**International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction**

**Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)**

***Application Form for Emissions Unit Programmes***

 ***seeking eligibility to supply units to
the CORSIA first phase (2024 – 2026 compliance period)***

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**SECTION I: ABOUT THIS ASSESSMENT**

**Background**

ICAO Member States and the aviation industry are implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). Together with other mitigation measures, CORSIA will help achieve international aviation’s aspirational goal of carbon neutral growth from the year 2020.

Aeroplane operators will meet their offsetting requirements under CORSIA by purchasing and cancelling CORSIA eligible emissions units. The ICAO Council determines CORSIA eligible emissions units upon recommendations by its Technical Advisory Body (TAB) and consistent with the CORSIA Emissions Unit Eligibility Criteria (EUC).

In March 2019, the ICAO Council unanimously approved the ICAO Document *CORSIA Emissions Unit Eligibility Criteria* for use by TAB in undertaking its tasks[[1]](#footnote-1). TAB’s assessment of emissions units programmes is undertaken annually[[2]](#footnote-2). ICAO Council decisions that take account of these recommendations are contained in the ICAO Document *CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units*[[3]](#footnote-3).

ICAO invites emissions unit programmes[[4]](#footnote-4) interested to apply for the 2023 cycle of assessment by the TAB, to determine eligibility to supply CORSIA-Eligible Emissions Unit for the 2024-2026 compliance period (first phase). The assessment process will involve collecting information from each programme through this programme application form and supplementary materials and requested evidence.

TAB will no longer consider new applications for the 2021-2023 compliance period (pilot phase) only. However, where TAB recommends that Council approve a Programme as eligible for a forthcoming compliance cycle, it may also recommend that that the Programme be eligible to supply emissions units for the previous compliance cycle that has not yet elapsed.

Through this assessment, the TAB will develop recommendations on the list of eligible emissions unit programmes (and potentially project types) for use under the CORSIA first phase, which will then be considered by the ICAO Council.

This form is accompanied by, and refers to, Appendix A “*Supplementary Information for Assessment of Emissions Unit Programmes*”, containing the EUC and *Guidelines for Criteria Interpretation*. These EUC and Guidelines are provided to inform programmes’ completion of this application form, in which they are cross-referenced **by paragraph number**.[[5]](#footnote-5)

This form is also accompanied by Appendix B “*Programme Assessment Scope*”, and Appendix C “*Programme Exclusions Scope*”, which request all applicants to identify the programme elements[[6]](#footnote-6) they wish to submit for, or exclude from, TAB’s assessment.

CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units Programmes must also complete Appendix D of this application, “*Emissions Unit Programme Registry Attestation”* in line with the instructions contained in Appendix D*.* Applicant organizations are strongly encouraged to submit this information by the deadline for submitting all other application materials for the current assessment cycle.

This form also requests *evidence of programme procedures or programme elements.* These evidentiary documents enable TAB to a) confirm that a given procedure or program element is *in place*, b) more fully comprehend the programme’s summary responses, and c) archive the information as a reference for potential future assessments.

Programme responses to this application form will serve as the primary basis for the assessment. Such assessment may involve e.g. clarification questions, live interview(s) with TAB, and a completeness check of the application, as further requested.

**Translation**: The working language of the assessment process is English. Translation services are not available for this process. If the programme documents and information are not published in English, the programme should fully describe in English (*rather than summarize*) this information in the fields provided in this form, and in response to any additional questions. Where this form requests *evidence of programme procedures*, programmes are strongly encouraged to provide these documents in English, to provide for accuracy and comprehension. Where this is not possible due to time constraints or document length, the programme may provide such documents in their original language in a readily translatable format (e.g., Microsoft Word). Those programmes that need to translate documents prior to submission may contact the ICAO Secretariat regarding accommodation.

**Disclaimer:** The information contained in the application, and any supporting evidence or clarification provided by the applicant including information designated as “business confidential” by the applicant, will be provided to the members of the TAB to properly assess the programme and make recommendations to the ICAO Council. The application and such other evidence or clarification will be made publicly available on the ICAO CORSIA website for the public to provide comments, except for information which the applicant designates as “business confidential”. The applicant shall bear all expenses related to the collection of information for the preparation of the application, preparation and submission of the application to the ICAO Secretariat and provision of any subsequent clarification sought by the Secretariat and/or the members of the TAB. Under no circumstances shall ICAO be responsible for the reimbursement of such or any other expenses borne by the applicant in this regard, or any loss or damages that the applicant may incur in relation to the assessment and outcome of this process.

