

GPN-GL18 Purchasing Guidelines for Tradable Green Certificate

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These guidelines aims at promoting smooth purchasing of tradable green certificate as usage by providing information about the certificate and issuers, including their characteristics and services, to organizations that intend to purchase tradable green certificate for the purpose of stopping global warming and promoting renewable energy.

These guidelines consist of a set of guidelines, detail description of the guidelines, instruction for use of tradable green certificate (Appendix), and explanation of registration information posted on “Eco-products Net”, which is an online database of environmentally friendly products and services.

1. Scope

These guidelines cover issuers of tradable green certificate that have green power generating facilities certified by the Green Energy Certification Center of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (Green Power), as well as tradable green certificate put in writing based on the certified amount of power.

Following five powers shall be covered by the certificate: photovoltaic power, wind power, biomass power, hydraulic power, and geothermal power based on “Certification Criteria for Tradable Green Certificate” by the Green Energy Certification Center.

2. Guidelines

When purchasing tradable green certificate, “Instruction for Use of Tradable Green Certificate” (Appendix) shall be referred for purchasing and using the certificate, and following two articles shall be considered.

- (1) To consider equitability, transparency, reliability, and consumer protection for transaction of certificate, and then chose an issuer of certificate as usage.
- (2) To describe environmental values of purchased tradable green certificate in an appropriate manner.

*These guidelines are subject to change in accordance with new findings and changes in social conditions.

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