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Launch of EEX French Biogas Guarantees of Origin Auction

Summary

EEX Group expands its Guarantees of Origin (GOs) offering with the addition of French Biogas GOs Auction operated by EEX AG for the French Energy ministry. Throughout this auction, the French State sells French GOs produced from biogas production devices benefiting from national support. The first auction is planned for December 4 2024. The auction will be held on a quarterly basis. ECC will conduct the clearing services.

Information on the product setup, the clearing and settlement process as well as the preconditions for customer participation is detailed in this clearing circular.

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Product Setup

The new product will be set up as spot product within the ECC clearing system as follows:

Product Name	SMSS Product Group	Trading Limit Definition
EEX Biogas Guarantees of Origin	EEX_ST_GOFR_BIOG_NRGO	EEX_GOFR_GAS_EUR

Detailed information on the product setup is provided in the ECC Clearing Specification which is available for download on the [ECC website](#).

The auction calendar will be available on the [EEX website](#).

Clearing Process

Financial Settlement

Trades concluded at the auction for Biogas GOs will be processed in ECC's spot clearing system SMSS on the auction day (D). The commodity amount will be netted with all other spot market payments and settled for Non-Clearing Members (NCMs) via the Clearing Members (CMs) or for Direct Clearing Participants via the settlement banks on the next ECC business day (D+1) following the auction date.

Delivery process

Delivery will occur via EEX AG as the operator of the French Registry for Biogas GOs. Physical Settlement will provide the delivery instructions to EEX AG after the successful payment at D+1.

For further details on the registry account and delivery process please contact [EEX Customer care](#).

Margining and Trading Limit

As EEX Biogas Guarantees of Origin are traded in quarterly auctions, ECC does not calculate an Initial Margin Spot Market as for other spot markets but requests a pre-auction margin (PAMA). This PAMA is based on the available pre-trade limit which is set by the CM in the ECC Member Area. Orders in the auction system are only possible up to the pre-trade limit.

Trading participants should liaise with their respective CM for the setting of the appropriate trading limit. These limits cannot be changed by NCMs directly. A dedicated limit, EEX_GOFR_GAS_EUR, will be implemented by ECC.

ECC recommends setting the limit for each NCM participating until D-2 16:00 CET. The trading limits can be modified until D-1 16:00 CET.

A trading participant can only participate in the auction if its financial pre-auction limit is higher than zero. If no limit is provided by a trading participant, the default limit is zero and all buy orders will be rejected; meaning that the member cannot take part in the auction.

The limit can be maintained after the auction and does not need to be changed.

The PAMA will be booked by ECC according to the pre-auction limits set in the ECC Member Area on D-2 EOD and on D-1 EOD. The margin will be released on the auction day (D) end of the day. On D+1 8:00 CET ECC will process the cash collateral withdrawals, if applicable.

The details of the process are as follows:

Time	Action	Who
Until D-2 16:00 CET	Setting of limit for each NCM participating in the auction (recommended)	CM
D-2 18:00 CET	Booking of PAMA according to financial pre-trade limit	ECC
Until D-1 16:00 CET	Modification of pre-trade limits for NCMs participating in the auction is possible	ECC, CM
D-1 18:00 CET	Booking of PAMA according to financial pre-trade limit	ECC

D 18:00 CET	Release of margin after the auction	ECC
D+1 8:00 CET	Processing of cash collateral withdrawals if applicable	ECC

The PAMA requirements will be reported in the PAMA margin class in the EoD Report CC750 Daily Margin on Common Report Engine.

For DCPs, no PAMA is calculated, but the standard procedure is applied.

Reporting

All transactions will be available in the Member Area shortly after the auction and will be integrated into the ECC standard reporting to members (trade, delivery and payment reports).

Preconditions for Participation

Institution Clearing Members

The ECC clearing license for existing Institution Clearing Members already covers the clearing of the EEX Guarantees of Origin Biogas product.

Non-Clearing Member

To access the new product, existing members should submit product extension request by email to EEX Customer care. You will then be provided with the documents to be filled depending on your current membership.

Direct Clearing Participants

Direct Clearing Participants will also be offered the opportunity to take part in the Guarantees of Origin Biogas Auction. Existing Direct Clearing Participants should submit a request to be admitted using the TP_EEX_03 by email to EEX Customer care. You will then be provided with the documents to be filled out depending on your current membership.

Interested customers who are not yet admitted at ECC and/or EEX AG are kindly invited to complete the standard admission process and contact EEX Customer care.