**SECTION II: INSTRUCTIONS**

**Submission and contacts**

A programme is invited to complete and submit the form, including accompanying evidence and with required appendices, through the ICAO CORSIA website no later than close of business on **24 March 2023** Within seven business days of receiving this form, the Secretariat will notify the programme that its form was received.

If the programme has questions regarding the completion of this form, please contact ICAO Secretariat via email: officeenv@icao.int. Programmes will be informed, in a timely manner, of clarifications provided by ICAO to any other programme.

**Form basis and cross-references**

Questions in this form are derived from the CORSIA emissions unit eligibility criteria (EUC) and any *Guidelines for Criteria Interpretation* introduced in Section I (above). To help inform the programme’s completion of this form, each question includes the paragraph number for its corresponding criterion or guideline that can be found in [**Appendix A** “*Supplementary Information for Assessment of Emissions Unit Programmes*](https://authoring2016.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB.aspx)”.

**Application Form completion**

The programme is expected to respond to all questions in this application form at the time of application submission. TAB cannot initiate its assessment of applications in which this information is not provided in full as requested in this section. Failure to provide complete information may result in delays to the application’s assessment.

A “complete” response involves three components: 1) a written summary response; 2) supporting evidence; and 3) programme revisions, where an applicant is considering or undertaking revisions to a programme procedure in question.

1. Written summary responses: The programme is encouraged to construct written summary responses in a manner that provides for general comprehension of the given programme procedure, independent of supporting evidence. TAB will confirm each response in the supplementary evidence provided by the programme. Please note that written summary responses should be provided in all cases—supporting evidence (described in *c)* below) should not be considered as an alternative to a complete summary response..
2. Supporting evidence: Most questions in this form request *evidence of programme procedures or programme elements.* Such evidence may be found in programme standards, requirements, or guidance documents; templates; programme website or registry contents; or in some cases, in specific methodologies. To help manage file size, the programme should limit supporting documentation to that which directly substantiates the programme’s statements in this form.

Regarding such requests for evidence, programmes are expected to substantiate their responses in any of these ways (**in order of preference**):

* 1. web links to supporting documentation included along with the written summary response to each given question; with instructions for finding the relevant information within the linked source (i.e. identifying the specific text, paragraph(s), or section(s) where TAB can find evidence of the programme procedure(s) in question);
	2. copying/pasting information directly into this form (no character limits) along with the written summary response;
	3. attaching supporting documentation to this form at the time of submission, with instructions for finding the relevant information within the attached document(s);

**EXAMPLE** of preferred approach to providing supporting evidence that could meet expectations for complete responses to a question:

“The Programme ensures its consistency with this requirement by requiring / undertaking / etc. the following:

[Paragraph(s) introducing and summarizing specific programme procedures relevant to question]

The full contents of these procedures can be found in [Document title, page X, Section X, paragraphs X-X]. This document is publicly available at this weblink: [weblink].”

3) Programme revisions: Where the programme has any plans to revise the programme (e.g., its policies, procedures, measures, tracking systems, governance or legal arrangements), including to enhance consistency with a given criterion or guideline, please provide the following information in response to any and all relevant form question(s):

* 1. Proposed revision(s);
	2. Process and proposed timeline to develop and implement the proposed revision(s);
	3. Process and timeline for external communication and implementation of the revision(s).

**Application and assessment scope**

The programme may elect to submit for TAB assessment all, *or only a subset,* of the activities supported by the programme. The programme is requested to identify, in the following Appendices, the activities that it wishes to submit for, or exclude from, TAB’s assessment:

In **Appendix B** “*Programme Assessment Scope*”, the programme should clearly identify, at the “activity type” level (e.g., sector(s), sub-sector(s), and/or programme/project “type(s)”), elements that the programme ***is* submitting for TAB’s assessment** of CORSIA eligibility; as well as the specific methodologies, protocols, and/or framework(s) associated with these programme elements; which *are* described in this form.

In **Appendix C** “*Programme Exclusions Scope*”, the programme should clearly identify, at the “activity type” level (e.g., sector(s), sub-sector(s), and/or programme/project “type(s)”), any elements the programme ***is not* submitting for TAB’s assessment** of CORSIA eligibility, which *are not* described in this form; as well as the specific methodologies, protocols, and/or framework(s) associated with these programme elements.

**Emissions Unit Programme Registry Attestation**

In **Appendix D** “*Emissions Unit Programme Registry Attestation (version 2, January 2022)*”, the programme should provide the information relating to programme registry functionality that is referred to in the attestation and its attachment. Both the programme representative of an emissions unit programme, and the administrator or authorized representative of the registry designated by the programme, should review and attest to the accuracy of this information and their acceptance of the terms, preferably at the time of application.

