value kWh/m<sup>3</sup> data in the information exchange system. On the basis of this data, the information exchange system calculates the energy in megawatt hours (MWh), and guarantees of origin are issued on the basis of this data. Guarantees of origin are issued for full megawatt hours on the basis of the upper calorific value. The data is entered in the register at the accuracy of three decimals at the highest. The cumulative accrual of decimals is monitored in the register.

### B. Production data for a production device connected to the transmission network

The Issuing Body receives the data concerning production connected to a transmission network direct from Gasgrid Finland's transmission network monitoring system. Guarantees of origin are issued on the basis of this data. Guarantees of origin are issued for full megawatt hours on the basis of the upper calorific value. The data is entered in the register at the accuracy of three decimals at the highest. The cumulative accrual of decimals is monitored in the register.

The delivery of data concerning hydrogen production fed into the network will be determined later when the hydrogen network solutions are completed.

## 5.2 So-called offgrid gas/hydrogen produced outside the natural gas network

The Issuing Body receives the production data used as the basis for issuing guarantees of origin from the production device in a separately defined electronic format or via a separate user interface. Guarantees of origin are issued for full megawatt hours on the basis of the upper calorific value. The data is entered in the register at the accuracy of three decimals at the highest. The cumulative accrual of decimals is monitored in the register.

## 6. Verification and inspection of registered production devices

### 6.1 General terms and conditions concerning verification and inspection of production devices

An assessment institution must verify the production method of an energy production device in the manner required by legislation, as well as the energy sources used by it, and prepare a certificate of verification before guarantees of origin can be issued for the energy produced by the production device. Further verification instructions are provided by the Energy Authority. The Energy Authority approves the assessment institutions and maintains a list of verifiers. Further information concerning verification can be obtained from the Energy Authority.

Registrants must notify of all changes to the information concerning the production device. This is particularly important as regards information concerning changes in ownership and measurements.

If a production device does not fulfil the verification requirements, or if the registration information has changed significantly, guarantees of origin are not issued until corrective measures have been taken.

Essential registration information is inspected at the interval of five (5) years or at the time of verification defined by the Energy Authority.

If essential deviations from the information recorded in the register database are observed during an inspection, the Issuing Body reserves the right to require the registrant to reapply for registration.

## **7. Issuing guarantees of origin**

### **7.1 Approval criteria and guarantees of origin**

Guarantees of origin can be issued for both renewable gas/hydrogen fed into a distribution and transmission network and renewable gas/hydrogen that is not fed into the network (offgrid).

Guarantees of origin are issued on the account connected to the production device. As a rule, information concerning a production device is transferred unchanged with a guarantee of origin and can be used in the transfer and cancellation of guarantees of origin.

Guarantees of origin are issued

- for energy production that fulfils the guarantee of origin criteria after the production device has been registered in the guarantee of origin system.
- for a validity of 12 months at a time. The 12-month validity of guarantees of origin starts at the end of the calendar month when the gas/hydrogen was produced.
- for an account holder who does not have overdue payments to the Issuing Body relating to guarantees of origin.

A guarantee of origin can only be issued for production that fulfils the requirements of the Act on Guarantees of Origin for Energy, and the Issuing Body has received production data concerning the production.

One guarantee of origin corresponds to one megawatt hour (MWh), at the upper calorific value.

A guarantee of origin is issued for each full megawatt hour. Any kilowatt hours in excess of full megawatt hours are transferred to the following production period. If the production volume during a calendar month is less than one megawatt hour, a guarantee of origin is issued for the calendar month during which the production volume reaches the threshold of one megawatt hour. Issuing, transferring and cancelling a guarantee of origin must be executed in such a manner that other guarantees of origin are not used for the same produced energy.

Issue takes place during the calendar month following the production month in accordance with the schedule set out in section 5.

The guarantee of origin information defined in the terms and conditions of the guarantee of origin system does not change after a guarantee of origin has been issued, except for the information that the validity of a guarantee of origin has ended, or that a guarantee of origin has been cancelled or it has expired.

### 7.1.1 Gas to be fed into the transmission or distribution network

If gas is fed into the network

1. the amount of guarantees of origin issued is based on the volume of gas fed into a transmission or distribution network. The network operator is responsible for measuring the gas.
2. production data concerning gas fed into the distribution network is transferred to the centralised information exchange system (gas data hub). The volume of gas fed is notified at the upper calorific value m3n. The meter data is retrieved from the information exchange system, and energy content as megawatt hours is calculated on the basis of net thermal value and transferred to the gas guarantee of origin register.
3. production data concerning the gas fed into the transmission network is retrieved from the transmission network operator's system and transferred to the gas guarantee of origin register.

Gas fed into the network is only registered if the production device that produced the gas is equipped with measuring equipment that meets the requirements set for production devices located in Finland for feeding gas to the network in question.

