Unofficial Translation*

Regulation of the Board of Directors of Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization re: criteria for considering the registration of validation and verification bodies for voluntary projects, B.E. 2568 (2025)

Whereas it is expedient to prescribe criteria, procedures, and conditions regarding the consideration of the registration of validation and verification bodies for voluntary projects (VVB).

By virtue of the provisions of section 24 (4) of the Public Organizations Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), as amended by the Public Organizations Act (No. 2), B.E. 2559 (2016) together with sections 20 (2), and 45/2 of the Royal Decree Establishing the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization), B.E. 2550 (2007), as amended by the Royal Decree Establishing the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization) (No. 2), B.E. 2562 (2019), as well as the decision made at the 2/2025 meeting of the Board of Directors of Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization on 24 February 2025, the Board of Directors hereby issues the regulation as follows:

Clause 1. This Regulation is called the "Regulation of the Board of Directors of Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization re: criteria for considering the registration of validation and verification bodies for voluntary projects B.E. 2568 (2025)."

Clause 2. This Regulation comes into force from 1 October 2025 onwards.

Clause 3. To repeal Clause 6 (1) and Chapter 1, section 1 of Regulation of the Board of Directors of Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization re: criteria for considering the registration of validation and verification bodies B.E. 2564 (2021).

Clause 4. In this Regulation:

"Voluntary Project" means the projects that project participants intend to participate on a voluntary basis to reduce greenhouse gas emissions according to Thai standards (Thailand Voluntary Emission Reduction Program: T-VER)

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"Validation and Verification Bodies for Voluntary Projects" means a juristic person registered by the Board of Directors as the validation and verification body for voluntary projects, according to this regulation, to perform validation of voluntary projects and verification of the amounts of greenhouse gases from voluntary projects;

"Validator and verifier of the amounts of greenhouse gases" means a person assigned by the Validation and Verification bodies for Voluntary Projects to perform validation and verification of the amounts of greenhouse gases from voluntary projects;

"Accreditation" means a process to officially certify that a validation and verification body of greenhouse gas emissions is capable to perform validation and verification of greenhouse gas emissions at a project level in accordance with ISO 14064-2 or with the requirements of accreditation program;

"Greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies" means verification and validation bodies that have been accredited for greenhouse gas validation and verification services, and have undergone assessment demonstrating compliance with the criteria, methods, and conditions as prescribed by the National Standardization Council of Thailand, and have been granted a system accreditation certificate by the National Standardization Council of Thailand;

"Organization" means the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization);

"Board" means the Boards of Directors of the Organization;

"Subcommittee" means a subcommittee on review of greenhouse gas reduction projects and activities established by the Board of Directors;

"Executive Director" means the director of the Organization;

Clause 5. The Executive Director shall have a charge and control of the execution of this regulation.

In case of a problem regarding the implementation of this regulation, the Executive Director shall have the power to interpret and decide under this regulation. The decision of the Executive Director shall be deemed final.

Chapter 1

Qualifications and supporting evidence for registration request

Clause 6. An entity eligible to submit a request to register as a verification and validation body for voluntary projects shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) Be a juristic person registered in Thailand. A foreign juristic person must obtain a license to conduct business under the law on foreign business operations, and shall have one of the following qualifications.
 - (a) Be a juristic person that is a Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
 - (b) Be a juristic person that has been accredited according to ISO 14065 from a foreign accreditation body which is a member of the International Accreditation Forum.
 - (c) Be a juristic person that has been accredited as a Greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies by the National Standardization Council of Thailand.
- (2) An entity eligible to submit a registration request under (1) must not have their certificate or license suspended or revoked or be in the process of having the certificate of registration suspended or revoked under this Regulation.
- (3) Be a juristic person who has officers assigned to be registered as validators and verifiers of greenhouse gas emissions who have completed a training program for verification and validation body for voluntary projects that is recognized by the Organization or have completed other training program(s) as specified by the Organization.
- Clause 7. An entity eligible to submit a request according to Clause 8 shall submit an application to register as a verification and validation body for voluntary projects, together with the following relevant documents and supporting evidence to the Organization through the electronic channels provided by the Organization.
- (1) Application form for the request to register as a verification and validation body for voluntary projects;
- (2) A copy of the juristic person's memorandum of association and the certificate of registration of a juristic person, according to the type of juristic person, or a copy of the Business License under the foreign businesses law;
- (3) A Copy of the certification or license issued by the National Standardization Council of Thailand, or a copy of the certification or license under the mechanisms of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) or a copy of the accreditation

certificate according to ISO 14065 from an accreditation body or other documents demonstrating certification results from the accreditation Body;

