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[DEFINITIONS]

**Administrator,
System
Administrator,
GSS**

Entity managing GSS CERT System; Administrator is Green Savings Scheme joint-stock company with registered office in Wielopole, KRS 0000875742 REGON 387799368.

**Personal data
controller**

Green Savings Scheme joint stock company with registered office in Wielopole, KRS 0000875742 REGON 387799368

**PDD
Documentation
(internal validation
documentation)**

The Project Design Document for the installation of a Scheme Participant, developed in accordance with the GSS CERT Scheme Guidelines. It contains, among other things, a description of the installation, how the parameters necessary for calculating emissions are to be monitored (the so-called monitoring plan) and how the Participant meets the requirements with respect to other requirements of the Scheme, in particular additionality criteria and sustainability objectives. The PDD is subject to external validation.

Monitoring Report

A Report containing calculations of GHG emissions/GHG emission reductions/GHG absorbed emissions based on raw data obtained from the System Participant for a given settlement period for a given installation, created by the Administrator.

**Project
Information Sheet**

Project documentation for a Scheme Participant's installation in the form of a brief summary and executive summary. It is an information sheet of the Project, which can be made available to third parties upon demonstration of a legal interest in accordance with the procedures or made available in summary form on the website.

Protocol

A set of documents for the designated industry containing (a) a set of guidelines for methodologies for calculating GHG avoidance, GHG reduction, and GHG removals, (b) a set of methodologies for monitoring and reporting GHG emissions, along with (c) a set of industry-specific and country-specific indicators.

GSS CERT BIOGAS

GSS CERT System Protocol for agricultural biogas plants, industrial biogas plants, waste biogas plants, landfill biogas plants.

Green Savings Scheme CERT, GSS Scheme CERT, Scheme	A voluntary greenhouse gas scheme. The scheme refers directly to European Union legislation. The scheme is an instrument aimed at achieving the objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and meeting the EU's commitments to amend its climate change agreements.
Participant, System Participant	Any enterprise within the meaning of Article 1 of the Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36) - including a large enterprise - with which an agreement to participate in the GSS CERT has been concluded with respect to an Installation it owns, whose monitoring and reporting system has been successfully validated by a validator recognised in the GSS CERT System.
Accessor	An enterprise that has indicated to the Administrator its willingness to participate in the System and has provided the Administrator with the documents and data required to sign a participation agreement.
Website, web page	GSS CERT System website available at: https://gsscert.com
Greenhouse gas/GHG	A gaseous component of the atmosphere, both natural and anthropogenic, that absorbs and emits radiation at specific wavelengths in the infrared spectrum emitted by the Earth's surface, atmosphere, and clouds. GHGs include carbon dioxide (CO ₂), methane (CH ₄), nitrous oxide (N ₂ O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆).
Billing period	The length of time for which the Administrator has reported the amount of GHG emissions reduced, avoided, and absorbed from the installation. Ranges from 3 months to one (1) year.
GSS unit	A System-created GHG Unit, recorded in the Registry, confirming that a reduction in GHG emissions or increase in GHG removals of one (1) metric ton of CO ₂ equivalent has been verified in accordance with System rules.
Primary GSS Unit	A GSS unit that has never changed ownership, dating directly from its creation.

Token	One ton GSS Unit data (digital representation of a GSS Unit).
Order; GSS Units Order	Purchase order for GSS Units, carried out by the Purchaser via the Platform or by e-mail, submitted to GSS S.A., forming the basis for negotiations regarding the quantity, price and date of transfer of GSS Units to the Purchaser .
GSS Units Order Item	Information - covered by Order - about the quantity and price of the GSS Units of a particular type.
Applicant	Any enterprise making a formalized request to the Administrator for access, transfer, or viewing of data and information in a manner consistent with the Regulations..
Account	An authentication-requiring set of resources and privileges made available to a User on the GSS IT platform.
User	Participant and any other Enterprise registered on the Platform.
Verified User	A User who has passed the credential verification procedure and has been granted permissions on the platform to place GSS Unit Orders.
User Number	Individual code, consisting of a unique sequence of characters, assigned to the User, identifying him/her on the GSS IT platform.
GSS IT	An information system for registering Users, recording audit data, recording data for calculating GHG reductions, calculating GHG reductions, recording GHG Unit data, recording GSS Unit ownership data, and recording other events related to the operation of the GSS CERT System.
Platform	GSS IT component to manage Units, support GSS CERT System Participants, process orders.