The requirements for hydrogen fed into the network will be determined later when the network solutions are completed.

### 7.1.2 So-called offgrid gas/hydrogen produced outside the natural gas network

In the case of offgrid gas / hydrogen,

1. the amount of guarantees of origin issued is based on the production volumes notified to the Issuing Body. The measuring method of the production volume, as well as the accuracy requirements must have been verified by an assessment institution approved by the Energy Authority.
2. the data on the basis of which guarantees of origin are issued must be delivered to the Issuing Body in the format defined by it.
3. as a rule, guarantees of origin are issued for a production device's entire production volume that is under verification obligation, such as raw gas if the gas is not further refined before use, or refined gas if the gas is refined at the production device. The renewable origin of gas/hydrogen does not need to be verified with guarantees of origin in situations where the gas/hydrogen is used on the same real estate or a similar real estate group where the gas/hydrogen has been produced, and no guarantees of origin have been applied for the gas/hydrogen in question. A gas guarantee of origin cannot be issued for renewable gas that is consumed in a renewable gas production process.

If a part of a production device's production for which a guarantee of origin has been issued is consumed immediately at the production device, at least an amount of guarantees of origin issued for the production device that corresponds to the amount consumed by the production device must be cancelled at the time of issuing the guarantees of origin so that the same production is not calculated twice.

The amount of the production device's consumption must be reliably verified.

## **8. Transfer of guarantees of origin**

### **8.1 Transfer within the register in Finland**

An account holder can transfer guarantees of origin to an account/account holder in the same guarantee of origin register.

Only persons duly authorised by the transferring account holder can request a transfer of guarantees of origin out of the said account holder's account. The administrator of the said account holder can add authorised persons.

The selling account holder initiates a transfer of a guarantee of origin in the register and is responsible for transferring the guarantees of origin corresponding to the agreed information to the buyer. The buyer is responsible for ensuring that the selected guarantees of origin are suitable for the intended use (for example sustainability requirements, location).

When the account holder who initiated the transfer has executed the transfer, the system notifies whether the transfer was successful.

Cancelled or expired guarantees of origin cannot be transferred.

### **8.2 Transfers between different registers in EU countries**

Guarantees of origin can be transferred electronically between registers in EU/EEA countries if there is an information system enabling transfers between the countries.

If technical reasons, such as the lack of an information system, make transfer impossible between registers in different countries, the transfer can be made by cancelling the guarantees of origin for use in the other country as an Ex-Domain cancellation in accordance with chapters 10.2 and 10.3.

Guarantees of origin issued in compliance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001 in EU/EEA countries and accepted by the registrar in the national register are accepted for entry into the register of guarantees of origin in Finland.

Cancelled guarantees of origin or guarantees of origin which are no longer valid may not be transferred.

## **9. Processing of malfunctions, corrections and errors**

The Issuing Body has the right to carry out corrective measures, for example cancel or transfer guarantees of origin in the register, which have been issued or transferred incorrectly.

If guarantees of origin from another guarantee of origin register have been transferred to the gas and hydrogen guarantee of origin register, Gasgrid Finland attempts to resolve the problem in cooperation with the Issuing Body of the transferring register and primarily, to transfer such guarantee of origin back to the original register.

If it is detected that a guarantee of origin's information is incorrect irrespective of whether the reason is due to the actions or neglect of the related production device's registrant,

- a. the Issuing Body either invalidates these guarantees of origin on the account or rectifies the error during the following months by issuing correspondingly more or less guarantees of origin for the same production device of the same account holder;

- b. the registrant must pay the Issuing Body the reasonable expenses arising from the transactions relating to the incorrect guarantees of origin and their rectification;
- c. the Issuing Body aims, in cooperation with other Issuing Bodies, to invalidate incorrect guarantees of origin if the guarantees of origin are no longer located in Finland.

The Issuing Body can also make changes to guarantees of origin in its own register database to rectify an error if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a. The account holder has approved the implementation of such a change.
- b. It can be reasonably demonstrated that any unjustified benefit possibly gained by a participant in the guarantee of origin system as a result of an error on its part has been invalidated to the extent reasonably possible.
- c. It can reasonably be demonstrated that the change does not bring an unjustified benefit to the account holder.

The Issuing Body acts in cooperation with other Issuing Bodies in handling incorrectly issued guarantees of origin.

The information of an issued guarantee of origin can only be changed for the purpose of rectifying an error.

## **10. Cancelling a guarantee of origin**

### **10.1 Cancelling in Finland**

Account holders with guarantees of origin in the register may cancel them. Cancelling means using a guarantee of origin, i.e., removing it from circulation and recording it for a specific notified purpose. An account holder must specify the guarantees of origin to be cancelled, as well as the country in which consumption takes place, the purpose of cancellation, use category, name, type and location of the beneficiary (user), as well as the related consumption period.

