
SURVEY

on the Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits Projects

REPORTING COUNTRY INFORMATION**CZE-EGAP-SURVEY-MAR-09**Reporting Country Reporting Institution Submission Date Version number **I GENERAL PRINCIPLES****Objectives**

- 1 In general, please describe the policies and practices that you have established to support the objectives of the Recommendation.

Implementation of the revised Recommendation had been prepared in the Export Guarantee and Insurance Corporation (EGAP); internal procedures were updated, an updated questionnaire is to be answered by every exporter requesting insurance cover. Relevant General Insurance conditions describe in a detail what should be done. There are external certified experts for preparation of EIAs and other environmental evaluations. In screening, EGAP is willing to pay for certified experts decisions for categorization into A or B. EGAP's website contains full information procedures of the insurer in this respect.

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II SCREENING AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROJECTS

Exemptions

2 Are all applications screened?

Yes

Information requirements

3 What information is required for the screening process?

Separate environmental questionnaire

Please provide details of information required.

basis information, input and output information, availability of an EIA, project location, cumulation with other projects, flow sheet

Responsibilities

4 Who is responsible for providing the information required to screen applications?

Applicant (in most cases)

Any other comments.

5 Who within your Export Credit Agency (ECA) is responsible for screening applications?

ECA Consultant

Timing

6 At what stage does screening occur in the risk assessment process?

When applying for insurance cover, an applicant is obligated to fill-in an environmental questionnaire.

Scope and criteria of screening

7 Please provide details of how the screening process considers, where appropriate, operational links with associated operations.

All operational links with associated operations are considered.

8 Please specify any particular practices followed in screening applications in cases of:

a) Co-insurance/co-finance with other ECAs or International Financial Institutions (IFIs).

Would rely on screening by other ECAs or IFIs

Any other comments.

b) Re-insurance as lead ECA.

Would always conduct own screening

Any other comments.

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c) Re-insurance as re-insurer.

Would rely on screening by lead ECA

Any other comments.

Scope and criteria of screening

9 What procedures and practices do you have in place to help identify exports of capital goods and services to existing operations[1]?

Application of questions from the environmental questionnaire, comparative international standards and BREF, additional questions to environmental questionnaire.

New projects

10 What procedures and practices do you have in place to help identify exports of capital goods and services to projects[2]?

Application of questions from the environmental questionnaire, comparative international standards and BREF, additional questions to environmental questionnaire.

Other exports

11 How do you screen exports of capital goods and services that are neither to existing operations nor to projects?

Application of approaches from Recommendation, international and relevant national criteria from EIA legislative standards

Classification system

12 Does your classification system vary from that of the Recommendation?

No

Scope of classification

13 Do you classify exports of capital goods and services

a) that are to existing operations?

Yes

Please provide details.

In most cases such export is classified as a C category project.

b) that are neither to existing operations nor to projects?

Yes

Please provide details.

All projects in respect of which our share is above SDR 10 million are classified.

14 In what circumstances do you classify projects in respect of which your share is below SDR 10 million?

When the project may have a negativer influence - e.g. Poisonous substances are used in the production process.

Responsibilities for classification

15 Who is responsible for the classification of projects?

ECA Consultant

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III ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Information requirements

- 16 Do your procedures prescribe the type of information necessary for the review process, or are projects reviewed on a case-by-case basis? Please provide details.

Prescribed procedures

Please provide details.

cat. A - EIA, cat. B - "small" EIA required

Responsibilities

- 17 Who is responsible for providing the information required to review projects?

Applicant (in most cases)

- 18 Who within your ECA is responsible for reviewing projects?

Underwriter (always)

Scope and criteria

- 19 Please provide details of how your review process considers, where appropriate, operational links with associated operations.

Based on data from environmental questionnaire and additional sources

- 20 Please specify any particular practices followed in reviewing projects in cases of:

- a) Co-insurance/co-finance with other ECAs, IFIs or your Development Agency.

Would rely on review carried out by other ECAs, IFIs or Development Agency

Any other comments.

- b) Re-insurance as lead ECA.

Would always conduct own screening

Any other comments.

- c) Re-insurance as re-insurer.

