

## **Supplier Verification Notice**

# Important information regarding the EPREL platform verification process is needed.

This notice aims to inform all suppliers using the EPREL platform about **two critical updates** related to supplier verification and product registration:

#### 1. Mandatory Verification from October 22, 2024:

- Starting **October 22, 2024**, verification became mandatory for all suppliers on the EPREL platform.
- This means unverified suppliers can no longer register new products.
- Additionally, the existing products on EPREL by unverified suppliers do not appear on the EPREL database and are considered not legally placed on the market.

## 2. Transition to NTR Identity Type Reference:

- In Ireland, the NTR is the Companies Registration Office Ireland (CRO).
- **Until April 22, 2025,** registration using a non-NTR (National Trade Register) identity type reference, such as a VAT number, will be tolerated.
- However, new suppliers must register using NTR starting from that date.
- **By April 22, 2027,** all suppliers on the platform must use NTR identity type reference.
- Suppliers that are natural persons will need a qualified electronic signature and evidence of establishment within the Union.

### **Verification Process and Support:**

- The EPREL platform offers an electronic verification process where suppliers can obtain a **Qualified Electronic Seal**.
- Suppliers can either acquire their seal or utilize the platform's verification process.
- A detailed guide on the verification process is available on the European Commission website: <a href="https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2022-11/Suppliers%20Verification%20Guide.pdf">https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2022-11/Suppliers%20Verification%20Guide.pdf</a>
- For assistance or inquiries related to EPREL registration, verification, or the platform itself, please contact **ENER-EPREL-HELPDESK@ec.europa.eu**

#### **Taking action:**

- Verify your identity **before October 22, 2024**, to avoid disruption in product registration.
- If you are a new supplier, ensure you register using NTR from April 22, 2025.
- Familiarize yourself with the verification process and resources available.

Complying with these updates ensures correct product registration and avoids potential legal issues.

For further information, please contact MSA@seai.ie