

MARINE CONSERVATION CREDITS

Host Country Authorisation Procedure v1.0

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 0001** This procedure shall establish the requirements and mechanisms for obtaining and verifying host country authorisation for Mitigation Credit Company (MCC) projects.
- 0002** Host country authorisation shall be required for projects seeking to generate credits eligible for corresponding adjustments under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.
- 0003** This procedure shall apply to all MCC-registered projects where the project developer or credit buyer intends to claim corresponding adjustments.
- 0004** Host country authorisation shall verify that the host country has approved the project and committed to corresponding adjustments as required by international climate frameworks.
- 0005** The MCC shall maintain a transparent process for authorisation verification and shall make authorisation status publicly available through the MCC registry.
- 0006** This procedure shall not restrict projects from proceeding without corresponding adjustments; projects may be registered and credits issued without host country authorisation.
- 0007** Where corresponding adjustments are claimed, host country authorisation shall be a mandatory prerequisite to credit issuance with CA status.
- 0008** The procedure shall establish timelines, documentation requirements, and verification protocols to ensure robust and timely authorisation.
- 0009** MCC shall not assert or guarantee Article 6 compliance; compliance determination remains the responsibility of participating countries and international bodies.
- 0010** This procedure shall be reviewed and updated annually to reflect evolving international climate frameworks and host country practices.

ARTICLE 6 CONTEXT

0011 Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement shall establish cooperative approaches for internationally transferring mitigation outcomes between countries.

0012 Article 6.2 shall permit countries to engage in voluntary cooperation and credit trading to achieve NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) targets.

0013 Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement shall establish the Article 6.4 Mechanism for authorised entities to generate and trade internationally transferred mitigation outcomes.

0014 The Article 6.4 Mechanism shall be overseen by a Supervisory Body appointed under UNFCCC procedures.

0015 MCC credits shall be voluntary market instruments that represent verified emission reductions or removals from registered projects.

0016 Host country authorisation shall serve as the mechanism through which host countries confirm project participation and commit to corresponding adjustments.

0017 Host country authorisation shall apply regardless of whether credits are traded on voluntary markets or under Article 6 frameworks.

0018 Where project developers or credit buyers require corresponding adjustments, host country authorisation shall be the mechanism for documenting host country commitment.

0019 MCC shall not automatically assert that credits comply with Article 6 requirements; project developers shall be responsible for Article 6 compliance determination.

0020 The host country Designated National Authority (DNA) or equivalent body shall be the authoritative source for authorisation issuance.

0021 Host countries shall determine whether to apply corresponding adjustments, and the MCC shall facilitate but not mandate this decision.

0022 Credits without corresponding adjustments shall be issued and traded without requiring host country authorisation.

0023 The MCC registry shall record whether corresponding adjustments are claimed and authorised for each credit unit.

0024 Host country authorisation shall be specific to the project, methodology, crediting period, and authorised volume.

0025 MCC shall not provide Article 6 advisory services; project developers shall obtain Article 6 guidance from national authorities or qualified consultants.

0026 Corresponding adjustments shall be recorded by host countries in their NDC achievement calculations and international reporting.

0027 The voluntary carbon market and Article 6 frameworks shall operate in parallel, with distinct rules and reporting requirements.

0028 Host country authorisation shall be compatible with credits trading on voluntary carbon markets without automatic Article 6 status.

0029 MCC shall maintain a registry of authorisations to support host country tracking and reporting obligations.

0030 Authorisation shall not restrict project operation or credit generation; it shall only enable corresponding adjustment status and Article 6 eligibility claims.

AUTHORISATION REQUIREMENTS

0031 Project developers shall obtain a Letter of Authorisation (LoA) from the host country Designated National Authority (DNA) or equivalent authority.

0032 The DNA shall be the entity designated by the host country government to issue authorisations for Article 6 and corresponding adjustment purposes.

0033 Where a country lacks a formal DNA, the equivalent authority shall be a ministry, agency, or body authorised by the host country government.

