

CORSIA AT A GLANCE SERIES

CORSIA EMISSIONS UNITS CRITERIA (EUC)

In March 2019, the ICAO Council approved the CORSIA emissions unit eligibility criteria, consisting of **Programme Design Elements** and **Carbon Offset Credit Integrity Assessment Criteria**. The CORSIA emissions unit eligibility criteria should apply at the programme level.

Programme Design Elements:

1. *Clear Methodologies and Protocols, and their Development Process*
2. *Scope Considerations*
3. *Offset Credit Issuance and Retirement Procedures*
4. *Identification and Tracking*
5. *Legal Nature and Transfer of Units*
6. *Validation and Verification procedures*
7. *Programme Governance*
8. *Transparency and Public Participation Provisions*
9. *Safeguards System*
10. *Sustainable Development Criteria*
11. *Avoidance of Double Counting, Issuance and Claiming*

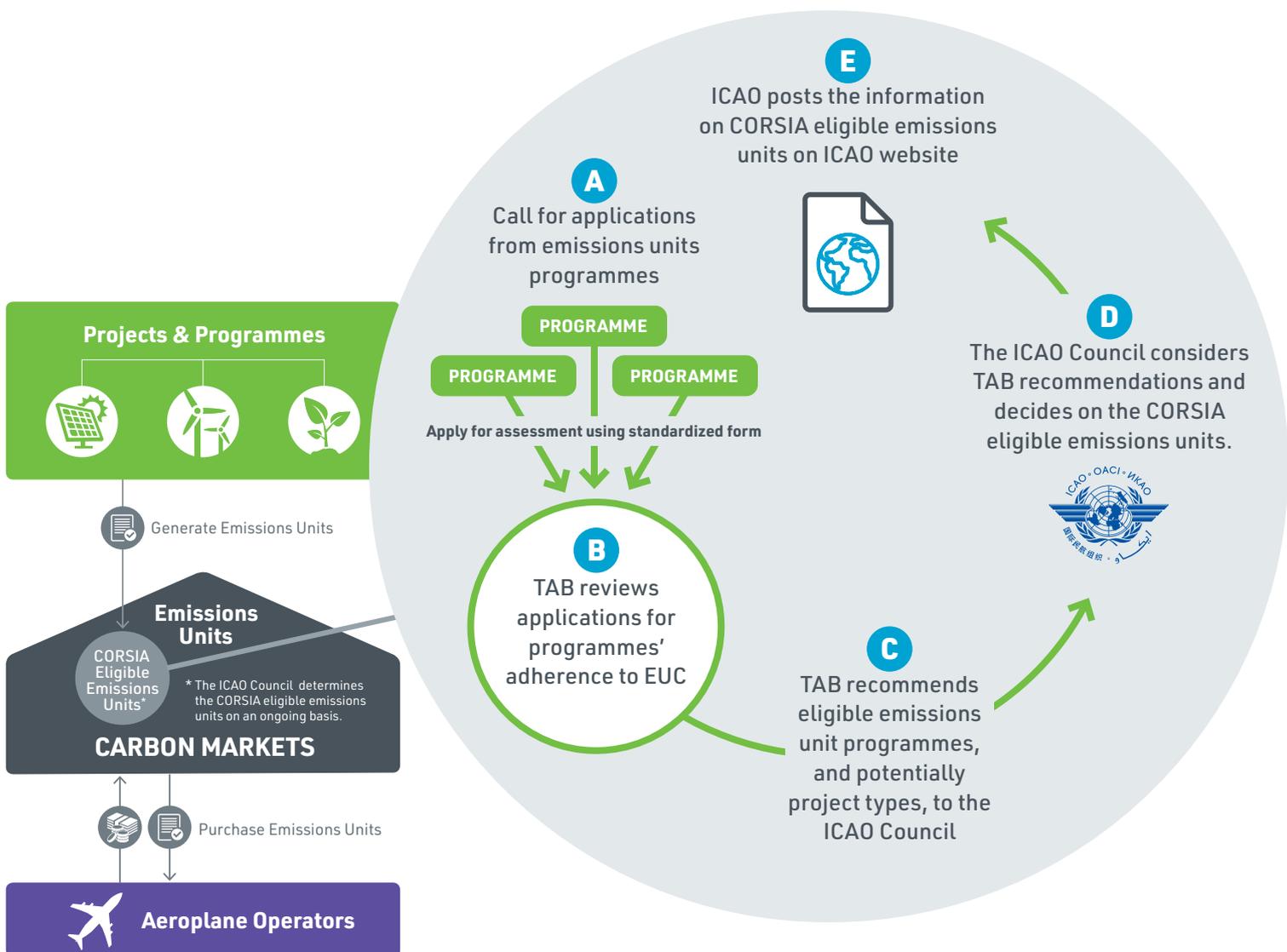
Carbon Offset Credit Integrity Assessment Criteria:

1. *Carbon offset programmes must generate units that represent emissions reductions, avoidance, or removals that are additional*
2. *Carbon offset credits must be based on a realistic and credible baseline*
3. *Carbon offset credits must be quantified, monitored, reported and verified*
4. *Carbon offset credits must have a clear and transparent chain of custody within the offset programme*
5. *Permanence*
6. *A system must have measures in place to assess and mitigate incidences of material leakage*
7. *Are only counted once towards a mitigation obligation*
8. *Carbon offset credits must represent emissions reductions, avoidance, or carbon sequestration from projects that do no net harm*

More information about the CORSIA EUC can be found on the ICAO CORSIA [webpage](#)

Process for deciding on CORSIA eligible emissions units

- A** Emissions unit programmes apply for consideration to be eligible for CORSIA
- B** An expert group, the Technical Advisory Body (TAB), reviews emissions unit programmes for their adherence to the CORSIA Emissions Units Criteria (EUC)
- C** TAB makes recommendations on CORSIA eligible emissions units to ICAO Council
- D** The ICAO Council decides on CORSIA eligible emissions units
- E** Information on CORSIA eligible emissions units is posted on the ICAO CORSIA website



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Note: The list of eligible Emissions Unit Programmes as approved by the ICAO Council, with their corresponding designated registries and scope of eligibility, can be found in ICAO document "CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units" (<https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/CORSIA-Emissions-Units.aspx>).