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Summary

TERM	MEANING
Account Holder	a person for whom an Account is maintained
Account	an account in the Registry
Aggregator	a registered party that takes care of a number of registered Production Devices on behalf of the owners of these devices. The GOs issued from these Production Devices are Issued to the Aggregators account
Application	shall have the meaning set out in Section 4.1.1 of these Rules.
Audit	shall have the meaning set out in chapter 5 of these Rules
Authorized Person	shall have the meaning set out in Section 4.1.1 of these Rules.
Biogas	gaseous fuels produced from biomass
Calorific value	Gross calorific value is used when GO's are issued
Cancel	The act of using a GO for a purpose at the request of an Account Holder: (a) to realise such real or intangible benefits as may be accorded to it; and/or (b) to comply with a legal obligation;
Deregistration	shall have the meaning set out in Section 4.2.3 of these Rules.
Device Owner	the owner of the Production Device
Distribution Service Operator	also called DSO, the party operating a distribution service grid for gas
Domain	geographic area for which these rules apply, in this case Finland
Domain Protocol	Guarantees of Origin rules for a certain geographic area, usually a country. These Rules/This Domain Protocol is valid for Finland
Energy Authority	regulatory authority responsible for oversight of the Guarantee of Origin Scheme
Expiry	shall have the meaning set out in Section 4.2.4 of these Rules. Ceasing to be tradable after 12 months.
Gasgrid Finland Oy	the transmission service operator for the gas grid in Finland and Issuing Body for GOs for biogas in Finland
Grid injected biogas	Biogas injected into transmission grid or distribution network
Guarantee of Origin	or referred to as GO means an electronic document which has the sole function of providing evidence to a final customer that a given share or quantity of energy was produced from renewable sources
Installed capacity	Installed production capacity of Production Device in MW
Issuing Body	Party legally mandated to issuing Guarantees of Origin - in Finland for gases it is Gasgrid Finland
Issuing	the act of creating Guarantees of Origin to an Account
MWh	Megawatt hour, which is a unit for energy content
Notification	Shall have the meaning set out in Section 4.1.4 of these Rules
Off-grid biogas	Biogas which is produced and not injected into a grid

Power of Attorney	or referred to as PoA shall have the meaning set out in Section 4.2.1 of these rules.
Production Device	Production facility capable of producing biogas
Qualifying Criteria	The criteria that need to be fulfilled in order to be eligible for issuing GOs for a Production Device
Registry	The electronic database or system where GOs are stored and administrated
Registrant	Account Holder that registers a Production Device
Registrar	Party that is responsible for the GO Registry
Registration Database	database where Guarantees of Origin certificates are stored
Registry Operator	Party operating the Registry. In Finland the Registry Operator is Gasgrid Finland and the Registry services have been outsourced to Grexel
Receiving Issuing Body	shall have the meaning set out in Section XXX of these Rules. / or provide definition.
Rules	also referred to as GO Rules, means these rules that set out the procedures, rights and obligations, which apply to the Finland Domain and relate to the Guarantees of Origin (GO) certificates for biogas
Standard Terms and Conditions	or referred to as STC means Gasgrid Finland's Standard Terms and Conditions, that govern the rights and obligations between the GO Scheme Participant and Gasgrid Finland.
Transfer	the act of moving a Guarantee of Origin from one Account to another account (usually in connection with sale or other transaction).
Withdrawal	taking a Guarantees of Origin from circulation. Usually in connection with an error

1 Introduction

These rules (Domain Protocol) set out the procedures, rights and obligations, which apply to the Finland Domain and relate to the Guarantees of Origin (GO) certificates of biogas.

Production Device qualification is determined by connection to the gas grid in Finland for grid injected biogas and by the biogas production facility being located in Finland for off-grid biogas Production Devices.

Pursuant to [Legal reference to be added when possible] Gasgrid Finland is the Issuing Body in Finland and is authorised to Issue GO Certificates relating to the following GO Product(s):

- GO for biogas
- GO for hydrogen

The GO Rules for biogas are subsidiary and supplementary to national legislation. The GO Rules and its subsidiary documents are implemented in Finland in the manner described in this document.