0034 The LoA shall be an official written document issued by the DNA in English or with certified English translation.

0035 The LoA shall specify the following required information: (1) project name and location, (2) methodology and standard applied, (3) crediting period start and end dates, (4) authorised emission reduction or removal volume in tonnes CO₂ equivalent, (5) explicit statement of whether corresponding adjustments will be applied.

0036 The LoA shall confirm that the host country has assessed project eligibility under its national Article 6 framework.

0037 The LoA shall include the DNA signature, official seal, and date of issuance.

0038 The LoA shall reference the project registration number assigned by MCC.

0039 The project developer shall obtain the LoA before or concurrent with project registration; LoA submission to MCC shall occur before first credit issuance.

0040 LoA submission shall not be required at project registration; submission shall be required only when the project developer intends to issue credits with corresponding adjustment status.

0041 The project developer shall upload the original or certified copy of the LoA to the MCC platform through the Document entity.

0042 The MCC registry shall assign a unique HostCountryAuthorisation record identifier upon LoA submission.

0043 The registry manager shall verify the authenticity of the LoA through (1) visual inspection of official seals and signatures, (2) confirmation with the DNA contact information, (3) cross-reference with the DNA registry of issued authorisations where available.

0044 Verification shall be documented in the MCC system with verifiedBy user identifier and verifiedAt timestamp.

0045 The registry manager shall confirm that the LoA volume matches or exceeds the credit issuance volume requested.

0046 The registry manager shall confirm that the LoA crediting period aligns with the project crediting period registered in MCC.

0047 If LoA is rejected or verification fails, the registry manager shall notify the project developer with specific reasons and guidance for correction.

0048 The project developer shall have 60 days from notification to resubmit a corrected or updated LoA; failure to resubmit shall result in credits being issued without CA status.

0049 Once verified, the LoA shall remain valid for the crediting period specified therein; LoA renewal may be required if the crediting period is extended.

0050 The MCC registry shall not accept LoAs issued after project crediting period end date; such LoAs shall be rejected.

0051 LoA revocation by the host country shall be immediately reported by the DNA or project developer; revocation shall trigger credit status revision.

0052 Multiple LoAs for the same project shall not be submitted; if supplementary authorisation is required, project developer shall request LoA amendment from DNA.

0053 The LoA shall not commit MCC to any Article 6 compliance determination; Article 6 compliance shall remain the responsibility of the project developer and host country.

0054 The LoA shall not imply MCC endorsement of the project or verification quality; MCC shall only verify authorisation authenticity.

0055 The LoA submission and verification process shall be completed within 30 days where feasible; any delays shall be communicated to the project developer.

HOST COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

0056 The MCC shall maintain a Host Country Classification Register categorising all countries into three categories based on Article 6 framework maturity.

0057 Category 1 shall include countries with operational Article 6 frameworks, established DNA processes, and documented procedures for issuing LoAs.

0058 Category 1 countries shall demonstrate adoption of Article 6 rules of procedure or equivalent national regulations; LoAs shall be obtainable through established processes.

0059 Category 2 shall include countries developing Article 6 frameworks, with DNA designation in progress, or frameworks under finalisation.

0060 Category 2 countries shall have expressed formal intent to implement Article 6 through communications to UNFCCC or national policy documents; LoA availability shall vary and timelines shall be longer.

0061 Category 3 shall include countries without formal Article 6 frameworks, no designated DNA, or no expressed intent to implement Article 6.

0062 Category 3 countries shall not currently issue LoAs through formal processes; credits from these countries shall be issued without CA status.

0063 The MCC shall update the Host Country Classification Register annually, on or before March 31st each year.

0064 Classification changes shall be based on host country announcements, UNFCCC guidance, and documented framework developments.

0065 The MCC shall consult host country authorities and international climate bodies when classifying countries.

0066 A country may request reclassification by submitting documentation of framework changes; reclassification shall be processed within 90 days.

0067 Projects in Category 3 countries may obtain LoAs if the host country adopts an Article 6 framework; the project may then seek LoA and credit upgrade.

