Airport Carbon Accreditation Communication

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To:	Accredited Airports, Approved Verifiers and Programme Stakeholders
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The purpose of this Communication is to inform stakeholders of formal updates to *Airport Carbon Accreditation*, in line with decisions of the programme stakeholders.

The *Airport Carbon Accreditation* Verifier Manual Issue 1 (November 2020) is being superseded by the new *Airport Carbon Accreditation Verifier Requirements Edition 1.0* (May 2026). The updated document has been developed to improve clarity, ensure comprehensiveness, and align with evolving international practices (https://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/technical-documents/).

Key updates and improvements introduced in Edition 1.0 include, but are not limited to, clarification of verifier eligibility requirements, the introduction of Level 5 verification provisions, strengthened independence requirements, improved governance provisions, and a clearer distinction between mandatory requirements and recommendations.

The new document shall become effective from 15th May 2026 for all verifiers and airport applications. Applications submitted prior to 15th May 2026 shall continue to be assessed under the existing Verifier Manual Issue 1 requirements.

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