

What is Carbon Offsetting in Aviation?

In general, offsetting occurs when airlines compensate for their emissions by purchasing and canceling emission units generated from projects or measures that reduce or remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

These units are traded in the carbon market, where prices are governed by supply and demand.



CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units (CEEU's)



CEEU's are "carbon offsets" approved by the ICAO Council, based on recommendations of the Technical Advisory Body (TAB).

CEEU's must meet the CORSIA Emissions Unit Criteria (EUC), which focus on programme-level procedures to ensure the environmental and social integrity of the CEEU's.

Emissions units from ICAO Council-approved programmes are eligible for use under CORSIA. Information on the approved programmes and their scope of eligibility is available in the ICAO document: *CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units*.



Understanding the TAB and its role



An expert group of the ICAO Council...

...that assesses emissions unit programmes against CORSIA Emissions Unit Criteria.

Recommends a list of eligible emissions unit programmes, and their scope of eligibility, for the Council's approval.

Availability of CEEU's

Market availability of CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units is facilitated by the host country authorization.

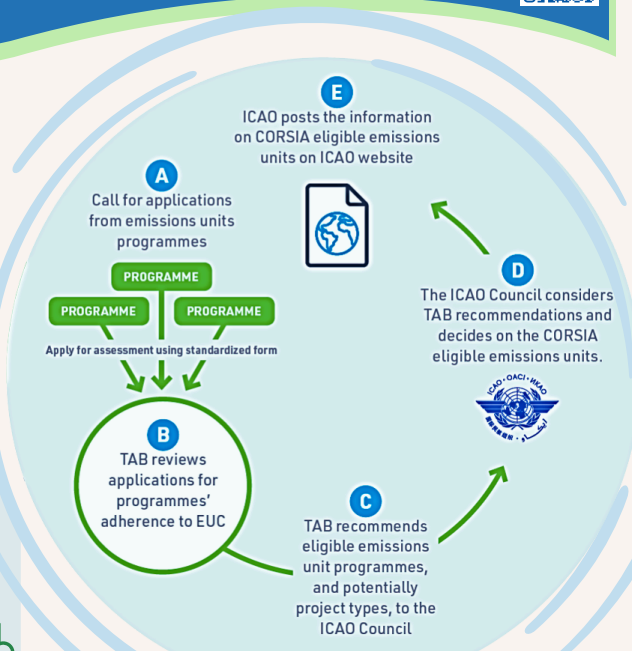
Host country authorization (i.e. Letter of Authorization (LOA)) is important to avoid double claiming of units, confirming that:

- Emissions units to be used in CORSIA are not counted toward Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement (PA).
- Emissions units should be properly accounted (i.e. applying corresponding adjustments) in countries' national reports under the PA.

A voluntary standardized template for the host country authorization is available on the [UNFCCC Article 6 website](#).



ICAO encourages governments hosting activities that generate CEEU's to issue the Letters of Authorization to facilitate the access and availability of CEEU's to aeroplane operators.



ICAO Process for CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units

Emissions Units + LOA = CEEU?



Host country authorization alone does not mean the eligibility of emissions units under CORSIA, which is decided only by the ICAO Council.

Find more information in the ICAO document [CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units](#).