These GO Rules are made contractually binding between a GO Scheme Participant and Gasgrid Finland by agreement in the form of the Standard Terms and Conditions (STC).

In the event of any dispute arising under, out of or in connection with these Rules, including any question regarding their existence, validity or termination, the approved English version of these Rules will take precedence over a local language version.

2 Roles and Responsibilities

Authorised Issuing Body and Registry Operator

Gasgrid Finland is responsible for issuing GO Certificates for biogas and operating the GO Scheme in Finland. Gasgrid Finland acts as Issuing Body as well as the Registry Operator for Finland (including Åland). The registry can be found at: www.gasgrid.fi.

Tariff of the Issuing Body is published on the Gasgrid website:

[Link to tariff/pricelist document to be added by Gasgrid](#)

Competent Authority

According to the [Legal reference to be added when possible], Gasgrid Finland (TSO, Transmission System Operator in Finland) is the appointed Issuing Body of the Guarantee of Origin (GO) Scheme for gas in Finland. The Issuing Body may assign this task to its totally owned subsidiary. Grexel Systems Oy operates the physical Registry where the Guarantees of Origin Accounts are administrated and where the Guarantees of Origin certificates are stored in electronic format.

3 Legislation

[Text regarding legislation to be added when possible](#)

4 Registration

4.1 Registration of GO Scheme participants

4.1.1 Applications

1. The application ("Application") to become an Account Holder is done by filling in and signing two copies of the Standard Terms and Conditions (STC) form (available at: www.gasgrid.fi) and sending these to Gasgrid Finland to the address [To be added later]. The required attachments of the Standard Terms and Conditions include:

- a. Contact Information Sheet
- b. A trade registry extract or similar official document stating that the organization is validly existing and founded under the laws of the mother country
- c. Name and address of the organization
- d. Billing information
- e. Business Identification (ID) of the organization
- f. Names of authorized signatories (the Standard Terms and Conditions should be signed by this/these Signatory/Signatories).
- g. Copy of the passport of the Authorized Person

2. After receiving all documentation of the applicant the Issuing Body evaluates whether the application can be accepted. Reasons for rejection may be

- a. Required documents are missing or not properly filled
- b. The issuing Body has doubts about the aims of the applicant
- c. Rejection recommendation by local tax authorities

3. If the application is accepted, the Issuing Body creates an Account in the registry for the applicant organization. When the Account is created the Authorized Person is sent an electronic confirmation and authentication e-mail and authentication SMS that enable creating a password. The Authorized Person will be appointed main user for the Account Holder. All users must provide a mobile phone number for SMS based authentication. One Account Holder organisation can have multiple users, which can be created by the main user (Authorized Person) of that Account Holder.

4. Gasgrid signs both copies of the STCs, archives one and sends the other to the Account Holder to be archived. Gasgrid aims to complete the process of registration of a GO Scheme Participant as soon as possible, however at latest within 4 weeks after receipt of a properly documented Application pursuant to Section 4 of these Rules.

4.1.2 Maintenance of customer/account holder data

An Account Holder must notify the Issuing Body without any delay, in writing of any changes due to come into effect that will result, or unplanned changes that have resulted, in the information recorded in the Registry in relation to the Account Holder becoming inaccurate. The Account Holder is responsible for keeping the information in the registry accurate and up to date.

4.1.3 Error handling

If the Issuing Body detects errors in the Account Holder information, the Issuing Body will ask the Account Holder to correct the information without any delay or if the information is not possible for the Account Holder to correct themselves, the Issuing Body will assist in correcting the information. The relevant Account Holder will be informed of these actions.

4.1.4 Resignation of an Account Holder

The Account Holder must notify the Issuing Body of the intent to close its Account in written form ("Notification"). The effective date of closure must not be less than 30 working days from the date of receipt of the Notification by the Issuing Body. When closing the Account, the Account Holder is responsible for paying any outstanding payments to the Issuing Body regarding the GO Scheme. The Issuing Body is not responsible for refunding any already paid fees of the Account Holder, such as a yearly Account Holder's fee. The Issuing Body will amend the Registry and seal that Account from the effective date on the request or 30 days after receiving the notification, whichever is later. Any GOs remaining in the Account of the Registry at the time of locking will remain there until expired. Commercial provisions of closing an Account are set in the STC between the Issuing Body and the Account Holder.

