

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: The status of and the efforts for authorization in Zimbabwe



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Background

- Party to the Paris Agreement.
- Aims to participate in Art6.2 (incl. JCM) and Art.6.4 as well as other schemes (VCM, CORSIA etc).
- Market mechanisms should contribute to sustainable development and climate change adaptation.



Policy and Legal Framework

- Policy framework developed in May 2023.
- Legal framework concluded in August 2023.



**CARBON CREDIT FRAMEWORK
FOR
ZIMBABWE**

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Statutory Instrument 150 of 2023.

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Carbon Credits Trading (General) Regulations, 2023

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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10. Authorisation of International Transfer of Carbon Credits.
11. Procedure for Compliance of Existing Projects.
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13. Amendment of Registration.
14. Suspension or Cancellation of Registration.
15. Carbon Credit Registry.
16. Carbon Trading Returns by Registered Entities.
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FIRST SCHEDULE: Guidelines for Stakeholder and Public Participation.

SECOND SCHEDULE: Environmental Integrity Guidelines.

THIRD SCHEDULE: Project Idea Note Template.

FOURTH SCHEDULE: Fees.

FIFTH SCHEDULE: Sustainable Development Checklist.

SIXTH SCHEDULE: Compliance of Existing Projects Template.



Legal provisions on authorisation

- The regulations provide high level guidance.

Authorisation of International Transfer of Carbon Credits

10. (1) Upon recommendation from the Authority, the Minister shall authorise the international transfer of carbon credits for both the compliance and voluntary carbon markets generated from all IPCC sectors.

(2) The Authority shall apply corresponding adjustments to the Zimbabwe National Greenhouse Gas Inventory as provided in the Second Schedule and in accordance with Decision 2/CMA3 of the Convention.



Institutional Arrangements

- Establishment of the Designated National Authority as an institution to regulate all market mechanisms in the country.
- The DNA determines a project impact of NDC before authorisation is provided.



Timing of authorisation

- The regulations leave issue of timing of authorisation open (in order to accommodate many different scenarios).
- However, on submission of Project Idea Note (PIN) to the DNA, Project Proponents are requested to indicate if ITMO authorisation is sort.



Next Steps

- Development of Standard Operating Procedures for the DNA including on the Authorisation Process (expected in early 2024).
- Depending on COP28 Outcomes, consider instances in which authorisation earlier granted will be revoked if necessary.

Thank you



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