Sales Order;	An order to sell GSS Units given by the owner or the Administrator acting on behalf of the owner. The Sales order must include at least the quantity of GSS Units to be sold and the expected sale price.
Transfer of ownership order	Order to register a change of ownership of GSS Units, created by the Vendor. Its purpose is to register the GSS Units being the subject of the Transaction on the account of the Purchaser and to deregister these GSS Units from the account of the Vendor.
Purchaser	User to whom ownership of the GSS Units passes.
Vendor	A User that transfers ownership of its GSS Units to the Purchaser.
Transaction	The act of transferring ownership of GSS Units from the Vendor to the Purchaser, requiring an entry in the Register.
Tranche	The portion (lot) of GSS Units that are the subject of the Transaction.
Register	A digital dataset of the GSS CERT System, covering all aspects of the GSS Units.
Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - land (real estate) related plant or equipment, described by technical and commercial data, used to conduct the business to which the trade book relates; or - a group of technologically related technical devices connected to the land (real estate), described by technical and commercial data, located on the premises of one plant, to which the legal title is held by the same entity, or - a group of stationary technologically related technical facilities with legal title held by the same entity and located on the same site, structures that are not technical facilities or groups of technical facilities on which greenhouse gas sources or greenhouse gas sinks are located. - construction sites that are not technical facilities or assemblies thereof on which greenhouse gas sources or greenhouse gas sinks are located, or - areas related to soil, tree, plant, biomass, and timber management.

Project	An operation to achieve the stated goal of achieving GHG reduction and/or increasing removals and/or achieving GHG avoidance, as described in the PDD.
GSS Unit Type	<p>Designation within the GSS CERT System depending on the project and activity involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSS-red - a unit representing the reduction or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions • GSS-seq - a unit representing the uptake/removal of greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere by biological processes using natural processes • GSS-tec - a unit representing the absorption/removal of greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere by mechanical/chemical processes using technological solutions
Validation audit	A systematic, independent, and documented process for evaluating the GHG assertion in a GHG Project plan based on agreed upon validation criteria.
Validation	The process of confirming that the requirements of the GSS CERT System have been met for the Project.

Validator

The competent and independent person(s) responsible for conducting validation and reporting its results. This term is also used to refer to a validating entity. The Validator is subject to approval by the Administrator.

Verification Audit

A systematic, independent and documented process for evaluating a greenhouse gas assertion based on agreed verification criteria.

Verifier

The competent and independent person(s) responsible for performing verification and reporting its results. This term is also used to refer to a Verifier. A Verifier is subject to approval by the Administrator.

Auditor

Whenever the Regulations refer to the term "Auditor", it shall be construed to mean actions taken by the Validator or the Verifier.

Audit

Validation or Verification of the installation and documentation and verification that the installation meets the requirements of the System and verification of the number of GSS Units by the auditor.

**Surrender;
Retirement**

The irreversible action performed by the owner of a GSS Unit to mark the GSS Unit as irretrievably used; surrender can only be performed by the owner of the GSS Unit: for his/her own benefit or for the benefit of a third party designated by him/her. Surrender of a GSS Unit means that it may not be owned or traded.

Irregularity

Any act or omission concerning:

- use or submission of false, incorrect or incomplete documents,
- use or present false, inaccurate or incomplete statements or documents
- failure to disclose information available to the Participant or the Applicant,
- violations of applicable laws,
- improper performance of the Project as described in the PDD Documentation,
- violation of the participation agreement or the Regulations.

**Significant change
in Installation**

A change in the operation of the Installation leading to the loss of currency of the data contained in the PDD Documentation, including but not limited to:

- changes in the technology of operation of the Installation,
- modification of the technical parameters of the Installation,
- Legal and organisational changes on the part of the Participant, including in particular: transformation of the Participant's legal form, division of the enterprise, merger of enterprises, sale or lease of the enterprise, contribution of the enterprise in kind; this condition also includes other legal actions of similar nature or with similar effects,
- Changes in the entity that owns the Installation, regardless of the reason or legal basis for the change in ownership;
- Changes in administrative acts (acts issued by public administration authorities) related to the Installation or its operation, in particular such as:

concessions, permits, decisions on environmental or nature protection, or other similar documents affecting the operation of the Installation.

- Discontinue operation of enterprise or discontinue operation of the Installation.

**GSS Unit Warranty
/ GSS Unit
Replacement**

A procedure in which the GSS Administrator surrenders the GSS Units in its possession for its benefit as replacement for the other GSS Units, marking them as used.

**NDA;
Non-Disclosure
Agreement**

Agreement or agreements forming a contractual relationship with the Administrator, obliging to maintain the confidentiality of the information and data provided by the Administrator, as well as prohibiting the use of the information and data provided without the Administrator's knowledge and explicit consent. The Administrator may demand that a security for the proper performance of the contract be provided.

**Surrender
certificate; Retire
certificate**

Certificate in electronic form on the Platform, documenting the circumstances and data related to the fact of surrender of the GSS Unit. The certificate may be in graphical form in PDF format. The certificate shall provide access to at least the following information:

- date of surrender of GSS Units,
- quantity of GSS Units expressed in tons,
- beneficiaries of surrender,
- type of GSS units,

**Beneficiary of
surrendering;
Beneficiary of
retirement**

The entity for whose benefit the GSS Units were surrendered and who has the right to offset its own GHG emissions with GSS Units.

Conflict of Interest

It exists when the impartial and objective fulfilment of duties or powers within the GSS System, is threatened due to family considerations, emotional considerations, political sympathies or connections with any country, economic interest or any other direct or indirect personal interests of persons, responsible for conducting the affairs of the Administrator, Participant, User or any other entity using directly or indirectly the GSS System.

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