**Treatment of EUC-relevant programme procedures at the methodology level**

Programmes that identify with the following explanations are encouraged to summarize and provide evidence of both their overarching *programme-level* procedure(s) and *methodology-level* procedure(s) wherever relevant:

The CORSIA EUC and TAB assessments typically apply to *programme-level* procedures rather than to individual methodologies or projects. Most programmes’ overarching guidance documents contain a mix of *general/guiding* requirements and *technical* ones. However, some programmes set out general requirements in overarching guidance documents, while reflecting key technical procedures in programme methodologies[[7]](#footnote-7). **Such methodologies may be relevant to TAB’s assessment**. This could be the case where, e.g., the methodologies are developed directly by the programme (staff or contractors); the programme must refer to a methodology’s requirements when describing its alignment with the EUC; the programme’s general requirements alone are too high-level/non-specific for TAB to assess them as stand-alone procedures.

**EXAMPLE**: Programme A’s project standard contains its *programme-level* general requirements. The standard requires all activities to pass a programme-approved additionality test. However, Programme A sets out a unique list of approved tests in each of its methodologies—rather than providing a single list or menu in its programme-level standard. These lists vary across different activity types or category(ies). Thus, TAB may ultimately need to assess Programme A’s programme- *and* methodology-level requirements in order to confirm its use of the specific additionality tests called for under the *Must be Additional* criterion.

**“Linked” certification schemes**

This application form should be completed and submitted exclusively on behalf of the programme that is described in Part I of this form.

Some programmes may supplement their standards by collaborating with other schemes that certify, e.g., the social or ecological “co-benefits” of mitigation. The programme can reflect a linked scheme’s procedures in responses to this form, where this is seen as enhancing—i.e. going “above and beyond”—the programme’s own procedures. For example, the programme may describe how a linked scheme audits sustainable development outcomes; but is not expected to report the linked scheme’s board members or staff persons.

Programmes should clearly identify any information provided in this form that pertains to a linked certification scheme and/or only applies when a linked certification scheme is used.

**Disclosure of programme application forms and public comments**

Applications, including information submitted in Appendices B, C, and D, as well as other information submitted by applicants will be publicly available on the ICAO CORSIA website, except for materials which the applicants designate as business confidential.

The public will be invited to submit comments on the information submitted, including regarding consistency with the EUC, through the ICAO CORSIA website, for consideration by the TAB in its assessment.

**SECTION III: APPLICATION FORM**

**PART 1: General information**

A. Programme Information

Programme name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Administering Organization[[8]](#footnote-8): Click or tap here to enter text.

Official mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Official web address: Click or tap here to enter text.

B. Programme Administrator Information

Full name and title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Employer / Company (*if not programme*): Click or tap here to enter text.

E-mail address: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone #: Click or tap here to enter text.

C. Programme Representative Information (if different from Programme Administrator)

Full name and title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Employer / Company (*if not Programme*): Click or tap here to enter text.

E-mail address: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone #: Click or tap here to enter text.

D. Programme Senior Staff / Leadership (e.g., President / CEO, board members)

List the names and titles of programme’s senior staff / leadership, including board members:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Provide an organization chart (in the space below or as an attachment) that illustrates, or otherwise describes, the functional relationship a) between the individuals listed in D; and b) between those individuals and programme staff / employees; and c) the functions of each organizational unit and interlinkages with other units.

**PART 2: Programme summary**

Provide a summary description of your programme

Click or tap here to enter text.

**PART 3: Emissions Unit Programme Design Elements**

***Note****—*where “evidence” is requested throughout *Part 3* and *Part 4*, the programme is expected to provide web links to documentation and to identify the specific text, paragraph(s), or section(s) where TAB can find evidence of the programme procedure(s) in question. If that is not possible, then the programme may provide evidence of programme procedures directly in the text boxes provided (by copying/pasting the relevant provisions) and/or by attached supporting documentation, as recommended in “SECTION II: INSTRUCTIONS—***Form Completion: Supporting Evidence***”.

***Note***—“*Paragraph X.X*” in this form refers to corresponding paragraph(s) in Appendix A

“*Supplementary Information for Assessment of Emissions Unit Programmes*”.

***Note***—Where the programme has any plans to revise the programme (e.g., its policies, procedures, measures, tracking systems, governance or legal arrangements), including to enhance consistency with a given criterion or guideline, provide the following information in response to any and all relevant form question(s):

* Proposed revision(s);
* Process and proposed timeline to develop and implement the proposed revision(s);
* Process and timeline for external communication and implementation of the revision(s).