0068 MCC shall maintain public documentation explaining the classification criteria and evidence for each country's category.

0069 Category 1 classification shall not guarantee LoA issuance; individual project assessments by the DNA remain mandatory.

0070 LoA availability shall be determined by the host country; MCC classification shall reflect framework status, not guarantee outcomes.

0071 The Host Country Classification Register shall be published on the MCC website with explanatory notes and supporting references.

0072 MCC staff shall provide guidance to project developers regarding authorisation prospects based on country classification.

0073 Projects may request preliminary classification assessment for countries not yet on the register; such assessment shall be completed within 60 days.

0074 Reclassifications shall be communicated to all projects in affected countries; affected projects shall be notified of changes and corresponding adjustment implications.

0075 The MCC shall maintain a public registry of countries with operational DNAs and contact information to facilitate project developer engagement.

Category	Description	LoA Availability	CA Status	MCC Action
Category 1	Countries with operational Article 6 frameworks, established DNA process, documented procedures	Readily available through DNA process	Credits issued with CA status upon LoA verification	Verify LoA authenticity; process within standard timelines
Category 2	Countries developing Article 6 frameworks, DNA in progress, frameworks under finalisation	May be available; longer timelines expected	Credits issued with CA status upon LoA verification; timeline variable	Verify LoA; allow extended verification periods; track framework progress
Category 3	Countries without Article 6 frameworks, no designated DNA, no expressed implementation intent	Not currently available through formal processes	Credits issued without CA status unless framework adopted	Advise project developers of limited near-term prospects; monitor for framework adoption

CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT TRACKING

0076 Every CreditUnit entity in the MCC registry shall include a correspondingAdjustmentStatus field indicating CA eligibility and authorisation state.

0077 The correspondingAdjustmentStatus field shall take one of four values: NOT_APPLICABLE, PENDING, AUTHORISED, or CONFIRMED.

0078 NOT_APPLICABLE shall be the default status for all credits issued without a host country LoA or where corresponding adjustments are not claimed.

0079 PENDING shall indicate that an LoA has been submitted but verification by the registry manager is incomplete.

0080 AUTHORISED shall indicate that an LoA has been verified and the host country has authorised corresponding adjustments.

0081 CONFIRMED shall indicate that the host country has formally confirmed the corresponding adjustment in its NDC achievement reporting or international climate communication.

0082 CreditBatch entities shall include a hostCountryAuthorisationId field that references the HostCountryAuthorisation record if credits in the batch carry CA status.

0083 The hostCountryAuthorisationId shall be null for credit batches without corresponding adjustment claims.

0084 HostCountryAuthorisation entities shall contain the following required fields: (1) id (unique identifier), (2) projectId, (3) countryCode (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2), (4) dnaName (name of issuing DNA or equivalent authority), (5) loaDocumentId (reference to uploaded LoA document), (6) authorisedVolume (tonnes CO₂ equivalent), (7) creditingPeriodStart (date), (8) creditingPeriodEnd (date), (9) correspondingAdjustmentCommitted (boolean), (10) status (PENDING, VERIFIED, REVOKED), (11) verifiedById (user identifier of registry manager), (12) verifiedAt (timestamp of verification completion).

0085 The MCC registry shall display correspondingAdjustmentStatus for every credit unit on the public registry interface.

0086 Credits with AUTHORISED or CONFIRMED CA status shall be visually distinguishable from credits with NOT_APPLICABLE or PENDING status in registry displays.

0087 A credit unit shall not transition from AUTHORISED or CONFIRMED status back to NOT_APPLICABLE unless the host country revokes the LoA or the project developer requests removal of CA claims.

0088 Revocation shall be tracked with revocationDate and revocationReason fields in the HostCountryAuthorisation entity.

0089 Upon LoA revocation, all CreditUnit records referencing the revoked HostCountryAuthorisationId shall revert to correspondingAdjustmentStatus NOT_APPLICABLE.