4.2 Registration of a production device

4.2.1 Application

Account Holders, that aim to register a Production Device, are referred to as Registrants. Only the owner of a Production Device, or a Registrant duly authorised by the owner of the Production Device, may register a Production Device into the Registry. The Production Device is verified by the Issuing Body to fulfil the requirements of the Finnish regulation on GOs. Production Devices can only be registered, if they meet the Qualification Criteria for the GO Scheme. To be qualified, Production Devices registered for biogas GOs must:

- be located in Finland (including Åland), and
- be capable of producing biogas

The commercial provisions of registering a Production Device are described in the web-page of the Issuing Body (www.gasgrid.fi).

The Registrant must fill-in the following information when registering a Production Device under its Account in the Registry

- Production Device: Name, address, Registrant, start date, commissioning date, installed capacity, earmark name and type (e.g. possible government investment support received), operator and all owners.
- Technology code of the Production Device according to technology codes listed by the Issuing Body.
- Listing of feedstock used by the Production Device

- As the Production Device is registered into the Registry, it is assigned a unique identifier, if one has not already been assigned. The identifier consists of a number with 18 numeric characters that also identifies the Domain of origin. GSRN (Global Service Relational Number) coding is used.
- Whether the Device is connected to the transmission grid, or distribution grid or if it is an off-grid device
- Whether the Production Device is included in a Sustainability system (Kestävyyssjärjestelmä RED II mukaan) and possible additional necessary information that is necessary for using the certificate for different purposes. This information needs to be stated in the Audit report or Certificate of verification provided to the Issuing Body.

The Registrant must assure that the information provided to the issuing Body in connection with its Application is complete and accurate and that the Production Device meets the qualification criteria for GOs.

When the biogas Production Device is registered, the Audit report for the Production Device or a Certificate of verification of the Audit is e-mailed to the Issuing Body as the other required information on the Production Device is sent to the Registrar. The requirements regarding Audits are set in legislation, decrees or instructions from the Energy Authority. Detailed instructions regarding Audits are available from the Energy Authority.

In case the Registrant or its affiliate does not own more than 90 % of the Production Device, it must include in the application a power(s) of attorney ("Power of Attorney", "PoA") signed by other owner(s) of the Production Device. A PoA is required from all owners of the Production Device who own more than 5 % of the Production Device. The PoA may give the Registrant organization the authority to register the Production Device, and/or; deliver production declarations for the Production Device, and/or; to claim ownership of GOs issued for the Production Device (including aggregation). A Power of Attorney template is published at www.gasgrid.fi.

Aggregation can also be authorized later as a separate process. Aggregation means in this context that an Aggregator possesses an account to which Production Devices of biogas producers that have acquired the services of the Aggregator are registered and to which GOs Issued from these Production Devices are Issued. An Aggregator needs a Power of Attorney from the Production Device owner/owners.

In order to be able to connect the Production Device into the registry, the Production Device's production method must be verified in accordance with the [Legal reference to be added when possible]. Approved methods of verification are a Certificate of verification issued by a certification/audit company i.e. on-site audit by third party accepted by the Energy Authority, or other previous verification or audit accepted by the Energy Authority for this purpose.

The Issuing Body will check the correctness of information on the application in cooperation with the Registrant.

If the Production Device complies with the requirements set forth in applicable Finnish legislation, the Issuing Body activates the Production Device in the registry and sets the next Audit date and informs the Registrant.

If the Production Device does not fulfil the requirements, the Issuing Body notifies the Registrant and the Production Device is not activated. The rejection notice shall include reasons of the rejection. The Issuing Body aims to complete the process of registration

of Production Device as soon as possible but at the latest in two weeks after receipt of all needed documents and information.