(4) Organizational structure documents and a document with the list of the names and backgrounds of the officers who will act as validators and verifiers of greenhouse gas emission according to the sectors and the scope of operation the entity has been accredited or authorized;

(5) Supporting evidence demonstrating that the officers to be assigned as validators and verifiers of greenhouse gas emissions have successfully completed at least 1 training program for verification and validation body for voluntary projects which is recognized by the Organization (with a training period of at least 30 hours), or other training program(s) as specified by the Organization;

In the case where officers to be assigned as validators or verifiers under a validation and verification body have prior experience serving as a lead validator or lead verifier for voluntary projects under a validation and verification body accredited prior to the entry into force of this Regulation, the applicant shall submit documents or supporting evidence demonstrating such experience in no fewer than five (5) instances. In addition, the applicant shall provide official documentation issued by the respective validation and verification body confirming such experience as a lead validator or lead verifier.

Chapter 2

Requesting and considering of registration requests

Clause 8. The Organization shall review the request, documents and relevant evidence. In case where the request, documents or any evidence are incomplete, or contain incorrect information, completely or partially, or show any contradiction to the law, the Organization shall notify the applicant within fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the application and request the applicant to resubmit the application with documents and evidence within fifteen working days from the date of notification. If the Organization considers that the resubmitted application, documents and evidence are correct and complete in all respects, the date of resubmission shall be considered the date the application is received by the Organization.

If the applicant fails to resubmit the application, documents and evidence within the specified timeframe, the Organization has the right to cancel the request and dispose of it off the consideration process.

Clause 9. The Board shall consider the registration of validation and verification body for voluntary projects based on the submitted documents and relevant evidence within sixty working days from the date on which the Organization receives the complete application with documents and relevant evidence. The date on which the Board approves the application shall be deemed the official date of registration of the validation and verification body for voluntary projects.

In the case where the Board require clarifications, provide comments, or prescribe conditions concerning any aspect of the proceedings, the Board shall assign the Organization to notify the applicant to take appropriate action in accordance with the Board's comments, provide the required clarification, or comply with the prescribed conditions. The applicant shall inform the Organization of the action taken within the period specified by the Board. If the applicant fails to act in accordance with the Board's comments, provide the required clarification, or comply with the conditions prescribed by the Board, the Organization shall submit the matter to the Board for consideration of the cancellation of the registration request.

In the event that the Board approves the registration of a validation and verification body for voluntary projects, the Organization shall notify the applicant of the registration of validation and verification body for voluntary projects within three working days from the date on which the Board approves the registration of validation and verification body for voluntary projects, and issue a certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects within twenty working days from the date on which the decision of the registration of validation and verification body for voluntary projects is finalized. The Organization shall publish the list of the registered entities and the scope of their registration, along with the contact details of the coordinators.

A certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall be valid for a period of three years, commencing from the date on which the Board approves the registration of validation and verification body for voluntary projects.

In the event that the Board denies the registration of a validation and verification body for voluntary projects, the Organization shall notify the applicant of the result within three working days from the date on which the decision is finalized. If the applicant disagrees with the result, the applicant shall file an appeal to the Board within thirty days from the date of receipt of the notification from the Organization.

In the event when a juristic person registered as a validation and verification body for voluntary projects under this regulation ceases to have a status of a juristic person under the civil and commercial law, or is considered bankrupt according to the bankruptcy law, it shall be considered that the registered status of that juristic person as a validation and verification body for voluntary projects also terminates.

In regard to collecting, using, disclosing, destroying and storing information or documents of an applicant submitting a request for registration as a validation and verification body for voluntary projects according to this regulation, the Organization shall proceed in accordance with the law on Personal Data Protection as well as the Organization's announcements in relation to policies and practices for personal information protection.

Chapter 3

Renewal and transfer of a certificate of a certificate of the registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects

Clause 10. Any person who has registered as a validation and verification body for voluntary projects and intends to renew the certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall submit a request along with relevant documents and evidence to the Organization within one hundred and eighty days but no less than sixty days before the certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects expires.

The validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall submit the request, documents, and relevant evidence, as specified in Clause 7, to the Organization for submission to the Board for consideration of the renewal of the certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects.

In the event that a validation and verification body for voluntary projects has already submitted a request for the renewal of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects to the Organization, the existing certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall remain valid during the period of

consideration by the Board, but only with respect to the scope registered under the existing certificate, until a notification of the decision not to renew the certificate is issued.