Would rely on review carried out by lead ECA

Any other comments.

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- 21 Under paragraph 9 of the Recommendation, Members should require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be undertaken for Category A projects. Are there any circumstances in which you might accept to review a Category A project for which an EIA has not been undertaken or for which either an EIA report is not available for review or does not adequately address all the issues set out in Annex II of the Recommendation?

No

- 22 a) Who is responsible for
i) Commissioning an EIA?

Applicant (in most cases)

Any other comments.

- ii) Carrying out an EIA?

Independent Consultant (in most cases)

Any other comments.

- b) Who is responsible for providing you with a copy of an EIA report?

Applicant (in most cases)

Any other comments.

- c) Who is responsible for reviewing an EIA report?

ECA Consultant

Category B projects

- 23 Under paragraph 10 of the Recommendation, the review of Category B projects should examine a project's potential negative and positive environmental impacts.
Please provide details of your general approach to reviewing Category B projects.

a "small" EIA, examination of selected impacts only is required

Which, if any, of the items listed in Annex II of the Recommendation and which key environmental factors, such as those listed in paragraph 8 (tired 1) of the Recommendation, are taken into consideration?

Annex II:

Executive Summary In most cases

Policy, legal and administrative framework In most cases

Project description In most cases

Paragraph 8 (tired 1):

significant air emissions, effluents, waste or noise In most cases

significant use of natural resources In most cases

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Baseline data	<u>In most cases</u>	involuntary resettlement	<u>Case-by-case</u>
Environmental impacts	<u>In most cases</u>	impacts on indigenous peoples	<u>Case-by-case</u>
Analysis of alternatives	<u>In most cases</u>	cultural property	<u>Case-by-case</u>
Environmental Management Plan	<u>Case-by-case</u>		
Consultation	<u>In most cases</u>		

Existing operations

- 24 What procedures and practices do you have in place to review the environmental risks associated with existing operations?

Based on data from environmental questionnaire and additional sources. As the case may be according to EIA Report

Other exports

- 25 Do you review the environmental risks associated with Exports of capital goods and services that are neither to existing operations nor to projects?

Yes

Please provide details.

Based on data from environmental questionnaire and additional sources. As the case may be according to EIA Report

Standards

- 26 How do you ensure that a project is compliant with host country standards?

Based on outputs from facultative questionnaire for categories A and B, copies of local environmental standards, or relevant approvals of local entrusted environmental authorities.

- 27 Paragraph 12 of the Recommendation sets out the general circumstances in which various international standards should be used for the purposes of evaluating the potential environmental impacts of projects. Please provide details of when, in practice, you would use the following international standards for Category A projects:

- a) World Bank Safeguard Policies.

Always

- b) International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards.

For private sector limited or non-recourse project finance cases (always)

- c) Regional Development Bank standards.

Where such institutions are supporting the project (always)

- d) Other relevant internationally recognised standards, such as European Community standards.

European Community standards

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- 28 Please provide details of the circumstances, if any, in which you use the following technical international standards for the purposes of evaluating the potential environmental impacts of Category A projects (*i.e.* for sovereign, public / non-sovereign, corporate, limited or non-recourse project finance transactions).

a) The Pollution Prevention and Abatement Handbook.

Any other comments.

Sovereign

Public/non-sovereign

Corporate

Limited or non-recourse
project finance transaction

b) IFC Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines.

Any other comments.

Sovereign

Public/non-sovereign

Corporate

Limited or non-recourse

- 29 Paragraph 12 of the Recommendation sets out the general circumstances in which various international standards should be used for the purposes of evaluating the potential environmental impacts of projects. Please provide details of when, in practice, you would use the following international standards for Category B projects:

a) World Bank Safeguard Policies.

b) International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards.

c) Regional Development Bank standards.

d) Other relevant internationally recognised standards, such as European Community standards.

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- 30 Please provide details of the circumstances, if any, in which you use the following technical international standards for the purposes of evaluating the potential environmental impacts of Category B projects (*i.e.* for sovereign, public / non-sovereign, corporate, limited or non-recourse project finance transactions):

a) The Pollution Prevention and Abatement Handbook.