Question 3.1. Clear methodologies and protocols, and their development process

Provide *evidence[[9]](#footnote-9)* that the programme’s qualification and quantification methodologies and protocols are *in place* and *available for use*, including where the programme’s existing methodologies and protocols are publicly disclosed: (*Paragraph 2.1*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Summarize the programme’s process for developing further methodologies and protocols, including the timing and process for revision of existing methodologies: (*Paragraph 2.1*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Provide *evidence of the public availability* of the programme’s process for developing further methodologies and protocols: (*Paragraph 2.1*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.2. Scope considerations

Summarize the level at which activities are allowed under the programme (e.g., project based, programme of activities, jurisdiction-scale): (*Paragraph 2.2*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Summarize the eligibility criteria for each type of offset activity (e.g., which sectors, project types, and geographic locations are covered): (*Paragraph 2.2*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Provide *evidence* of the Programme information defining a) level at which activities are allowed under the Programme, and b) the eligibility criteria for each type of offset activity, including its availability to the public: (*Paragraph 2.2*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.3. Offset credit issuance and retirement procedures

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| Are procedures in place defining how offset credits are… (*Paragraph 2.3*) |  |
| a) issued? | [ ]  YES |
| b) retired / cancelled?  | [ ]  YES |
| c) subject to discounting (*if any*)?  | [ ]  YES |

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| Are procedures in place defining… (*Paragraph 2.3*) |  |
| d) the length of crediting period(s)? | [ ]  YES |
| e) whether crediting periods are renewable?  | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence of the procedures referred to in a) through e) (if any, in the case of “c”), including their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.4 Identification and Tracking

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| Does the programme utilize an electronic registry or registries? (*Paragraph 2.4.2*) | [ ]  YES |

Provide web link(s) to the programme registry(ies) and indicate whether the registry is administered by the programme or outsourced to a third party (*Paragraph 2.4.2*):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Does the programme have procedures in place to ensure that the programme registry or registries…: |  |
| a) have the capability to transparently identify emissions units that are deemed ICAO-eligible, in all account types ? (*Paragraph 2.4.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| b) identify, and facilitate tracking and transfer of, unit ownership/holding from issuance to cancellation/retirement? (*Paragraphs 2.4 (a) and (d) and 2.4.4*) | [ ]  YES |
| c) identify unit status, including retirement / cancellation, and issuance status? (*Paragraph* *2.4.4*) | [ ]  YES |
| d) assign unique serial numbers to issued units? (*Paragraphs 2.4 (b) and 2.4.5*) | [ ]  YES |
| e) identify in serialization, or designate on a public platform, each unique unit’s country and sector of origin, vintage, and original (and, if relevant, revised) project registration date? *(Paragraph 2.4.5)* | [ ]  YES |
| f) are secure (i.e. that robust security provisions are in place)? (*Paragraph 2.4 (c)*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the procedures referred to in a) through f), including the availability to the public of the procedures referred to in b), d), and f):

Click or tap here to enter text.

List any/all international data exchange standards to which the programme’s registry(ies) conform: (*Paragraph 2.4 (f)*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Are policies and robust procedures in place to…  |  |
| a) prevent the programme registry administrators from having financial, commercial or fiduciary conflicts of interest in the governance or provision of registry services? (*Paragraph 2.4.6*) | [ ]  YES |
| b) ensure that, where such conflicts arise, they are appropriately declared, and addressed and isolated? (*Paragraph 2.4.6*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b):

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| Are provisions in place… |  |
| a) ensuring the screening of requests for registry accounts? (*Paragraph 2.4.7*) | [ ]  YES |
| b) restricting the programme registry (or registries) accounts to registered businesses and individuals? (*Paragraph 2.4.7*) | [ ]  YES |
| c) ensuring the periodic audit or evaluation of registry compliance with security provisions? (*Paragraph 2.4.8*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the registry security provisions referred to in a) through c):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.5 Legal nature and transfer of units

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| Does the programme define and ensure the following: |  |
| a) the underlying attributes of a unit? (Paragraph 2.5) | [ ]  YES |
| b) the underlying property aspects of a unit? (Paragraph 2.5) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the processes, policies, and/or procedures referred to in a) and b), including their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.6 Validation and verification procedures

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| Are standards, requirements, and procedures in place for… (*Paragraph 2.6*) |  |
| a) the validation of activities? | [ ]  YES |
| b) the verification of emissions reductions? | [ ]  YES |
| c) the accreditation of validators? | [ ]  YES |
| d) the accreditation of verifiers? | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence of the standards, requirements, and procedures referred to in a) through d), including their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.7 Programme governance