0090 Reversion upon revocation shall trigger automated notification to all credit buyers who hold units with AUTHORISED or CONFIRMED status.

0091 The registry shall maintain a complete audit trail of all CA status transitions, including timestamps and responsible users.

0092 Credits issued before LoA verification shall be marked PENDING until verification occurs; no corresponding adjustments shall be claimed during PENDING status.

0093 The registry shall prevent export of credits with CA status without explicit acknowledgment that corresponding adjustments carry legal and reporting obligations.

0094 Queries of the public registry by country shall show total CA-authorized volumes and comparison to NDC targets where available.

0095 The MCC shall provide annual reporting on CA volumes by country, project type, and methodology to UNFCCC and interested parties.

0096 CA status shall be immutable except in cases of LoA revocation, methodology error correction, or project withdrawal.

PROCEDURES

0097 Section 6.1 — Project Developer Application: The project developer shall submit an application to the host country Designated National Authority (DNA) or equivalent authority requesting a Letter of Authorisation.

0098 The project developer shall provide the DNA with the following documentation: (1) project design document describing the project and methodology, (2) MCC project registration number, (3) crediting period and expected annual emission reductions, (4) evidence of compliance with host country Article 6 eligibility criteria.

0099 The DNA shall assess the project application within its established timelines; typical assessment periods shall range from 30 to 90 days depending on country procedures.

0100 The DNA shall issue the LoA upon approval; the LoA shall constitute the official host country authorisation.

0101 Section 6.2 — LoA Submission to MCC: The project developer shall upload the LoA to the MCC platform through the Document management interface.

0102 The document upload shall require the document type classification as HOST_COUNTRY_AUTHORISATION.

0103 The project developer shall provide metadata with the LoA submission: (1) DNA name and contact, (2) LoA issue date, (3) authorised volume in tonnes CO₂ equivalent, (4) crediting period dates.

0104 Upon successful upload, the MCC system shall automatically create a HostCountryAuthorisation record and assign a unique authorisation ID.

0105 The system shall notify the MCC registry manager of pending LoA verification.

0106 Section 6.3 — Registry Manager Verification: The MCC registry manager shall review the submitted LoA and supporting metadata.

0107 The registry manager shall verify authenticity by (1) visual inspection of the LoA for official seals, signatures, and formatting consistent with DNA standards, (2) direct contact with the DNA to confirm LoA issuance, (3) cross-reference with DNA records if a public registry is available.

0108 The registry manager shall confirm that the LoA volume is sufficient to cover the requested credit issuance volume.

0109 The registry manager shall confirm that the LoA crediting period aligns with the project crediting period in MCC.

0110 The registry manager shall verify that the project name, methodology, and other technical details match the MCC project registration.

0111 Upon successful verification, the registry manager shall update the HostCountryAuthorisationStatus field to VERIFIED and shall set verifiedById and verifiedAt fields.

0112 The system shall automatically update all CreditUnit records associated with the project to set correspondingAdjustmentStatus to AUTHORISED.

0113 The registry shall generate a verification certificate documenting the authenticity check and shall attach it to the HostCountryAuthorisation record.

0114 Section 6.4 — System Status Update: Upon verification completion, the MCC platform shall update credit records, CA status fields, and credit batch references.

0115 The system shall flag the HostCountryAuthorisationId in all credit batches issued after verification.

0116 The registry interface shall update public displays to reflect AUTHORISED CA status for affected credit units.

0117 Credit buyers and project developers shall receive automated notification of CA status verification completion.

0118 Section 6.5 — LoA Revocation: The host country DNA may revoke an LoA if the project fails to maintain compliance with host country requirements or Article 6 eligibility criteria.

0119 The project developer may initiate LoA withdrawal if the project is abandoned or corresponding adjustments are no longer intended.

0120 Upon LoA revocation or withdrawal, the DNA or project developer shall immediately notify the MCC registry manager.

0121 The registry manager shall update the HostCountryAuthorisationStatus to REVOKED and shall set revocationDate and revocationReason fields.