Any other comments.

Sovereign Public/non-sovereign Corporate Limited or non-recourse
project finance transaction

b) IFC Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines.

Any other comments.

Sovereign Public/non-sovereign Corporate Limited or non-recourse
project finance transaction

- 31 Please provide details of any circumstances in which you might apply more than one set of international standards or guidelines.

- 32 Please provide details on the circumstances in which you would use other internationally recognised sector specific or issue specific standards that are not addressed by the World Bank Group.

- 33 Please provide details of your procedures and practices in cases where projects do not meet the international standards or guidelines against which they have been benchmarked.

Site visits

- 34 Please specify in what circumstances you might carry out a site visit as part of the review process.

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IV EVALUATION, DECISION AND MONITORING

Conditions to official support

- 35 How are conditions related to the environment incorporated into documentation prior to or after the decision on official support? Please provide details.

The insurance policy imposes the obligation to submit regular monitoring reports.

Please provide examples of any environmental covenants used.

Implementation of environmental criteria for outputs and their impacts and further monitoring and evaluation

Denying official support

- 36 Under what circumstances would you consider denying support on account of the environmental impacts of a project? Please provide details.

unacceptable environmental impact of the project

Please provide any examples of experience.

no experience

Monitoring

- 37 Please provide details of your procedures for monitoring, as appropriate, the implementation of a project, regardless of its classification, to ensure compliance with the conditions of your official support, including monitoring frequency/period, content and reporting method.

According to conditions set by local authorizing body, and possibly as the case may be set in EIA report or review

Monitoring frequency/period:

6 monthly or annual reporting

Content:

According to established criteria

Reporting method:

Written report

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- 38 i) Who is responsible for undertaking monitoring of projects, including, if appropriate, site visits and preparing monitoring reports?

ECA Consultant

- ii) Who is responsible for reviewing monitoring information and deciding on compliance?

ECA Consultant

Non-compliance measures

- 39 What actions are available to you in cases where monitoring reveals that conditions are not being complied with?

a possible recourse against the exporter in case of a default

Who is responsible for deciding what actions are appropriate in order to restore compliance?

Underwriter (always)

Please provide any examples of experience.

no experience

Disclosure of monitoring reports

- 40 i) In what circumstances do you encourage project sponsors to make *ex post* monitoring reports and related information publicly available?

no experience

- ii) In what circumstances, if any, does your ECA require project sponsors to make such information publicly available or itself seek to make such information publicly available?

no experience

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V EXCHANGE AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**Environmental procedural guidance**

- 41 Have you published national ECA environmental policy statements and procedural guidance?

Where can they
be found?[website](#)Please provide
web address if
relevant.<http://www.egap.cz/zavazky-z-clenstvi-v-oecd/vliv-vyvozu-a-investic/index-en.php>**Exchanging information**

- 42 Please provide details of your procedures and practices in exchanging information with other ECAs and IFIs
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- in situations of
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- a) co-insuring/co-financing.

[no experience](#)

- b) competition.

[no experience](#)**Disclosure of project information**

- 43 Please provide details of your procedures and practices for disclosing publicly information on Category A
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- projects before a final commitment to grant official support, including:
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- a) The scope and content of information released.

[basic information concerning the project \(e.g. name of the project, export contract amount, exporter, country of export\) + exporter's website where EIA is disclosed](#)

- b) The form and language of the information released.

[on EGAP website in Czech and English](#)

including website address, if relevant.

- c) The required number of days the information should be made available prior to commitment.

[according to Recommendation](#)

- d) Any legal constraints to
- ex ante*
- disclosure of such project information (
- i.e.*
- is your ECA legally precluded
-
- from making such information publicly available).

[no](#)

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- e) Any circumstances in which project information relating to Category A projects is not disclosed prior to commitment.

none

- f) Any comments not covered by sub-sections (a)-(e) above.

Disclosure of environmental impact information

- 44 Please provide details of your procedures and practices for requiring that environmental impact information on Category A projects be made publicly available before a final commitment to grant official support,

- a) Responsibility for making such information publicly available.

Other

Please provide details.