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| Does the programme publicly disclose who is responsible for the administration of the programme? (*Paragraph 2.7*) | [ ]  YES |
| Does the programme publicly disclose how decisions are made? (*Paragraph 2.7*) | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence that this information is available to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Can the programme demonstrate that it has… (*Paragraph 2.7.2*) |  |
| a) been continuously governed for at least the last two years? | [ ]  YES |
| b) been continuously operational for at least the last two years? | [ ]  YES |
| c) a plan for the long-term administration of multi-decadal programme elements? | [ ]  YES |
| d) a plan for possible responses to the dissolution of the programme in its current form? | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence of the activities, policies, and procedures referred to in a) through d):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Are policies and robust procedures in place to… |  |
| a) prevent the programme staff, board members, and management from having financial, commercial or fiduciary conflicts of interest in the governance or provision of programme services? (*Paragraph 2.7.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| b) ensure that, where such conflicts arise, they are appropriately declared, and addressed and isolated? (*Paragraph 2.7.3*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| If the programme is not directly and currently administered by a public agency, can the programme demonstrate up-to-date professional liability insurance policy of at least USD$5M? (*Paragraph 2.7.4*) | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence of such coverage:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.8 Transparency and public participation provisions

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| Does the programme publicly disclose… (*Paragraph 2.8*) |  |
| a) what information is captured and made available to different stakeholders? | [ ]  YES |
| b) its local stakeholder consultation requirements (if applicable)? | [ ]  YES |
| c) its public comments provisions and requirements, and how they are considered (if applicable)? | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence of the public availability of items a) through c):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Does the programme conduct public comment periods relating to… (*Paragraph 2.8*) |  |
| a) methodologies, protocols, or frameworks under development? | [ ]  YES |
| b) activities seeking registration or approval? | [ ]  YES |
| c) operational activities (e.g., ongoing stakeholder feedback) | [ ]  YES |
| d) additions or revisions to programme procedures or rulesets? | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of any programme procedures referred to in a) through d):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.9 Safeguards system

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| Are safeguards in place to address… (*Paragraph 2.9*)  |  |
| a) environmental risks? | [ ]  YES |
| b) social risks? | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the safeguards referred to in a) and b), including their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.10 Sustainable development criteria

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| Does the programme use sustainable development criteria? (*Paragraph 2.10*) | [ ]  YES |
| Does the programme have provisions for monitoring, reporting and verification in accordance with these criteria? (*Paragraph 2.10*)  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 3.11 Avoidance of double counting, issuance and claiming

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| Does the programme use sustainable development criteria? (*Paragraph 2.10*) | [ ]  YES |
| Does the Programme provide information on how it addresses double counting, issuance and claiming in the context of evolving national and international regimes for carbon markets and emissions trading? *(Paragraph 2.11)*  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the information referred to above, including its availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

**PART 4: Carbon Offset Credit Integrity Assessment Criteria**

***Note****—*where “evidence” is requested throughout *Part 3* and *Part 4*, the Programme should provide web links to documentation. If that is not possible, then the programme may provide evidence of programme procedures directly in the text boxes provided (by copying/pasting the relevant provisions) and/or by attached supporting documentation, as recommended in “SECTION II: INSTRUCTIONS—*Form Completion*”.

***Note***—“*Paragraph X.X*” in this form refers to corresponding paragraph(s) in Appendix A

“*Supplementary Information for Assessment of Emissions Unit Programmes*”.

***Note***—Where the programme has any plans to revise the programme (e.g., its policies, procedures, measures, tracking systems, governance or legal arrangements), including to enhance consistency with a given criterion or guideline, provide the following information in response to any and all relevant form question(s):

* Proposed revision(s);
* Process and proposed timeline to develop and implement the proposed revision(s);
* Process and timeline for external communication and implementation of the revision(s).

Question 4.1 Are additional

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| Do the Programme’s carbon offsets… (*Paragraph 3.1*) |  |
|  a) represent greenhouse gas emissions reductions or carbon sequestration or removals that exceed any greenhouse gas reduction or removals required by law, regulation, or legally binding mandate?  | [ ]  YES |
| b) exceed any greenhouse gas reductions or removals that would otherwise occur in a conservative, business-as-usual scenario?  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b), including their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Is additionality and baseline-setting… (*Paragraph 3.1*) |  |
| a) assessed by an accredited and independent third-party verification entity? | [ ]  YES |
| b) reviewed by the programme? | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b), including their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Identify one or more of the methods below that the programme has procedures in place to ensure, and to support activities to analyze and demonstrate, that credited mitigation is additional; which can be applied at the project- and/or programme-level: (*Paragraphs 3.1, and 3.1.2 - 3.1.3*)

[ ]  Barrier analysis

[ ]  Common practice / market penetration analysis

[ ]  Investment, cost, or other financial analysis

[ ]  Performance standards / benchmarks

[ ]  Legal or regulatory additionality analysis (as defined in *Paragraph 3.1*)

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in the above list, including describing any/all additionality analyses and test types that are utilized under the programme:

Click or tap here to enter text.