0122 The system shall automatically revert correspondingAdjustmentStatus of all associated CreditUnit records to NOT_APPLICABLE.

0123 The MCC shall notify all identified credit buyers of CA status revocation, providing the revocation reason and implications.

0124 Credits reverted to NOT_APPLICABLE status shall remain valid for voluntary carbon market transactions; they shall not carry CA status or corresponding adjustment claims.

0125 Historical records of revoked authorisations shall remain in the registry for audit and transparency purposes.

0126 Project developers may request LoA reinstatement if conditions are corrected; reinstatement shall require new DNA verification.

DOUBLE COUNTING PREVENTION

0127 The MCC shall not issue credits for emission reductions or removals already claimed by the project developer under another carbon programme or registry.

0128 Project developers shall declare whether the project has registered or generated credits under other programmes (including Article 6.4 Mechanism, Gold Standard, Verra, other voluntary standards, national compliance schemes).

0129 The MCC registry shall maintain a cross-programme check function to identify potential double registration of the same project or emission reduction.

0130 Initial cross-programme checks shall be conducted manually by comparing project location, methodology, crediting period, and expected volume against known registries and programmes.

0131 MCC shall work toward automated cross-programme data exchange through APIs and data-sharing agreements with other major registries; automated checks shall be implemented as registry connectivity becomes available.

0132 Credits issued by MCC shall not be claimed as achievement in both the host country NDC and a buyer country NDC; corresponding adjustments shall ensure this through explicit tracking.

0133 Host countries shall maintain records of corresponding adjustments applied, including the emission reduction volume, project identifier, and buyer country (if specified).

0134 Buyer countries claiming corresponding adjustments shall report them to UNFCCC; the host country corresponding adjustment and buyer country claim shall be reconcilable through the MCC registry.

0135 The MCC shall require project developers to disclose all prior or concurrent carbon finance arrangements for the same project.

0136 Where a project has previously generated credits under another programme and seeks to register with MCC, the project developer shall declare volumes already issued and shall clarify the scope of MCC registration.

0137 MCC shall not issue credits for emission reductions already issued by other programmes in the same crediting period; the project developer shall specify new, additional emission reductions if multiple registrations are intended.

0138 Credits issued without corresponding adjustments shall not require host country sign-off on double-counting prevention; voluntary market purchasers shall assume responsibility for due diligence.

0139 Credits issued with corresponding adjustments shall include explicit language that the credit and corresponding adjustment may not be claimed in multiple countries or programmes.

0140 The MCC registry shall display a double-counting risk assessment for each project, indicating whether prior or concurrent registration in other programmes has been confirmed.

0141 Project developers shall warrant the accuracy of disclosures regarding prior carbon finance; false disclosure shall constitute grounds for project suspension or credit invalidation.

0142 The MCC shall investigate suspected double-counting incidents reported by third parties; investigations shall be completed within 60 days.

0143 If double-counting is confirmed, the MCC shall invalidate affected credits and shall report the incident to relevant parties, including host and buyer countries.

0144 Host country reporting obligations shall be documented by the MCC and shall be shared with host countries to support accurate NDC achievement reporting.

0145 The MCC shall provide guidance to host countries on recording corresponding adjustments and avoiding double-counting in national reporting systems.

0146 MCC shall not assert that credits are compliant with specific regulatory schemes (e.g., specific regulatory programme status claims); instead, MCC shall indicate credits are 'structured for future regulatory assessment' pending programme-specific determinations.

INTEGRATION WITH MCC PLATFORM

0147 The MCC platform shall be updated to introduce new entities, fields, and workflows supporting host country authorisation procedures.

0148 New Entity — HostCountryAuthorisation: The platform shall create a new database entity named HostCountryAuthorisation with the following structure:

0149 HostCountryAuthorisation fields shall include: (1) id (UUID), (2) projectId (foreign key to Project), (3) countryCode (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 code of host country), (4) dnaName (string, name of DNA or equivalent authority), (5) loaDocumentId (foreign key to Document entity), (6) authorisedVolume (integer, tonnes CO₂ equivalent).