4.2.2 Delivery of data on the measured production to the Registrar

4.2.2.1 Grid injected biogas

Before the Issuing Body can issue GOs for the grid injected biogas the Production Device needs to be registered and to be connected to an Account.

A. Measurement data from Production Devices connected to distribution network:

The Issuing Body receives the measurement information from the Gas Datahub regarding production connected to distribution networks. Connection to the Gas Datahub needs to be organised before the issuing of GOs can start. The Distribution Service Operator (DSO) establishes the grid injection point in the Gas Datahub and delivers the measured injected volume m³n as well as the heating value kWh/m³n (gross calorific value) to the datahub. The datahub calculates the energy in MWh based on this information. This measurement data is used to issue the GOs for the biogas production. The GOs are issued for whole MWh:s based on the gross calorific value. The Registry records the measurement information with a maximum of three decimal points accuracy. The cumulative development of the decimals is followed-up in the Registry.

B. Measurement data from Production Devices connected to the gas transmission grid:

The Issuing Body receives the measurement information directly from the Gasgrid transmission monitoring system regarding production directly connected to the transmission grid. This measurement data is used to issue the GOs for the biogas production. The GOs are issued for whole MWh:s based on the gross calorific value. The Registry records the measurement information with a maximum of three decimal points accuracy. The cumulative development of the decimals is followed-up in the Registry.

4.2.2.2 Off-grid biogas

Before the Issuing Body can issue GOs for an off-grid production device the Production Device needs to be registered and to be connected to an Account. The Issuing Body receives the measurement information or information on which the issuing of GO:s is based from the Production Device by e-mail or other specified electronic format agreed between the Issuing Body and the Production Device owner of Aggregator responsible for the Production Device. The GOs are issued for whole MWh:s based on the gross calorific value. The Registry records the measurement information with a maximum of three decimal points accuracy. The cumulative development of the decimals is followed-up in the Registry.

4.2.3 De-Registration of a Production Device

The Registrant must notify the Issuing Body of the intent to deregister their Production Device in written form ("Deregistration"). All relevant production data of a Production

Device will be stored in the Registry also after Deregistration. Commercial provision of Deregistering a Production Devices are set out in the STC. The Issuing Body will perform the Deregistration on the date specified by the owner or as soon after this date as is reasonably practicable. After Deregistration GOs will not be issued for the output of the Production Device.

4.2.4 Maintenance of Production Device Registration Data

Where the capacity of an existing Production Device increases for any reason, including refurbishment or enhancement of the Production Device, then such additional capacity may be registered in the relevant Registry as a separate element of that Production Device.

The Registrant of a Production Device must notify the Issuing Body of any planned changes due to come into effect that will result, or unplanned changes that have resulted, in:

- Information recorded in the Registration Database in relation to the Production Device becoming inaccurate; or
- Qualification criteria for the GO System ceasing to be satisfied with respect to that Production Device.

The Registrant notifies the Issuing Body of such changes by making the necessary amendments to Production Device information in the registry or if this is not possible by requesting the Issuing Body to make the necessary changes on the Registrants behalf.

On receipt of a change of details notification (following an inspection or otherwise), the Issuing Body will evaluate the impact of the changes on the Qualifying Criteria and respond to the Registrant within ten (10) working days specifying the decision taken regarding impact on compliance with the Qualifying Criteria. The Issuing Body may respond to the changes by approving or disapproving them in the Registry.

Where the Issuing Body becomes aware that a Production Device no longer fulfils, or will no longer fulfil, the qualification criteria, the GO Registration Registry record for that Production Device will be updated to show that the Production Device no longer qualifies for the GO Scheme Certificates with effect from:

- in relation to planned changes notified in advance, the date on which such planned changes are due to come into effect; or
- in relation to other changes, as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming so aware.

The registration of a Production Device expires after five (5) years ("Expiry"). The Registrant must re-apply for registration for the Production Device before Expiry.

