

Thursday, October 1, 2020

In response to COVID-19 challenges experienced by the industry, the AESO has decided early 2020 to delay the submission of Cycle 2 self-certification by 3 months and to work with all impacted parties subject to compliance activities scheduled for this year by providing various forms of relief (extending the IR response deadlines, delays in submission of evidence, allow for increased flexibility in the planning and roll-out of the audit activities). While not widespread, the requests received from the market participants so far have significantly impacted the ability of executing the compliance activities, especially the audits, as per the normal schedule. Consequently, the AESO has made an assessment of the impact of this on the Q4 2020 and Q1 to Q4 2021 activities and would like to notify all market participants of a change in the **audit evidence submission timeline** from **1 month from the audit end date** to **3 months from the audit end date**. With the understanding that this change may impact the market participants included in the 2021 schedule, the AESO will continue to work with the industry and the affected parties and provide the support and relief they may require.

At this point the AESO cannot determine whether a return to the current timelines and deadlines will be possible beyond the 2021 compliance activities.

Please let me know of any questions you may have – [daniela.cismaru@aeso.ca](mailto:daniela.cismaru@aeso.ca) .

Regards,

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