



# NZECS Rule

# Changes: Electricity

# Decision Paper

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. Proposed Rule Changes

On 9 July 2024 BraveTrace released a Consultation Paper on proposed changes to the electricity NZECS Rules (Proposed Rule Changes), version 3.1. The Consultation Paper also served as our formal notification under the System User Agreements of our intention to change the electricity NZECS Rules.

The Proposed Rule Changes are summarised below:

- Included definitions of key terms used within the NZECS Rules
- Specified that the NZECS Rules apply to electricity certification (to distinguish from our separate NZECS Rules for renewable gas).
- References to certificates have been changed to New Zealand Energy Certificates (NZ-ECs).
- References to Users have been updated to Energy Users.
- Clarified that the official supply mix for each Energy User is communicated to the Participant that registered them.
- Clarified that the NZBCI (the New Zealand issuing agent for the NZECS) makes no warranty that NZ-ECs are fit, or qualify, for use in any system other than the NZECS.
- Updated Figure 1, that describes The NZECS Production Year.
- Clarified the process and requirements for BraveTrace to undertake a Production Device site visit.
- Added that the NZECS may source data on the output of Production Devices from a reputable third-party provider other than the Electricity Authority.
- Removed the restriction that an energy consumer may only be registered as an Energy User by one Participant and added a requirement that the sites to be registered must not be duplicated.
- Clarified that NZ-ECs may only be transferred between Account Holders via the NZECS Registry.

## 1.2. Purpose of this Decision Paper

The purpose of this Decision Paper is to:

- inform you that we received no feedback on the Consultation Paper,
- describe our decision relating to the Proposed Rule Changes, and
- confirm when the Rule changes will go-live.

## 2. RULE CHANGE DECISION

We thank those parties that reviewed the Consultation Paper and considered the Proposed Rule Changes.

We did not receive any feedback on the Consultation Paper. This implies that:

- the Proposed Rule Changes were considered by NZECS Users as being relatively minor in nature; and
- there was either agreement or, at the very least no disagreement, amongst NZECS Users that the proposed Rule Changes should proceed.

Consequently, we have decided to make the Rule Changes as proposed.

## 3. NZECS RULES VERSION 3.1 GO-LIVE

Included with this Decision Paper is an updated version of the NZECS Rules, version 3.1. This version of the NZECS Rules will go-live on Friday 9 August 2024 as indicated in the Consultation Paper.

Version 3.1 of the NZECS Rules will be published on the BraveTrace website on Friday 9 August 2024.