If the Programme provides for the use of method(s) not listed above, describe the alternative procedures and how they ensure that activities are additional: (*Paragraph 3.1*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| If the programme designates certain activities as automatically additional (e.g., through a “positive list” of eligible project types), does the programme provide clear evidence on how the activity was determined to be additional? (*Paragraph 3.1*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures for determining the automatic additionality of activities, including a) the criteria used to determine additionality and b) their availability to the public:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Explain how the procedures described under Question 4.1 provide a reasonable assurance that the mitigation would not have occurred in the absence of the offset programme: (*Paragraph 3.1*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 4.2 Are based on a realistic and credible baseline

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| Are procedures in place to… (*Paragraph 3.2*) |  |
|  a) issue emissions units against realistic, defensible, and conservative baseline estimations of emissions?  | [ ]  YES |
| b) publicly disclose baselines and underlying assumptions? | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b), including how “*conservativeness*” of baselines and underlying assumptions is defined and ensured:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Are procedures in place to ensure that *methods of developing baselines*, including modelling, benchmarking or the use of historical data, use assumptions, methodologies, and values do not over-estimate mitigation from an activity? (*Paragraph 3.2.2*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Are procedures in place for activities to respond, as appropriate, to changing baseline conditions that were not expected at the time of registration? (*Paragraph 3.2.3*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Question 4.3 Are quantified, monitored, reported, and verified

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| Are procedures in place to ensure that… |  |
| a) emissions units are based on accurate measurements and valid quantification methods/protocols? (*Paragraph 3.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| b) validation occurs prior to or in tandem with verification? (*Paragraph 3.3.2*) | [ ]  YES |
| c) the results of validation and verification are made publicly available? (*Paragraph 3.3.2*) | [ ]  YES |
| d) monitoring, measuring, and reporting of both activities and the resulting mitigation is conducted at *specified intervals* throughout the duration of the crediting period? (*Paragraph 3.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| e) mitigation is measured and verified by an accredited and independent third-party verification entity? (*Paragraph 3.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| f) *ex-post* verification of mitigation is required in advance of issuance of emissions units? (*Paragraph 3.3*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) through f):

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| Are provisions in place… (*Paragraph 3.3.3*) |  |
| a) to manage and/or prevent conflicts of interest between accredited third-party(ies) performing the validation and/or verification procedures, and the programme and the activities it supports? | [ ]  YES |
| b) requiring accredited third-party(ies) to disclose whether they or any of their family members are dealing in, promoting, or otherwise have a fiduciary relationship with anyone promoting or dealing in, the offset credits being evaluated?  | [ ]  YES |
| c) to address and isolate such conflicts, should they arise?  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) through c):

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| Are procedures in place requiring that… (*Paragraph 3.3.4*) |  |
| a) the renewal of any activity at the end of its crediting period includes a reevaluation of its baselines, and procedures and assumptions for quantifying, monitoring, and verifying mitigation, including the baseline scenario?  | [ ]  YES |
| b) the same procedures apply to activities that wish to undergo verification but have not done so within the programme’s allowable number of years between verification events?  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b), including identifying the allowable number of years between verification events:

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| Are procedures in place to transparently identify units that are issued *ex ante* and thus ineligible for use in the CORSIA? (*Paragraph 3.3.5*) | [ ]  YES |

Provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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Question 4.4 Have a clear and transparent chain of custody

*SECTION III, Part 3.4—Identification and tracking* includes questions related to this criterion. No additional information is requested here.

