Airport Carbon Accreditation Communication

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To:	Accredited Airports, Approved Verifiers and Programme Stakeholders
Subject:	Launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation Requirements Edition 1.0*
Date:	February 5th, 2026

The purpose of this Communication is to inform stakeholders of formal updates to *Airport Carbon Accreditation*, in line with decisions of the programme stakeholders.

Airport Carbon Accreditation Application Manual Issue 14 was issued in December 2023. To improve the clarity of the programme requirements as well as to ensure alignment with global developments and best practices, a new suite of six documents titled *Airport Carbon Accreditation Requirements Edition 1.0* (January 2026) is being introduced (https://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/technical-documents/):

- Requirements for All Levels
- Level 1 Requirements
- Level 2 Requirements
- Level 3/3+ Requirements
- Level 4/4+ Requirements
- Level 5 Requirements

This new suite of documents, which has been reviewed by expert stakeholders and approved by the programme's Task Force, introduces some new requirements or clarifications, including but not limited to:

- **Public Reporting**: Specified documentation shall now be made publicly available.
- **GHG Inventory Report**: Airports at all levels shall submit a GHG Inventory Report.
- **Communications:** Incorporation of the provisions of all relevant Communications that were issued in 2025 (e.g., on- and off-site verification, reporting of full flight emissions for Scope 3 inventory for Levels 3/3+).
- **Clarifications**: Requirements vs recommendations, limited deviations, emission reduction target revisions, base year adjustment, base year determination, etc.
- **Simplifications**: Optional conversion of the Carbon Management Plan or Training Plan to table format.

Entry into Force and Transition

Airport Carbon Accreditation Requirements Edition 1.0 shall be effective from 15th May 2026 for all types of applications.

Applications submitted before 15th May 2026 will be assessed under the current *Application Manual Issue 14* requirements.

Required Action

Airports are advised to review the *Airport Carbon Accreditation Requirements Edition 1.0* documentation in detail and assess any necessary adjustments to their application in advance of their next submission.

For any questions, please contact the Airport Carbon Accreditation Helpdesk at aca@environmental-minds.com