

## CORSIA Eligible Emissions Unit Programme Change Notification Form

### **PART A: ABOUT THIS FORM**

Once an emissions unit programme is approved by the ICAO Council as eligible to supply CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units, the programme commits to notify the ICAO Secretariat of any “material changes” to its “Scope of Eligibility”, for further review by the Technical Advisory Body (TAB) that advises the ICAO Council on the eligibility of emissions units for use in CORSIA.

*TAB Procedures*<sup>1</sup> defines a “Material Change” as an update to a programme’s *Scope of Eligibility* that would alter the programme’s response(s) to any questions in its application form and further inquiries from the TAB over the course of the programme’s assessment (paragraph 8.4).

*Tab Procedures* defines a CORSIA Eligible Emissions Unit Programme’s “Scope of Eligibility” as “the extent and limits of a programme’s eligibility, which is defined, assessed, and granted on the basis of the programme-level governance structures, measures or mechanisms, and procedures that programmes have in place at the time of their initial submission of application materials to the ICAO Secretariat; and any updates to these procedures that are communicated to TAB during the course of its assessment; and as defined in the general or programme-specific eligibility parameters set out in TAB’s recommendations” (paragraph 4.5).

Annually, TAB will indicate deadlines for programmes to notify ICAO of any such material changes. These notifications should be submitted by the next deadline after the material change has occurred; the upcoming deadlines are indicated in the version of the *TAB Work Programme and Timeline* document that is currently effective. This document is available on the CORSIA website<sup>2</sup>.

Material changes should be disclosed using this form. TAB will then consider the need for any further review, in line with *TAB Procedures*. If TAB identifies that the change is indeed material and should be further assessed, it will invite public comments on the consistency of the proposed revision with the Emissions Unit Criteria (EUC) and *Guidelines for Criteria Interpretation*. The ICAO Secretariat will inform the programme of TAB’s decision to more deeply assess the programme’s modification, or its confirmation that the modification is consistent with the CORSIA EUC. The programme will also be informed of the date by which the review will be completed. The length of the review should be determined by the severity and scale of the material change.

### **PART B: PROGRAM CHANGE NOTIFICATION(S)**

The Programme is requested to provide the following information regarding any modification(s) to the programme’s *Scope of Eligibility* that could constitute a “material change” as described above. Report each change separately by duplicating (copying and pasting) the table below as needed.

**Programme name:** VCS

<b>CHANGE 1</b>
a. Description of the change (e.g., the addition, modification, deletion undertaken):
In response to the follow up on section b) the “further actions” requested by the ICAO Council in the 13 March 2020 email below:
b) to clearly state, in an update to its relevant programme Rules and Requirements at the earliest opportunity, the information in paragraphs a) to c) below:

<sup>1</sup> In *TAB Procedures*, paragraphs 4.5, 7.5, and 8.2 – 8.6 in particular pertain to the *Scope of Eligibility* and notification and assessment of material changes.

<sup>2</sup> The *TAB Work Programme and Timeline* and *TAB Procedures* documents are available here: <https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/TAB.aspx>

a. the default Sustainable Development criteria that activities can use to report on their Sustainable Development contributions or co-benefits;

b. that only VCS activities that report their Sustainable Development contributions or co-benefits in the course of applying the CCB Standards or SD VISTA, or according to the default Sustainable Development criteria that the VCS clearly identifies for such use, can be identified as CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units in the Reserve registry system;

Verra has published the following:

1) The [Sustainable Development Contributions Report](#)- the sustainable development criteria and template that can be used by projects to document their SD impacts. The SD Contributions Report requires projects to:

- a. use the official list of SDG Targets and Indicators to identify the SDG Targets to which the project has contributed;
- b. provide evidence for each contribution in the reporting document;
- c. have this information reviewed by Verra staff before the SDG Contributions Report can be listed on the Verra Registry

2) Guidance for labelling credits as eligible for CORSIA is available on the [Verra website](#), which makes it clear which activities, programs, vintages and demonstration of co-benefits are necessary<sup>3</sup>.

b. Rationale for the change:

The changes were made to provide a pathway for projects to be able to demonstrate compliance with CORSIA rules. The Sustainable Development Contributions Report allows projects that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, but do not use a program that captures those contributions, to demonstrate such impacts. Additional pages to the Verra website (Eligibility of VCUs for Use in CORSIA) were created to clearly articulate the criteria for CORSIA eligibility.

c. Where the change is reflected in the Programme's documentation or other resource(s)<sup>4</sup>:

- [Sustainable Development Contributions Report](#)
- [Eligibility of VCUs for Use in CORSIA](#)

d. Information originally submitted to and assessed by TAB that would be altered as a result of this change (copy and paste in the field below); including any and all relevant descriptions or explanations provided by the Programme in its Application Form and accompanying materials and/or in response to any further inquiries from TAB during the course of the assessment(s) that informed TAB recommendations on the Programme's current eligibility:

Verra previously submitted this information and had a dialogue with the Office of Environment (see email exchanges in June 2020). This update is made primarily to show the final publication of the documents previously submitted (including both the SD Contributions Report and Label guidance).

e. How the information in "d." would be revised and submitted to any future (re-)assessment process, by updating the information in "d." to reflect any / all modifications to the Programme's original information that result from the change:

Additional guidance may be developed in the future for SD Contributions. In addition, any further changes to eligibility will be added to the label guidance whenever decisions that impact VCS project/program eligibility are taken by the council.

<sup>3</sup> Note, Verra will update this guidance based on the November 2020 Decisions in the next week.

<sup>4</sup> If documents or resources evidencing the change are not publicly available, please include this information in an attachment to this form and clearly identify any business-confidential information.

**CHANGE 2**

a. Description of the change (e.g., the addition, modification, deletion undertaken):

Verra is requesting approval of two new AFOLU methodologies:

- [VM0042](#) Methodology for Improved Agricultural Land Management, v1.0
- [VM0041](#) Methodology for the Reduction of Enteric Methane Emissions from Ruminants through the Use of 100% Natural Feed Supplement, v1.0

b. Rationale for the change:

Verra has recently approved new AFOLU methodologies which produce units outside REDD programs that are similar to those already approved for use as standalone activities. These activities may take place in REDD countries but target agricultural, not forestry activities.

c. Where the change is reflected in the Programme's documentation or other resource(s)<sup>5</sup>:

Please see the links in section a.

d. Information originally submitted to and assessed by TAB that would be altered as a result of this change (copy and paste in the field below); including any and all relevant descriptions or explanations provided by the Programme in its Application Form and accompanying materials and/or in response to any further inquiries from TAB during the course of the assessment(s) that informed TAB recommendations on the Programme's current eligibility:

This request would alter the list of methodologies for which we sought approval, as listed on page 14 [of our revised application](#).

e. How the information in "d." would be revised and submitted to any future (re-)assessment process, by updating the information in "d." to reflect any / all modifications to the Programme's original information that result from the change:

Verra anticipates submitting future approved methodologies (and methodology revisions) in the AFOLU sector that fall outside of REDD+ Programs periodically, as they are approved.

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