Question 4.5 Represent permanent emissions reductions

List all emissions sectors (if possible, activity types) supported by the Programme that present a potential risk of reversal of emissions reductions, avoidance, or carbon sequestration:

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What is the minimum scale of reversal for which the Programme provisions or measures require a response? (Quantify if possible)

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| For sectors/activity types identified in the first question in this section, are procedures and measures in place to require and support these activities to… |  |
| a) undertake a risk assessment that accounts for, *inter alia*, any potential causes, relative scale, and relative likelihood of reversals? (*Paragraph 3.5.2*) | [ ]  YES |
| b) monitor identified risks of reversals? (*Paragraph 3.5.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| c) mitigate identified risks of reversals? (*Paragraph 3.5.3*) | [ ]  YES |
| d) ensure full compensation for material reversals of mitigation issued as emissions units and used toward offsetting obligations under the CORSIA? (*Paragraph 3.5.4*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) through d):

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| Are provisions in place that… (*Paragraph 3.5.5*) |  |
| a) confer liability on the activity proponent to monitor, mitigate, and respond to reversals in a manner mandated in the programme procedures? | [ ]  YES |
| b) require activity proponents, upon being made aware of a material reversal event, to notify the programme within a specified number of days? | [ ]  YES |
| c) confer responsibility to the programme to, upon such notification, ensure and confirm that such reversals are fully compensated in a manner mandated in the programme procedures? | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) through c), including indicating the *number of days within which activity proponents must notify the programme of a material reversal event*:

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| Does the programme have the capability to ensure that any emissions units which compensate for the material reversal of mitigation issued as emissions units and used toward offsetting obligations under the CORSIA are fully eligible for use under the CORSIA? (*Paragraph 3.5.6*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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| Would the programme be willing and able, upon request, to demonstrate that its permanence provisions can fully compensate for the reversal of mitigation issued as emissions units and used under the CORSIA? (*Paragraph 3.5.7*) | [ ]  YES |

Question 4.6 Assess and mitigate against potential increase in emissions elsewhere

List all emissions sectors (if possible, activity types) supported by the programme that present a potential risk of material emissions leakage:

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| Are measures in place to assess and mitigate incidences of material leakage of emissions that may result from the implementation of an offset project or programme? (*Paragraph 3.6*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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| Are provisions in place requiring activities that pose a risk of leakage when implemented at the project level to be implemented at a national level, or on an interim basis on a subnational level, in order to mitigate the risk of leakage? (*Paragraph 3.6.2*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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| Are procedures in place requiring and supporting activities to monitor identified leakage? (*Paragraph 3.6.3*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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| Are procedures in place requiring activities to deduct from their accounting emissions from any identified leakage that reduces the mitigation benefits of the activities? (*Paragraph 3.6.4*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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Question 4.7 Are only counted once towards a mitigation obligation

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| Does the Programme have measures in place for the following…  |  |
| a) to ensure the transparent transfer of units between registries; and that only one unit is issued for one tonne of mitigation *(Paragraphs 3.7.1 and 3.7.5)*  | [ ]  YES |
| b) to ensure that one unit is issued or transferred to, or owned or cancelled by, only one entity at any given time? *(Paragraphs 3.7.2 and 3.7.6)*  | [ ]  YES |
| c) to discourage and prohibit the double-selling of units, which occurs when one or more entities sell the same unit more than once? *(Paragraph 3.7.7)* | [ ]  YES |
| d) to require and demonstrate that host countries of emissions reduction activities agree to account for any offset units issued as a result of those activities such that double claiming does not occur between the airline and the host country of the emissions reduction activity? *(Paragraph 3.7.3)* | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) through d):

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| Does the Programme have procedures in place for the following: (*Paragraph 3.7.8*) |  |
| a) to obtain, or require activity proponents to obtain and provide to the programme, written attestation from the host country’s national focal point or focal point’s designee? | [ ]  YES |
| b) for the attestation(s) to specify, and describe any steps taken, to prevent mitigation associated with units used by operators under CORSIA from also being claimed toward a host country’s national mitigation target(s) / pledge(s)?  | [ ]  YES |
| c) for Host country attestations to be obtained and made publicly available prior to the use of units from the host country in the CORSIA? | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) through c):

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| Does the Programme have procedures in place requiring… (*Paragraph 3.7.9*) |  |
| a) that activities take approach(es) described in (any or all of) these sub-paragraphs to prevent double-claiming?  | [ ]  YES |
| [ ]  Emissions units are created where mitigation is not also counted toward national target(s) pledge(s) / mitigation contributions / mitigation commitments. (*Paragraph 3.7.9.1*) |  |
| [ ]  Mitigation from emissions units used by operators under the CORSIA is appropriately accounted for by the host country when claiming achievement of its target(s) / pledges(s) / mitigation contributions / mitigation commitments, in line with the relevant and applicable international provisions. (*Paragraph 3.7.9.2*) |  |
| [ ]  Programme procedures provide for the use of method(s) to avoid double-claiming which are not listed above (*Paragraph 3.7.9.3*) |  |
| b) that Host Country attestations confirm the use of approach(es) referred to in the list above?  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b):