Exporter

- b) If the ECA or Guardian Authority is not responsible for such disclosure, please provide details of
i) how third parties are required to make such information publicly available;

exporter is bounded by the provisions of the insurance policy

- ii) how this is monitored;

monitoring the exporter's website where the env. information should be disclosed

- iii) what measures are available in cases of non-compliance:

EGAP will not sign the insurance policy

- iv) please provide any examples of experience.

no experience

- c) The scope and content of information that should be released.

EIA

- d) The form and language of the information that should be released (including website address, if released by ECA or Guardian Authority).

Czech and English/Russian

website address, if relevant.

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- e) The required number of days the information should be made available prior to commitment.

30 days

- f) Any legal constraints in *ex ante* disclosure of environmental impact information (*i.e.* is your ECA legally precluded from requiring the project sponsor to provide the disclosure as a condition of receiving ECA support).

no

- g) Any circumstances in which environmental impact information relating to Category A projects is not disclosed prior to commitment.

none

- h) Any comments not covered by sub-sections (a)-(g) above.

Ex post disclosure

- 45 Please provide details of your procedures and practices for making available to the public information on projects classified in Category A and Category B for which you have made a final commitment to provide official support, including:

- a) How often you make publicly available *ex post* information on projects classified in Category A and Category B.

on annual basis

- b) What is the scope and content of such information, including environmental information.

basic information concerning the project - name, exporter, export contract amount, classification, reason for classification, date of conclusion of the insurance policy, contact person on behalf of the exporter

- c) Who is responsible for disclosing such information.

ECA

- d) The form and language of the information released

Czech and English on EGAP website

including website address, if relevant.

<http://www.egap.cz/zavazky-z-clenstvi-v-oecd/informace-o-projektech/projekty2/index-en.php>

- e) How long the information remains publicly available.

1 year

- f) Any comments not covered by sub-sections (a)-(e) above.

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- 46 Please provide details of any appropriate measures and mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with your policies and procedures.

There is an internal compliance officer in charge of compliance with internal procedures. Implementation of EGAP's environmental policy in actual transactions may also be audited by internal and external auditors.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- 47 a) Please provide details of any procedures and practices in place to monitor and evaluate your experience of the Common Approaches at a national level.

no specific procedures

- b) Please provide details of any procedures and practices in place to share experiences with other Members.

environmental practitioners meetings

Revising procedures :

- 48 i) When was the last review or update of your environmental procedures conducted? (mm/yy)

September 2007

- ii) What was the motivation for the last review or update of your environmental procedures?

revision of the Recommendation

- 49 Are any modifications foreseen in the near future?

Yes

For what
reason?

revision of the Recommendation or if needed based on the new experience

When ? (mm/yy)

Resources

- 50 i) What resources have been required as a result of the implementation of your environmental procedures?

Recommendation

- ii) if appropriate, please provide the number of dedicated Environmental Practitioners

1

- iii) if appropriate, please provide the number of external consultants employed by your ECA.

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Cost-sharing

- 51 What costs are shared both during the risk assessment process and after the financing agreement has been concluded?

Costs of screening are borne by the insurer, costs of EIA or other environmental evaluation are borne by the exporter (applicant).

Reporting

- 52 How frequently do you report *ex post* to the ECG, in accordance with paragraph 22 (tired 1) of the Recommendation, all Category A and Category B projects for which a final commitment has been issued?

Semi-annually

Body of experience

- 53 Do you have any practices and procedures in place to collate experience and/or knowledge from individual cases? If so, please provide details.

projects archiving

- 54 How do you store and transfer knowledge on environmental issues between Environmental Practitioners and between Environmental Practitioners and Underwriters?

between Environmental Practitioners - meetings, e-mails; between Environmental Practitioners and Underwriters - meetings, trainings

- 55 Do you produce any reports on environmental issues in addition to those required by the Recommendation?

No

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VII OTHER COMMENTS

Scope

- 56 How are environmental issues relating to exports of capital goods and services and the locations to which these are destined addressed for officially supported export credits with a repayment term of less than two years?

no environmental screening

Any Additional Comments

- 57 Please provide any additional comments.