The renewal of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall be granted for a period not exceeding three years from the expiration date of the existing certificate or the renewed certificate, as applicable.

The applicant for renewal of certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects must not be under suspension or revocation of the issued certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects.

The provisions of Chapter 2 shall be applied mutatis mutandis to the consideration of the renewal application.

Clause 11. In the event that a validation and verification body for voluntary projects transfers its certificate of registration to another party, the transferee must satisfy the qualifications and be free from any disqualifying characteristics as specified in Clause 6. The transferee must also submit a request along with the relevant documents and evidence as outlined in Clause 7.

The provisions of Chapter 2 shall be applied mutatis mutandis to the consideration of the transfer of a certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects.

The Organization shall issue a certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects for the transferee, according to the scope registered under the existing certificate. The newly issued certificate shall remain valid for the duration stipulated in the existing certificate of registration for the validation and verification body for voluntary projects.

Chapter 4

Duties of registered entities

Clause 12. A validation and verification body for voluntary projects who has been registered in accordance with this regulation is required to perform the duties and comply to the reporting requirement to the Organization as follows.

(1) If a validation and verification body for voluntary projects is suspended or has certificate or license revoked by an accreditation body, or ceases to operate as a validation and verification body, such entity shall notify the Organization within thirty days from the date

of suspension or revocation of the certificate or the license, or the date of cessation of operation as a validation and verification body, depending on a specific case.

- (2) If a validation and verification body has received a renewal of a certificate or accreditation license from an accreditation body, such an entity shall notify the Organization within thirty days from the date of renewal. During the period awaiting issuance of the renewed certificate, the validation and verification body may continue to operate within the scope registered under the existing certificate until a notification of the decision not to renew the certificate is issued.
- (3) If a validation and verification body has no intention to renew the certificate or the accreditation license from an accreditation body, such an entity shall notify the Organization within thirty days from the date of certificate or license expiration.
- (4) A validation and verification body for voluntary projects has the duty to perform validation for voluntary projects, to perform verification of the amounts of greenhouse gas emissions of voluntary projects, and to prepare validation reports for voluntary projects or verification reports of the amounts of greenhouse gas emissions for voluntary projects, in accordance with the criteria and standards accepted by the Organization.

In the event that the Organization identifies any errors following the validation and verification of greenhouse gas emissions of a voluntary project, the validation and verification body shall fully cooperate and ensure that all necessary corrective measures are implemented within the timeframe specified by the Organization.

(5) In the event that a validation and verification body for voluntary projects is granted an expansion or reduction of the scope of accreditation, a validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall notify the Organization in writing and submit the relevant evidence within thirty days form the date of receipt of the notification of such expansion or reduction. Upon receipt of the notification, the Organization shall consider issuing a new certificate of registration to the validation and verification body for voluntary projects, which shall remain valid for the period specified in the existing certificate.

Clause 13. In the event that any change relating to the operations of the validation and verification body for voluntary projects as specified below, the validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall have the duty to notify the Organization in writing within thirty days from the date on which the change occurs:

- (1) Change in legal status;
- (2) Change in the name of the entity;
- (3) Change in the address or location of the entity's office;

(4) Change in the coordinator or the coordinator's contact information

If any change affects the particulars specified in the certificate of registration, the Organization shall submit the matter to the Board for acknowledgment and shall issue a new certificate of registration, which shall remain valid for the period specified in the existing certificate.

Chapter 5

Suspension or revocation of registration and Appeal

Clause 14. The Board has the power to suspend the registration when it appears that a validation and verification body for voluntary projects:

- (1) Prepares a validation report of a voluntary project or a verification report of greenhouse gas emissions of a voluntary project with negligence which causes the result of the assessment to be materially inaccurate or lack credibility that may cause damage to a third party or the Organization.
- (2) Fails to comply with the rules prescribed under Clause 12 and has been warned by the Organization but fails to implement corrective action within the period specified by the Organization, or has been warned by the Organization on the same issue.
 - (3) Fails to notify the Organization of the reduction in the scope of accreditation.

A suspension order of the registration of the validation and verification body for voluntary projects shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days each time but shall not exceed the remaining period of the validity of the registration certificate of that entity.

Upon the issuance of a suspension order by the Board, the Organization shall notify external parties from the date of issuance of a suspension order by the Board until such suspension is lifted.

