



The Qazaq Green Certification Program Qazaq Green Certificate

Qazaq Green Certification Program standard

Operational procedures and rules for using the Qazaq Green Certification Program Registry Version 1.0

1. These Operating Procedures and Rules govern the use of Registry of the Qazaq Green Certification Program (QGCP).
2. The terms in these Rules are applied in accordance with their definitions under ISO 14065 “Greenhouse gases. Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies used for accreditation or other forms of recognition” and ST RK ISO/IEC 17029-2020 “Conformity assessment. General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies”, including the following definitions:
 - Verification - the process of evaluating a statement containing factual data and information on greenhouse gases in order to determine the reliability of these data and the compliance of the submitted information on greenhouse gases with the verification criteria;
 - Certified Emission Reduction or Removal Unit (CQG) – a unit of greenhouse gas emission reduction or removal certified by a Qazaq Green certificate and equal to one ton of carbon dioxide equivalent. This term refers to a voluntary certification system for reducing emissions or removals of greenhouse gases and does not apply to carbon units subject to state regulation in the field of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases in accordance with Article 299 of the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
 - Validation body - an organization accredited by the QGCP and performing validation in accordance with the QGCP Standard;
 - Verification body - an organization accredited by the QGCP and performing verification in accordance with the QGCP Standard;
 - Cancellation - withdrawal from circulation of certified emission reduction or removal (CQG) units, carried out on the own initiative of their owner or QGCP Registry Administrator in case they are issued in violation of the requirements of the QGCP Standard and made on a separate special account of the QGCP Registry;
 - Report on greenhouse gases - a document designed to provide information on greenhouse gas emissions certified in accordance with the QGCP Standard;



- Redemption - the withdrawal from circulation of units of certified emission reductions or removals (CQG) by their owner in the QGCP Registry in order to confirm voluntary obligations to reduce or offset greenhouse gas emissions, carried out by placing them on a special sub-account;
 - Verification body - an organization accredited by the QGCP and performing verification in accordance with the QGCP Standard;
 - Greenhouse gas project - an activity or activities that change the baseline of greenhouse gas emissions and lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in greenhouse gas absorption/removal.
Activities may include technologies used to modify greenhouse gas baseline conditions;
 - developer (initiator) of the project - an individual or organization that exercises full control over the greenhouse gas project and is responsible for it.
3. The QGCP Registry is an electronic ledger for tracking registered QGCP greenhouse gas projects, the transaction for the issuance, transfer, redemption and/or cancellation of units of certified emission reductions or removals (CQG).
4. The administrator of the QGCP Register is the Qazaq Green RES Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association). The Association was established in 2018 to support the development of renewable energy sources in Kazakhstan, bringing together investors, developers, equipment manufacturers, international financial institutions and universities. On October 7, 2021, the association was renamed the RES Association “Qazaq Green” in order to promote the principles of a “green” economy and contribute to the achievement of carbon neutrality.
5. The use of the QGCP Registry is carried out by opening an account in it for users and conducting transactions on it.
6. The QGCP Registry Administrator has full access to user accounts, including the ability to view information, make changes, create and delete data.
7. The actions of the QGCP Registry Administrator on each account are recorded in the account records. If changes are made to these accounts, the QGCP Registry Administrator must also notify the respective account holder by email.
8. The Administrator of the QGCP Registry is obliged to notify account users by e-mail of all cases of unauthorized access to their accounts, threats to breach their security.
9. Based on user applications, the QGCP Registry Administrator opens an account. At the same time, in case of project registration, a subaccount is opened for each project.



10. The following documents are attached to the application for opening an account:

- a document confirming the status of the user (legal entity or individual entrepreneur);
- a document confirming the authority of the person appointed by the account manager;
- proof of payment for the use of the QGCP Registry.

11. The QGCP Registry Administrator generates a unique number for each opened account with the ability to distinguish types of sub-accounts.

12. If the account holder is a developer (initiator) of a greenhouse gas project, then a sub-account is opened for him after registration of the corresponding QGCP project and provides for the issuance of certified emission reduction or absorption units (CQG) for it. This type of sub-account is opened on the condition that the developer (initiator) passes the registration of the relevant greenhouse gas project in accordance with the requirements of the QGCP Standard.

13. Prior to opening a project sub-account for greenhouse gases, the corresponding project is registered in the QGCP Registry by filling out an application and uploading the following documents:

- project documentation for the project on greenhouse gases;
- Application for validation of a GHG project by a validation body accredited by the QGCP.

14. All user accounts in the registry have the functions of buyer/seller of CQG units.

15. Sub-accounts of the developers (initiators) of the GHG project are opened and maintained in the QGCP Registry on a fee basis in accordance with the tariffs set by the QGCP. The main account of the Registry user, including those with the function of sending/receiving CQG units, is opened with payment of an account opening fee and is serviced free of charge.

16. Closing of accounts is carried out by the account holder himself or by the QGCP Registry Administrator with the obligatory notification of the account holder without charging a fee for closing accounts.

17. Users of valid QGCP Registry accounts are required to comply with these Operational Procedures and the Qazaq Green Certification Program Registry Rules, as well as the terms and conditions accepted when opening accounts.

18. Projects registered in the QGCP Registry are entered on the basis of public access to information on them.

20. Public access to information on projects of the QGCP Registry is carried out through the publication of general data in tabular form, open to the public on the QGCP Internet resource.

21. Each user appoints one account manager to open a QGCP Registry account.



22. The account manager has full access to the respective user's account and may grant access to the respective account to other persons using a separate login and password. This access may be full or limited. All persons who have access to a QGCP Registry account must comply with the terms of use of it.

23. The QGCP Registry account must reflect its identification data (number and name).

24. CQG units appear on the user account of the QGCP Registry as a result of the following operations:

- their issuance by the Administrator of the QGCP Registry to the account of the developer (initiator) of the greenhouse gas project on the basis of verification of the corresponding volume of greenhouse gas emission reductions or greenhouse gas absorption;
- receiving them to a user's account from another QGCP Registry user's account.

25. To issue CQG units, the developer (initiator) of the greenhouse gas project provides the Administrator of the QGCP Registry with a report on greenhouse gases and a verification statement on it.

26. The QGCP Registry Administrator issues a CQG unit of greenhouse gas emission reductions or removals validated by a QGCP-accredited verification body.

27. Each CQG unit is assigned a unique serial number to identify the QGCP Registry, the current owner of the unit, the project registration number in the QGCP Registry, and its own unique unit number.

28. CQG units are removed from a QGCP Registry user's account as a result of the following operations:

- Withdrawal from circulation to pay off the voluntary obligations of the account holder, or in the interests of a third party;
- their transfer to the account of another user of the QGCP Registry (direct sale, or sale through a commodity exchange or ETP);
- their disposal by the account holder or the QGCP Registry Administrator in accordance with the requirements of the QGCP Standard.

29. Reports generated by the QGCP Registry for each individual account must include information about:

- all actions taken by the owner or the Administrator of the QGCP Registry;
- all sub-accounts of this account;
- CQG units that are or were on the account, its separate sub-accounts and operations performed with them with identification of the identification numbers of the respective units.