5 Audit of Registered Production Devices

5.1 General rules regarding Audit of Production Device

Based on legislation and instructions from the Energy Authority, the following audit procedures are valid for Production Devices connected to the gas grid and for off-grid devices:

- On-site audits by auditor's approved by the Energy Authority

- Verification related to other governmental support scheme requiring an audit that has been approved by the Energy Authority and which can be accepted for this purpose

The Registrant, either as the owner or on behalf of the owner and operator of the Production Device, must permit the Issuing Body, or a Registrar as its agent, to access the Production Device or records associated with it, its biogas output and sources of biogas.

Registrants must report any changes to standing data of a Production Device, but deviations from registered data are also sought in the Production Device Audit. This is especially important regarding changes in ownership structures and metering.

If a Production Device fails to pass the requirements of the audit or the registration information has changed significantly, GOs will not be issued before corrective actions have been performed.

Relevant registration data is re-checked every five (5) years. All Production Devices can also be subject to ad-hoc audits, if needed and if deemed necessary, when major changes are made to the Production Device. If a Production Auditor or the Issuing Body needs more information than provided by the Production Device Owner, it will be the owner's responsibility to provide this information.

Refusal to permit access may be considered a breach of the STCs.

If an inspection identifies material differences from the details recorded on the Registration Database, the Issuing Body reserves the right to request the Registrant to reapply for registration.

6 Issuing of the GOs

6.1 Issuing GO Certificates

6.1.1 Qualification and GO Products

Biogas Guarantees of Origin can be issued for both grid injected biogas (injection to distribution grid or transmission grid) and for off-grid biogas production.

When a production Device has been connected to an Account, the GOs are issued directly to that Account. Some of the information regarding the Production Device will follow with the GO and will be available in connection to transfers and cancellations of GOs.

GO Certificates can be issued:

- for the qualifying energy output of such a Production Device during any period during which it was registered for the purpose of the GO Scheme; and
- for a maximum period of 12 months at a time; and
- after the Account Holder has made his selection regarding the issuing period. The GOs will be issued either monthly, quarterly or per half year periods as chosen by the Account Holder. The GOs shall however be issued separately for

each month of the period. The selection is valid for one calendar year and it can be separately made for each Production Device. The 12 month validity of the GOs is counted from the end of each month during which the biogas was produced.

- to an Account Holder who does not have any outstanding fees payable to the Issuing Body or its agents in conjunction with Biogas GO Certificates

A GO Certificate may only be issued for Output:

- which is produced by an Originating Production Device which meets the Production Device Qualification;
- that meets the Output Criteria for that GO Product;
- in respect of which the Authorized Issuing Body receives valid measured values of Output which have been received in line with Chapter 4.2.2; and
- which has been determined in accordance with the product rules for that GO Product.

A GO shall only be issued for output which has not been and is not being otherwise Disclosed, including by the Issue of any other Certificate of any variety (to avoid double counting). A multicertificate is the only exception.

Output of Production Device is metered and the metering reliability has been independently verified in the Production Device Audit or by means deemed acceptable by Energy Authority.

One GO Certificate represents one MWh based on the gross calorific value.

The issuing, transferring and cancelling of GO certificates are arranged to eliminate the possibility of more than one GO certificate bearing the same purpose being issued, registered or cancelled from the same unit of output.

Certificates are issued regularly for all Production Devices. The production period of GOs is one month. The Registrant must choose whether issuing operations in the registry are executed on monthly, quarterly or half yearly timeframes for each Production Device. One GO Certificate will be issued for each whole one MWh of qualifying energy output of the Production Device with three decimals. Any identifiable residual kWh (within above mentioned three decimal limit) will be carried forward to the next production period.

Issuing takes place on at the latest 10th day of every month or the next business day after that.

The certificate data specified by the GO Scheme rules shall not change in any way once a GO has been properly issued except to indicate that it has expired, cancelled or been withdrawn.

6.1.1.1 Biogas injected into transmission or distribution grid

For biogas injected into the grid (grid in this context refers to transmission grid or distribution grid in Finland):

1. the number of GOs that is issued is based on biogas that is injected into the transmission- or distribution grid that has been reliably measured at the injection point.

