

### **Changes per 01-01-2023 (release 1)**

Throughout the main text and appendices, minor adjustments have been made to improve readability, such as:

- The consistent use of terminology that is in line with European regulation: for example, 'national grid' instead of 'GTS network'; 'distribution system operator' instead of 'distribution network operator'; 'interconnection points' instead of 'border points';
- Inserting or deleting words to make sentences flow better;
- Consistently writing words with a capital letter or small letter;
- Clarifying written numbers by adding the numerical value (example: one (1) clock hour)

These amendments do not affect the content of the provisions and are not explained separately below.

### **Main text**

- On page 2, the names of the appendices have been adjusted so that they correspond to the current titles of the appendices on the GTS website.
- Article 1.2 has been updated to reflect the most recent version of the ISO standard. The designation for "billion" has been removed because it does not appear in the TSC.
- Article 1.3 (Definitions) clarifies the origin of the definitions used:
  - o Definitions that are ***italicized and bold*** and that do not indicate the code and paragraph from which they originate, are derived from the Definitions Code
  - o Definitions that are ***italicized and bold***, and which indicate the origin, are derived from the Dutch Gas Act or European regulation such as the Gas Regulation, Gas Directive or the network codes based on them (NC BAL, INT, TAR and CAM)
  - o Definitions only in *italics* are defined in the TSC
- In Article 1.3 the definition of 'connection' has been adjusted so that it corresponds to the definition from the Definitions Code.
- In Article 1.3, the definition of 'contract data sheet' is clarified by indicating that the contract data sheet can come from PRISMA or from GTS, depending on the method of contracting.
- In Article 1.3 the definition of 'contract period' has been adjusted. It stated that the start time of a contract period is always 6am, but this is not necessarily the case with within-day contracts. Therefore, the 6:00 AM start time has now been removed from the definition.
- In Article 1.3, the definition 'user category' has been replaced by 'customer category'. 'User category' was a definition established by GTS that does not appear further in the codes, while 'customer category' is a definition from the Definitions Code. It has been decided to adhere to the definition from the Definitions Code. This has also been implemented in appendix 5 and 6.
- In Article 1.3, the definition of 'end date' has been clarified.
- In Article 1.3, the definition of EURIBOR clarifies how the EURIBOR is applied when calculating interest.
- In Article 1.3, the term 'aansluitovereenkomst' as translation for GCA has been deleted as this is not the correct terminology to use for GCA.  
In the definition of the Grid Connection Agreement, the term 'end user' has been replaced by 'connected party'. The reason for this is that 'end user' does not include the storages and entry points (for which a GCA is also applicable), while 'connected party' does.
- In Article 1.3 the definition of 'interruptible' has been adjusted so that the text is identical to the Definitions Code. The previous text was correct, but was not a direct translation of 'interruptible' as stated in the code.

- In Article 1.3 a definition of 'Linepack Flexibility Service' is included. There is no separate definition of this service in the NC BAL, but only a description of this service is included. To avoid ambiguity, we propose to add this definition.
- In Article 1.3 the definition of 'OBA' has been adjusted: 'agreement' has been changed to 'account' to bring this in line with the Definitions Code. In addition, a reference has been made to the Injection Code Gas, which recently included a provision about the OBA.
- A definition of 'sanctions' is included in Article 1.3. This is in addition to the article on sanctions, which is proposed in Article 6.A.16.
- In Article 1.3, the terms 'shoulder month', 'summer month' and 'winter month' have been removed, because these terms are no longer used since the introduction of the NC TAR tariff structure.
- In Article 1.3, a reference to CAM NC has been included in the definition of 'single sided nomination', in order to distinguish the single sided nomination referred to here from the single sided nominations that can be submitted by exchanges.
- In Article 1.3, in the definitions of 'TTF' and 'TTFB' it is clarified that this concerns the transfer of the title of the gas, not the gas itself.
- In Article 1.3, in the definition of 'transmission services', the reference to TAR NC has been included in the text itself, rather than in the footnote, to align this with how the TSC refers to network codes.
- In article 1.3, the definition of 'Wobbe label' has been removed because it does not (any longer) appear in the TSC. In appendix 2a and 2b the Wobbe minimum and the Wobbe maximum are still mentioned.
- In Article 1.3, the definition of 'year' has been removed and replaced by 'yearly'. The previous definition of 'year' stated that a year always runs from January 1 to January 1, while there are also annual contracts that do not start on January 1. It has been decided to only define the term 'yearly' in the TSC, in order to link up with CAM NC, where a gas year is defined. The term 'year' occurs often in the TSC, but is not italicized so that it is clear that in those cases it does not concern a gas year in the sense of NC CAM, but a period of 365 days (as for instance in article 6.A.12: 'once a year, shipper can ...' ).
- Article 2.2.5 has been newly added to explain which procedures apply if PRISMA is not available.
- In Article 2.9, 'release date' has been replaced by 'publication date' to align this with the information that GTS publishes on the website, and a reference to the website has been added.
- The first sentence of article 2.12.1 has been reformulated to indicate that the TTF registration is part of the shipper license and does not have to be contracted separately.
- Article 2.12.2 clarifies that a gas exchange operator or clearing party has a license C.
- Article 2.12.3 has been intentionally deleted because this article was outdated. The TTF registration is an integral part of all licenses, as stated in article 2.12.1.
- In article 3.2 it has been added that this article also applies to an ewex (AMEX). This is existing practice and also follows from the Transport Code.
- In Article 4.B.2 the term 'such range' has been replaced by an explanation of what that range consists of.
- In Articles 4.B.8 and 4.B.9 some phrases have been added for clarification.
- In chapter 5 the references to the Tariff Code Gas has been adjusted, because this code has been renumbered after a code change.
- In article 5.12.1 it has been clarified that the amounts chargeable are rounded to two decimal places, in line with current practice.
- In Article 5.12.5, the interest is rounded to four decimal places. This is also in line with current practice.