Cancellation of a guarantee of origin does not require the consent of the Issuing Body. Guarantees of origin can only be cancelled once.

Cancelled guarantees of origin are removed from the account holder's account by changing their status to 'cancelled', and after cancellation, they are not visible on any of the register's accounts. The account holder implementing the cancellation has full rights to seeing the information concerning the cancellation, and this can also be printed out from the register.

When a cancellation has been implemented, the account holder receives a notification about the success or failure of the cancellation immediately, direct from the register. A cancelled guarantee of origin cannot be transferred to any other account, so it is no longer marketable.

### **10.2 International Ex-Domain cancellation for consumption outside of Finland**

The primary aim is to transfer guarantees of origin. However, it is possible to agree on an Ex-Domain cancellation for consumption outside of Finland in EU/EEA countries provided that the registrar of the accepting register accepts the cancellation in Finland. Cancellation must be agreed between the registrar of the register of guarantees of origin in Finland and the registrar of the accepting register. This process takes place manually.



In the Finnish register, the destination country of cancellation is chosen, and any additional information is added to the additional information field. The destination country to be cancelled must be stated in the cancellation. Where possible, guarantees of origin should be cancelled in their entirety or otherwise in as large an issuance bundle as possible. As a rule, installation-specific guarantees of origin issued in one month may not be split into several different cancellations. One cancellation may include several whole issuance bundles.

At the request of the Account Holder, the registrar of the register in Finland sends without delay the cancellation statements by encrypted email to the registrar of the register in the accepting EU/EEA country. Guarantees of origin cancelled in Finland are stored in Finland's register. If necessary, the registrar of the register in Finland stores the information manually.

Guarantees of origin issued in Finland can be cancelled in a country in which the registrar of the register accepts guarantees of origin issued in Finland.

### **10.3 International Ex-Domain cancellation for consumption in Finland**

The primary aim is to transfer guarantees of origin. However, it is possible to agree on an Ex-Domain cancellation in a situation where the guarantee of origin is cancelled in an EU/EEA country for consumption in Finland. Cancellation must be agreed between the registrar of the register in Finland and the registrar of the register in the country of origin. This process takes place manually.

The registrar in the country of origin must primarily send by encrypted email information about the guarantees of origin cancelled (cancellation statements) by EU/EEA countries for Finland to the registrar of the register in Finland, who then forwards without delay this information and the relevant documents by encrypted email to the Account Holder to whom the cancellation is addressed.

Alternatively, in an exceptional case, the parties may agree beforehand that the Account Holder sends the certificates of cancellation by encrypted email to the registrar of the register in Finland. In this case, too, the registrar of the register in Finland must be able to verify the correctness of the information with the registrar of the register in the country of origin. Alternatively, the origin register's Account Holder or the registrar may also create viewing rights to cancellation statements in the register of the country of origin for the registrar of the register in Finland. This means that the registrar of the register in Finland can check the correctness of the information straight from the register.

Where possible, guarantees of origin should be cancelled in their entirety or otherwise in as large an issuance bundle as possible. As a rule, installation-specific guarantees of origin issued in one month may not be split into several different cancellations. One cancellation may include several whole issuance bundles. The registrar of the register in Finland stores Ex-Domain cancellations for Finland and their related documents in a separate information system.

Guarantees of origin issued in compliance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001 in EU/EEA countries and accepted by the registrar in the national register are accepted in Finland.

### **10.4 Cancellation certificate**

The account holder who made the cancellation can print a cancellation certificate from the register and also order an official certificate from the Issuing Body.

## **11. Expiry of a guarantee of origin**

A guarantee of origin expires (its validity ends) 12 months after the end of the production period.

The end date of a production period is the last day of the month when the gas was produced. Expiry is an automated event that the register performs 12 months after the end of the production device's production period in question.

Expired guarantees of origin cannot be transferred. For guarantees of origin whose validity for local use in the relevant country has ended, import is prevented.

## **12. Removal and changing of a guarantee of origin**

The Issuing Body can remove a guarantee of origin from an account in its register at the request of the account holder of the account or in another manner in accordance with the terms and conditions.

The Issuing Body can remove or change guarantees of origin to ensure the accuracy of guarantees of origin and to ensure that nobody gets unjustified benefit from an error, unauthorised entry into the guarantee of origin register, or from a malfunction of the guarantee of origin register.

## **13. Publicity and confidentiality**

According to the Finnish Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999), documents of the authorities are public, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Act or other legislation.

Confidentiality obligations and deviations from them are provided for in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities. In principle, the Issuing Body publishes a list of all registered account holders and the gas production devices connected to the account of a particular account holder. Confidential material and confidentiality obligations are described in more detail in the service agreement.