2. the measurement data regarding distribution grid injected biogas is transferred to the Gas Datahub. From the Gas Datahub the data from the meters is retrieved and the energy content in MWh is calculated based on net gross calorific value and sent to the biogas GO Registry.
3. the measurement data regarding gas injected into the transmission grid is retrieved from the transmission grid customer system from which the energy content in MWh is sent to the biogas GO Registry.

Regarding grid injected biogas only Production Devices that are equipped with metering equipment that complies with the relevant regulations for injection into the grid in question for Devices located in Finland shall be registered.

6.1.1.2 Off-grid biogas

For off-grid biogas (biogas not injected into the transmission- or distribution grid):

1. the number of Issued GOs is based on measured data or data determined in a way that is accepted by the Energy Authority that is sent to the Issuing Body.
2. required measurement method or method for determining energy content of output and related accuracy requirements for energy content and output are determined by the Energy Authority
3. the data based on which the Issued GOs is determined is transferred to the Issuing Body in a format that has been agreed with the Issuing Body.
4. Issuing GOs for the Output of a Production Device is done for the full output of the registered Production Device (either for raw gas if the raw gas is not further refined before use or for the refined gas if the gas is further refined on site). If part of the Output of the Production Device for which GOs are issued is used for consumption immediately at the Production site, then the GOs issued for the Production Device corresponding to at the least the amount of consumption at the production site need to be Cancelled in connection with the GOs being issued to avoid double counting. The amount of consumption at the production site needs to be determined reliably.

7 Transfer of GOs

7.1 Transfer to another Account or within the same registry in Finland

The Account Holder can make transfers of Certificates to another Account in the same GO Registry.

Only persons duly authorized by the Account Holder may request the transfer of GO Certificates out of that Account Holder's Account. Authorized persons can be added by the main user of that Account Holder.

The initiation of transfers is done in the registry by the selling Account Holder. The seller and buyer are responsible for selecting the agreed GOs that are suitable for the intended use (e.g. sustainability requirements, location).

After the Account Holder has initiated the transfer, the system displays a message of whether or not the initiation has been successful.

GO Certificates that have been cancelled or expired are not available for transfer.

7.2 Transfers between different registries in EU countries

The process for GO transfers between different national registries in different EU countries regarding biogas is at this stage done manually by the issuing bodies that are involved in both the transferring country's registry and the receiving country's registry. In transfers between Accounts in two different national registries, the success of the transfer is subject to the verification process of the receiving registry. If the transfer is not successful, the certificates are returned to the Account of the original Account Holder.

In transfers between Accounts in two different registries in different countries, Gasgrid who is the Issuing Body in Finland will cooperate with the receiving or transferring GO registry to ensure the information is transferred and amended, if necessary. This may be necessary e.g. if different registries data fields do not completely match.

Where it is impossible to transfer between registries in different countries for technical reasons, this can be overcome by cancelling GO Certificates for use in another domain, with the agreement of the importing issuing body. Any such cancellations are notified to the "importing" issuing body who then creates a new certificate with the corresponding information, but with a different/new certificate number.

GO certificates that have been issued by EU member states issuing bodies that have received national issuing body status and which comply with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, are allowed entrance in Gasgrid's biogas GO Registry in Finland.

GO Certificates that have been cancelled or are expired are not available for transfer.

8 Administration of Malfunctions, Corrections and Errors

The Issuing Body has the right to perform corrective actions such as withdrawal or transfer of Certificates in the registry where Certificates have been erroneously issued or transferred.

In the case where erroneous GOs from another issuing body have been transferred to the Gasgrid registry, Gasgrid will cooperate with the other issuing body to resolve the issue, and preferably transfer it back to the originating issuing body.

In the event when it transpires that the data in any GO Certificate is inaccurate (whether or not through an act or omission of the Registrant of the originating Production Device):

- a. the Issuing Body shall either withdraw those Certificates (provided that such GOs are, at the time of such Withdrawal, in the Account of that Registrant) or correct this error on the following months by issuing more or less GOs from the same Production Device of the Account Holder ; and
- b. The Registrant shall pay the Issuing Body in Finland the cost of securing the agreement of another Account Holder to the Withdrawal of GO Certificates of

the same type from that other Account Holder's Account, so that, as far as reasonably practicable, GO Certificates are withdrawn with an adequate volume and financial value.