- In Article 6.A.9 under (b) a phrase has been added to align the TSC with Article 3.3.4.1 of the Transmission Code Gas. This addition makes it clear that in the event that the withdrawal of a license is suspended in accordance with Article 3.3.4.1 Transport Code, there is reason to terminate the agreement or to suspend fulfilling obligations under an agreement in accordance with Article 6.A.9 of the TSC.
- Article 6.A.10 is clarified to state that, in the event of Article 6.A.9 (a) or (b), 'part of all of the services' may be suspended or terminated. It is further specified that in this article 'business days' are meant.
- The first part of Article 6.A.11 has been cut into shorter sentences and restructured to make this article understandable. The content of the article has not changed.
- Article 6.A.16 has been added. This article contains provisions on the applicability of sanction regulations to the services provided by GTS. GTS is legally obliged to comply with sanction regulations imposed by the Netherlands, the European Union and the United Nations. This has always been the case, but GTS had no specific arrangement of the subject matter in her general terms and conditions. The recent geopolitical issues and changing market circumstances made it important to add such provisions in the TSC.
- In Article 8.4, 'negligence' has been changed to 'fault' in order to better align with the official Dutch text from the Civil Code.

## **Appendices**

### Appendix 1:

- The following network points have been added:
  - o 301571 Emden (Knock)
  - o 301574 Eemshaven (Eems Energy Terminal)
  - o 301575 Rotterdam (Euroloop B.V.)
  - o 301576 VIP-BENE-L

Appendix 2a: no proposed changes

Appendix 2b: no proposed changes

Appendix 3: no proposed changes

Appendix 4: no proposed changes

### Appendix 5:

- In Article 1.3 a reference to Article 1.2 is included for clarification.
- In Article 2.3, the reference to the allocation role 'no allocation' has been removed. This allocation role no longer exists in the Allocation Code, nor is it an allocation role that shippers can choose (it is only an administrative registration by GTS).
- In Article 3.3, a reference to Articles 3.1 and 3.2 is included for clarification.
- In Article 4.8 the network point of Eems Energy Terminal has been added as a point at which GTS has agreed with the NNO to apply the Producer Prevails Matching Rule.
- In Article 5.7, a reference to Articles 5.1 to 5.6 is included for clarification.

### Appendix 6:

- In Article 2, the sentence 'procedures laid down in these articles apply' has been removed. The Allocation Code applies to the whole allocation process. Furthermore, Article 2 has been clarified by replacing 'creation date' with 'receiving the request' to clarify when the two-day period starts.
- In Article 3, part of the text (concerning the procedure when the allocation is performed by a third party) has been removed, because this is information that is included in the GCA and is stated in Article 4.a.3.1 of the Allocation Code.
- In Article 5 a reference has been added to the provision about the OBA recently included in the Allocation Code. Also, the phrase stating that only interruptions caused by operational constraints could be allocated to the OBA has been removed, as this is a curtailment of the provision recently included in the Allocation Code regarding the OBA.

Appendix 7: this appendix is intentionally deleted since 01-01-2022

Appendix 8: this appendix is intentionally deleted since 01-01-2022

Appendix 9: no proposed changes

Appendix 10:

- In Article 1 a sentence has been removed stating that the website is referred to for a description of the online transport information, because such a description is not on the website. All online transport information can be found in appendix 10 of the TSC.
- In Chapter 4, Article 2, a sentence has been added to clarify that GTS aims to appoint a minimum number of B2B certificate holders per shipper. In Articles 2 and 4, the term 'nominate' has been replaced by 'appoint' in order to avoid confusion with the nomination process.