Clause 15. The Board has the power to revoke the registration when it appears that a validation and verification body for voluntary projects:

- (1) Intentionally falsifies a validation report of a voluntary project or a verification report of greenhouse gas emissions of a voluntary project;
 - (2) Lacks qualifications under Clause 6;

- (3) Fails to comply with the prescriptions under Clause 12, and the Board has previously issued a suspension order for registration with specified period for corrective actions which the entity fails to comply within the period prescribed by the Board;
- (4) Has previously been suspended according to Clause 14 and has repeated such violations within one year from the date of issuance of a suspension order by the Board.
- (5) Offers, promises, or agrees to provide money, property, or any other benefit to the project participant in exchange for issuing validation or verification results improperly.
- (6) Receives, agrees to receive, or accepts money, property, or any other benefit for oneself or others in exchange for issuing validation or verification results improperly.

Clause 16. In the event that the Organization identifies issues as specified in the Clause 14 or Clause 15, the Organization shall notify a validation and verification body for voluntary projects, requiring the rectification of such issues or the implementation of corrective actions within a period specified by the Organization, which shall not be less than fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the notification. If a validation and verification body for voluntary projects fails to make the necessary corrections or take corrective actions within the period specified by the Organization, the Organization shall submit the matter to the Board for consideration of the suspension or revocation of the registration certificate of that entity.

Before issuing an order to suspend or revoke the registration, the Board may request a validation and verification body for voluntary projects to provide a letter of clarification or to take corrective action within a reasonable time period which shall not exceed thirty days. If the a validation and verification body for voluntary projects refuses to provide clarification or fails to comply with the order of the Board, the Organization shall propose to the Board to immediately suspend or revoke the registration.

Clause 17. The entity whose registration has been suspended or revoked has the right to appeal in writing to the Board within thirty working days from the date of receipt of a notification letter from the Organization.

The Board shall complete the consideration of the appeal under paragraph one within thirty days and notify the appellant of the result. During the consideration of the appeal, the order to suspend or revoke the registration shall still remain in effect during the consideration of the Board.

Clause 18. A validation and verification body for voluntary projects whose registration has been revoked by the Board shall not be able to submit a registration for a period of two years.

Chapter 6

Use of the T-VER Program Mark by validation and verification body for voluntary projects

Clause 19. A registered validation and verification body for voluntary projects has the right to use the T-VER Program mark in accordance with the following criteria and conditions.

- (1) The T-VER Program mark must be displayed with the letters, colors, and design as specified by the Organization in the attachment documentation.
- (2) The T-VER Program mark may only be displayed on documents or other media for promotional purposes within the scope of the entity's operations, and solely for those activities for which the entity has been granted the right to use the T-VER Program mark. In this regard, the T-VER Program mark shall not be used or communicated in a manner that could cause any misinterpretation of its essential meaning or result in damage to the reputation of the Organization.
- (3) The T-VER Program mark must not be displayed as part of a trade name, trademark, service mark, certification mark, logo, or any copyrighted design on media disseminated by the entity authorized to use the mark.
- (4) The Project Mark shall not be transferred, sublicensed, or granted to any third party for use, nor shall the rights associated with the Project Mark be assigned or sold by those entitled to its use under the Organization's authorization.
- (5) Any additional criteria or conditions as specified by the Organization, with the approval of the Board.
- Clause 22. The right to use the T-VER Program mark shall remain in effect for the duration of the certificate of registration as validation and verification body for voluntary projects, unless the certificate is renewed.

Upon the expiration of the certificate of registration as a validation and verification body for voluntary projects, the entity shall lose the right to use the T-VER Program mark, distribute publications, or any documents bearing the T-VER Program mark immediately.

Clause 21. A validation and verification body for voluntary projects, whose registration has been revoked, shall immediately cease the use and distribution of any printed materials or documents bearing the T-VER Program mark.

Chapter 7

Registration fee for validation and verification bodies

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The Board may announce an adjustment of the fee, or a waiver of fee as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Transitional chapter

Clause 23. Any validation and verification body for voluntary projects that have been registered prior to the effective date of this Regulation shall remain registered validation and verification body for voluntary projects in accordance with this Regulation until the end of the registration period as specified in the certificate.

Clause 24. Any request submitted under the Regulation of the Board of Directors of Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization regarding criteria for considering the registration of validation and verification bodies for voluntary projects, B.E. 2564 (2021) and pending consideration by the Organization shall be considered as a request under this Regulation, mutatis mutandis. If any such request contains discrepancies or inconsistencies with the requirements under this Regulation, the Organization shall order the applicant to amend or supplement the application as necessary to ensure compliance with this Regulation.

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