- c. In case the Certificates are no longer in the Finnish domain, Gasgrid who is the Issuing Body in Finland will cooperate with other issuing bodies to withdraw the erroneous Certificates.

Gasgrid who is the Issuing Body in Finland may also alter GO Certificates held in its Registration Database so as to rectify an error, which occurred prior to its transfer into the Account in which it is held at such time, provided:

- a. The Account Holder has agreed to such alteration;
- b. It is reasonably satisfied that any unjust enrichment of a GO Scheme Participant as a consequence of such error has, to the extent reasonably practicable, been nullified;
- c. It is reasonably satisfied that the alteration itself does not give rise to undue enrichment of the Account Holder.

Gasgrid will cooperate with other issuing bodies in case off erroneously issued GOs.

Once issued, the details of an GO Certificate cannot be altered or deleted except to correct an error.

9 End of life of GO Certificates - Cancellation

9.1 Cancellation within the Finnish Domain

Account Holders possessing certificates in the registry, can perform cancellations by executing the transaction in the Registry. The Account Holder must specify the Certificates to be cancelled as well as the country of consumption, cancellation purpose, usage category, name, type and location of beneficiary and related consumption period.

The information required in the cancellation request and contained in a cancellation statement is described in **[Annex reference to be added later]**.

The cancellation of Certificates does not need approval by the Issuing Body. Certificates can only be cancelled once.

Cancelled Certificates are removed from the Account Holders Account by changing their status to "cancelled" so they do not appear in any Account of the Registry after the Cancellation. The Account Holder performing the cancellation has full access to see the details of the cancellation, which are printable in the registry or they can order an official Cancellation Statement from the Issuing Body.

Having performed a cancellation, the Account Holder receives a confirmation of the success or failure of the cancellation instantly in the Registry.

Cancellation is removing a Certificate from circulation and claiming the certificate attributes for a specific disclosure purpose. Once cancelled, a Certificate cannot be moved to any other account, and so is no longer tradable.

9.2 International cancellation for consumption outside Finnish Domain

International cancellations are possible when the GO is being cancelled for consumption outside Finland biogas Domain in the EU area. The international cancellation shall be agreed with Issuing Body in Finland and the Receiving issuing body. This is initially a manual process. In the cancellation, the target country where the certificate is being cancelled is specified.

9.3 Multiproduct cancellations

When cancelling a multiproduct certificate (GO that also includes mention of other certificate e.g EKO Certificate), both the GO and the connected certificate are cancelled at the same time to avoid double counting.

9.4 Cancellation statement

A cancellation statement can be printed out from the Registry by the Account Holder organization, which has performed the cancellation. An official paper version of the cancellation statement can also be ordered from the Issuing Body.

10 End of life of GO Certificates - Expiry

According to the [Legal reference to be added] Guarantees of Origin expire in Finland 12 months after the end of the production period. The production period is the end of the month when the biogas was produced.

Expiry is handled automatically in the Registry 12 months after the end of the production period of the relevant Production Device.

GO Certificates, which have expired are no longer valid for transfer. Certificates that have already expired for local use are prevented from import. When expiring a multiproduct certificate both certificates are expired at the same time.

11 End of life of GO Certificates – Withdrawal and amendment

The Issuing Body may withdraw a GO certificate held in an account on its Registry at the request of the Account Holder of that Account or otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the GO rules. GO Certificates may be withdrawn or amended by the Issuing Body having regard to the objective of securing the accuracy of GO Certificates to ensure that no unjust enrichment occurs as a result of an error of any unauthorized access to, or malfunctioning of a GO Registry.

12 Publication

The Issuing Body will treat all information received from Account Holders as confidential information. The Issuing Body is, however, entitled to publish a list of all registered Certificate Account Holders and biogas Production Devices assigned to the Certificate Account of the individual Certificate Account Holder. The Certificate Account Holder must therefore ensure that the Issuing Body is entitled to publish information about the biogas Production Device.