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| Does the Programme… (*Paragraph 3.7.10*) |  |
| a) make publicly available any national government decisions related to accounting for units used in ICAO, including the contents of host country attestations described in paragraph 3.7.8?  | [ ]  YES |
| b) update information pertaining to host country attestation as often as necessary to avoid double-claiming?  | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to in a) and b):

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| Does the Programme have procedures in place to compare countries’ accounting for emissions units in national emissions reports against the volumes of eligible units issued by the programme and used under the CORSIA which the host country’s national reporting focal point or designee otherwise attested to its intention to not double claim? (*Paragraph 3.7.11*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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| Does the Programme have procedures in place for the programme, or proponents of the activities it supports, to compensate for, replace, or otherwise reconcile double claimed mitigation associated with units used under the CORSIA which the host country’s national accounting focal point or designee otherwise attested to its intention to not double claim? (*Paragraph 3.7.13*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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| Would the Programme be willing and able, upon request, to report to ICAO’s relevant bodies, as requested, performance information related to, *inter alia*, any material instances of and programme responses to country-level double claiming; the nature of, and any changes to, the the number, scale, and/or scope of host country attestations; any relevant changes to related programme measures? (*Paragraph 3.7.12*) | [ ]  YES |

Question 4.8 Do no net harm

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| Are procedures in place to ensure that offset projects do not violate local, state/provincial, national or international regulations or obligations? (*Paragraph 3.8*) | [ ]  YES |

Summarize and provide evidence of the policies and procedures referred to above:

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Describe, and provide evidence that demonstrates, how the programme complies with social and environmental safeguards: (*Paragraph 3.8*)

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Describe, and provide evidence of the programme’s public disclosure of, the institutions, processes, and procedures that are used to implement, monitor, and enforce safeguards to identify, assess and manage environmental and social risks: (*Paragraph 3.8*)

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**PART 5: Programme comments**

Are there any additional comments the programme wishes to make to support the information provided in this form?

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**SECTION IV: SIGNATURE**

*I certify* that I am the administrator or authorized representative (“Programme Representative”) of the emissions unit programme (“Programme”) represented in a) this form, b) evidence accompanying this form, and c) any subsequent oral and/or written correspondence (a-c: “Programme Submission”) between the Programme and ICAO; and that I am duly authorized to represent the Programme in all matters related to ICAO’s analysis of this application form; and that ICAO will be promptly informed of any changes to the contact person(s) or contact information listed in this form.

*As the Programme Representative, I certify* that all information in this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

*As the Programme Representative, I acknowledge* that:

the Programme’s participation in the assessment does not guarantee, equate to, or prejudge future decisions by Council regarding CORSIA-eligible emissions units; and

the ICAO is not responsible for and shall not be liable for any losses, damages, liabilities, or expenses that the Programme may incur arising from or associated with its voluntary participation in the assessment; and

as a condition of participating in the assessment, the Programme will not at any point publicly disseminate, communicate, or otherwise disclose the nature, content, or status of communications between the Programme and ICAO, and of the assessment process generally, unless the Programme has received prior notice from the ICAO Secretariat that such information has been and/or can be publicly disclosed.

*Signed*:

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 Programme Representative (*Signature*)

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1. Available on the ICAO CORSIA website: [https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/CORSIA-Emissions-Units.aspx](https://authoring2016.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/CORSIA-Emissions-Units.aspx) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Recommendations from 2019 TAB assessment cycle: [https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB2019.aspx](https://authoring2016.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB2019.aspx)

Recommendations from 2020 TAB assessment cycle: [https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB2020.aspx](https://authoring2016.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB2020.aspx)

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4. “Emissions Unit Programme”, for the purposes of TAB’s assessment, refers to an organization that administers standards and procedures for developing activities that generate offsets, and for verifying and “issuing” offsets created by those activities. For more information, please review the TAB FAQs on the ICAO CORSIA website: [https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB.aspx](https://authoring2016.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB.aspx) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. For further information on how TAB interprets the EUC in light of the *Guidelines*, refer to the document Clarifications of TAB’s Criteria Interpretations Contained in TAB Reports available on the ICAO TAB website: https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Documents/TAB/TAB%202022/Clarifications\_TABs\_Criteria\_Interpretations.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. At the “activity type” level (e.g., sector(s), sub-sector(s), and/or project “type(s)”) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Note that any applicant may use different terminology. For example, a programme may refer to a “methodology” as a protocol or framework. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Name of the business, government agency, organization, or other entity that administers the Emissions Unit Programme, *if different from “Programme Name”*. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. For this and subsequent “evidence” requests, evidence should be provided in the text box (e.g., web links to documentation), and/or in attachments, as recommended in “SECTION II: INSTRUCTIONS—*Form Completion*”. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)