0150 HostCountryAuthorisation fields shall also include: (7) creditingPeriodStart (date), (8) creditingPeriodEnd (date), (9) correspondingAdjustmentCommitted (boolean), (10) status (enum: PENDING, VERIFIED, REVOKED), (11) verifiedById (UUID, foreign key to User), (12) verifiedAt (timestamp).

0151 HostCountryAuthorisation shall include optional fields: (13) revocationDate (date), (14) revocationReason (text), (15) verificationNotes (text), (16) loaExpiryDate (date).

0152 CreditUnit Entity Updates: The CreditUnit entity shall be updated to include a new field correspondingAdjustmentStatus.

0153 correspondingAdjustmentStatus shall be an enum field accepting values: NOT_APPLICABLE, PENDING, AUTHORISED, CONFIRMED.

0154 The default value of correspondingAdjustmentStatus shall be NOT_APPLICABLE upon credit issuance.

0155 CreditUnit shall include an optional field hostCountryAuthorisationId (foreign key reference to HostCountryAuthorisation).

0156 CreditBatch Entity Updates: The CreditBatch entity shall be updated to include a new field hostCountryAuthorisationId.

0157 hostCountryAuthorisationId shall be a nullable foreign key reference; its presence shall indicate that all credits in the batch carry CA status.

0158 CreditBatch shall include a new field correspondingAdjustmentApplied (boolean), which shall be true if all credits in the batch have CA status AUTHORISED or CONFIRMED.

0159 Document Entity Requirements: LoA documents shall be classified with type HOST_COUNTRY_AUTHORISATION.

0160 Document metadata shall include DNA name, LoA issue date, and authorised volume for easy retrieval.

0161 Issuance Workflow Integration: The credit issuance workflow shall include an optional HOST_COUNTRY_CHECK gate.

0162 The HOST_COUNTRY_CHECK gate shall be triggered only when a project developer requests credits to be issued with CA status.

0163 If HOST_COUNTRY_CHECK gate is invoked, the system shall verify that a VERIFIED HostCountryAuthorisation record exists for the project before issuance proceeds.

0164 If no verified HostCountryAuthorisation is found, issuance shall not be blocked; instead, credits shall be issued with correspondingAdjustmentStatus NOT_APPLICABLE.

0165 The project developer shall have the option to bypass HOST_COUNTRY_CHECK and issue credits without CA status at any time.

0166 API Endpoints — HostCountryAuthorisation CRUD: The platform shall expose RESTful API endpoints for HostCountryAuthorisation management:

0167 POST /host-country-authorisations — Create a new HostCountryAuthorisation record (project developer access)

0168 GET /host-country-authorisations/:id — Retrieve a specific authorisation record (public read, authenticated users can see details)

0169 GET /host-country-authorisations?projectId=X — Retrieve authorisations for a project (project developer and registry manager access)

0170 PUT /host-country-authorisations/:id — Update authorisation status (registry manager access only)

0171 DELETE /host-country-authorisations/:id — Soft delete (mark as inactive) (registry manager access only)

0172 POST /host-country-authorisations/:id/verify — Submit verification request (project developer access)

0173 Public Registry Display: The public registry interface shall display correspondingAdjustmentStatus for each credit unit.

0174 The display shall use visual indicators (icons, colour coding) to distinguish NOT_APPLICABLE, PENDING, AUTHORISED, and CONFIRMED statuses.

0175 The registry shall provide a filter allowing users to search by CA status, country, and project.

0176 The registry shall display HostCountryAuthorisation details (DNA name, issue date, authorised volume, verification status) for each authorised project.

0177 Credit Export Restrictions: When exporting or transferring credits with CA status, the system shall require acknowledgment that corresponding adjustments carry legal obligations.

0178 Export shall include metadata clearly labeling CA status and corresponding adjustment implications.

0179 Reporting and Analytics: The platform shall generate reports on CA volumes by country, project type, methodology, and over time.

