Summary of Changes to GGCS contracts, rules and fees

As usual, the Scheme is putting forward a fee proposal for the upcoming year.

Alongside this, we are proposing to update the Scheme Rules and will also be issuing a contract variation.

These changes are summarised and explained below. You can contact info@greengas.org.uk with questions.

Scheme Fees

Every year, we put forward a proposal to members setting out our fees for the following year.

- This year's proposal includes introducing a new fee category for imports and exports and increasing the existing fees.
- We are introducing the possibility of an Additional Administration Fee for producers who submit more than five production declarations during a year.

There are more details in the *Scheme Fees for 2027 v1.0* document.

Scheme Rules

GGCS publishes its Scheme Rules on its website: Scheme Rules – Governance – Green Gas Certification Scheme.

They are updated from time to time to clarify processes and obligations. Scheme members are required to follow the Rules under their letter agreement (contract) with the Scheme Administrator.

A marked-up version of the proposed version 5 of the Rules is being circulated. It explains why each change is being made with comments on each tracked change.

The reasons for proposing this update are as follows:

- To clarify that we can issue RGGOs for biogenic CO_2 produced alongside biomethane at anaerobic digestion plants.
- To describe and define the import and export process in the Rules (which is currently set out only in a guidance document).
- To update the description of the Scheme Fees.
- To reflect that fact that all Producer accounts have the the same functionality as Tradre account with regard to transfers and cancellations.
- To improve the clarity of several other clauses

Letter Agreements (member contracts)

All members will have signed a contract with the Scheme Administrator when joining GGCS. These contracts are varied from time to time to reflect the evolution of the Scheme, for example when we moved to a new IT provider in 2024.

We will be sending a variation (via an email exchange) that describes the import and export process and the applicable fees in a way that aligns with the proposed version 5 of the Scheme Rules and the fees to be published on our website.

Please note that our existing contracts with members do not require us to import or export RGGOs. Where these new terms are not agreed by 31 December 2026, we reserve the right not to carry out such imports or exports. Where there has been no progress with varying contracts by 15 December 2026, we may consider exercising our right to terminate members' contracts, and therefore their involvement with the Scheme, on three months' notice.

Website

Scheme Fees – Join – Green Gas Certification Scheme – our fees are always published on our website. We will update this page as soon as the consultation on our fee proposal closes at the end of November.

Timeline

October – publish our proposal to update the fees and Scheme Rules.

9 November – begin sending member emails giving notice of the variation to the letter agreement (not all members will receive this at the same time). Member can agree to the variation by reply to the email

18 November – hold a member meeting (Oversight Panel), where we will take questions and gather feedback on our proposals.

30 November – close the consultation process.

7 December – communicate the outcome of the consultation process and provide information on when the new fees and Rules will come into effect.

1 January – proposed date for the new fees and Rules to come into effect (subject to the consultation process).

Actions needed from Members

1) Take the time to read the fee proposal and the Scheme Rules update.

- The fee proposal will affect the fees you pay to the Scheme in 2027.
- The scheme rules are legal obligations on your company when participating in the Scheme.

2) Respond to the email you will receive in November about the letter agreement (contract) variation.

3) Provide any feedback during our Oversight Panel on 18 November or by email to info@greengas.org.uk.