0180 Monthly and annual CA status summaries shall be published to support MCC transparency and UNFCCC reporting.

0181 Database Indexing: The HostCountryAuthorisation table shall be indexed on projectId, countryCode, and status to support efficient queries.

0182 CreditUnit queries filtered by correspondingAdjustmentStatus shall benefit from database indexing for performance.

0183 System Notifications: Upon HostCountryAuthorisation status change, the system shall trigger automated notifications to project developers and affected credit buyers.

0184 Audit Logging: All HostCountryAuthorisation CRUD operations shall be logged with timestamp, user ID, operation type, and previous/new values.

Table Name	Entity	Primary	Foreign Keys	Purpose
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		Columns		
host_country_authorisation	HostCountryAuthorisation	id, projectId, countryCode, status, verifiedAt	projectId (Project), loaDocumentId (Document), verifiedById (User)	Store LoA records and verification status
credit_unit	CreditUnit	id, batchId, correspondingAdjustmentStatus, hostCountryAuthorisationId	hostCountryAuthorisationId (HostCountryAuthorisation)	Track CA status per credit unit
credit_batch	CreditBatch	id, projectId, hostCountryAuthorisationId, correspondingAdjustmentApplied	hostCountryAuthorisationId (HostCountryAuthorisation)	Associate batches with authorisations and CA status

CA Status Value	Description	Definition	Transition Rules
NOT_APPLICABLE	Credit without corresponding adjustment claim	Default status; no host country authorisation required	May transition to PENDING if LoA submitted; irreversible if credits have been transferred
PENDING	LoA submitted, verification in progress	LoA uploaded to registry; awaiting registry manager verification	May transition to AUTHORISED (upon verification), or back to NOT_APPLICABLE (if verification fails)
AUTHORISED	LoA verified; host country has approved corresponding adjustments	LoA verified by registry manager; credits eligible for CA claims	May transition to CONFIRMED (upon host country NDC reporting), or to NOT_APPLICABLE (if LoA revoked)
CONFIRMED	Host country has confirmed corresponding adjustment in NDC reporting	Host country reported the credit and adjustment in official climate communication	Irreversible except through audit revision; revocation triggers NOT_APPLICABLE only if initial LoA revoked

Verification Checklist Item	Responsible Party	Criteria	Status Options
LoA document authenticity	Registry Manager	Verify official seals, signatures, DNA	Pass / Fail / Unable to Verify

		letterhead format	
DNA confirmation	Registry Manager	Contact DNA via listed contact details; confirm LoA issuance	Confirmed / Not Confirmed / Unable to Contact
Volume alignment	Registry Manager	Authorised volume must equal or exceed requested credit issuance volume	Pass / Fail
Crediting period alignment	Registry Manager	LoA crediting period must match or exceed MCC project crediting period	Pass / Fail
Project details match	Registry Manager	Project name, location, methodology, timeline match MCC registration	Pass / Fail / Requires Clarification
Double-counting check	Registry Manager	Confirm project not registered in other programmes for same crediting period	Clear / Conflict / Requires Clarification
Host country classification	Registry Manager	Confirm host country category supports LoA issuance	Category 1 / Category 2 / Category 3

POLICY REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

0185 This procedure shall be subject to annual review to ensure alignment with evolving international climate frameworks and host country practices.

0186 The MCC shall establish a Review Committee comprised of internal policy staff, external legal advisors, and host country representatives.

0187 The Review Committee shall meet annually to assess the effectiveness of authorisation procedures and identify necessary amendments.

0188 Material amendments to this procedure shall be published 60 days before implementation to allow stakeholder comment.

0189 The MCC shall document and respond to all substantive stakeholder comments received during the comment period.

0190 Non-material amendments (clarifications, administrative updates, corrected references) may be implemented with 14 days' notice.

0191 This procedure shall remain in effect until formally superseded by a subsequent version; version history shall be maintained for audit and transparency.

0192 The MCC shall maintain a changelog documenting all amendments with effective date, description of change, and rationale.