

ONTOLY

Building Emissions Reduction Standard (BERS) Host Country Attestation Procedures

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1. Purpose

This document establishes the requirements and processes for obtaining, verifying, and maintaining host country attestations for Article 6 authorizations and corresponding adjustments under the Building Emissions Reduction Standard (BERS). These procedures implement BERS Standard Sections 15.4.2 and 15.4.3.2 and support the Ontoly Article 6 and CORSIA Label Guidance (the “Label Guidance”). They are maintained as a separate document as required by BERS Standard Section 15.4.3.2.

Status notice. The BERS Program has applied for assessment by the ICAO Technical Advisory Body (TAB) under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). Unless and until the ICAO Council determines the BERS Program eligible, no BERU is a CORSIA Eligible Emissions Unit.

2. Definitions

Capitalized terms not defined here have the meaning given in the Label Guidance, Section 2.

- (a) Designated National Authority (DNA):** the government authority designated by the host country to authorize the use of emission reductions under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. References to the DNA include the host country’s national focal point for Article 6 or the focal point’s designee, consistent with the CORSIA EUC Guidelines.
- (b) Authorization Applicant:** the party seeking the host country’s Article 6 authorization and submitting attestation documentation to Ontoly — either the Building Representative (supplier-side) or a buyer or prospective buyer of the BERUs (buyer-side), in accordance with Label Guidance Section 4.2.
- (c) Attestation:** a formal written confirmation from the host country’s DNA regarding the authorization of emission reductions for international use and the commitment to apply corresponding adjustments, including the host country attestation required under the ICAO document “CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units.”
- (d) Corresponding Adjustment (CA):** an accounting adjustment applied by the host country to its NDC accounting to avoid double claiming of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes.

3. Attestation Requirements

3.1 Required Documentation

The Authorization Applicant shall submit the following to Ontoly:

- (a) Authorization letter:** an original or certified copy of the host country’s Article 6 authorization letter or equivalent instrument, issued by the DNA, which must include:

identification of the BERS project(s) covered — or, for aggregated buyer-side authorizations, the objective coverage criteria and maximum authorized quantity required by Label Guidance Section 4.2; the type and quantity of emission reductions authorized; the period covered; an explicit statement of the authorized use(s), including CORSIA where applicable; the first-transfer trigger, where specified by the host country; and confirmation of the commitment to apply corresponding adjustments;

- (b) Corresponding adjustment confirmation:** written confirmation from the DNA (or reference to the host country's Article 6 infrastructure) that corresponding adjustments will be applied in the host country's Biennial Transparency Report or equivalent reporting mechanism;
- (c) Standing (buyer-side applicants):** evidence of Ontoly Registry account holder status or a binding purchase agreement (or executed term sheet) for the BERUs concerned. No Building Representative consent is required: BERUs are assigned to a buyer-side authorized quantity only through a transfer or sale executed by the Building Representative, and Ontoly notifies each affected Building Representative of assignment in accordance with Label Guidance Section 4.2; and
- (d) Additional DNA requirements:** any additional documentation, fees, or registrations required by the host country's DNA or Article 6 framework.

3.2 Acceptable Formats

Attestation documents must be: on official government letterhead or issued through an official government digital platform; signed by an authorized representative of the DNA (wet signature, electronic signature, or digital certificate); in English or accompanied by a certified English translation; and dated within twelve (12) months of submission to Ontoly, unless the authorization specifies a longer validity period.

4. Verification Procedures

4.1 Authenticity Verification

Upon receipt of attestation documentation, Ontoly shall verify authenticity through one or more of: direct communication with the DNA (email, official correspondence, or virtual meeting); cross-referencing against the host country's public Article 6 registry or database (where available); verification through the UNFCCC's centralized Article 6 infrastructure (where operational); or engagement of a third-party verification service specializing in sovereign document authentication. For buyer-side applications, authenticity shall in all cases be confirmed directly with the DNA.

4.2 Scope Verification

Ontoly shall confirm that the attestation covers:

- The specific BERS project(s) — by name, location, and/or registry ID — or, for aggregated authorizations, the objective coverage criteria (host country, Approved BERS Methodology(ies), vintage window) and maximum authorized quantity;
- The specific emission reductions, by type, quantity, and/or vintage period;
- The authorized use(s) (international transfer, CORSIA compliance, or other international mitigation purposes) and, where specified, the first-transfer trigger; and

- The commitment to corresponding adjustments for the specific quantity and period.

Where an application would result in more than one authorization covering the same BERUs, Ontoly shall reject the application in accordance with the no-double-authorization safeguard in Label Guidance Section 4.2.

4.3 Review Timeline

Ontoly shall complete its review within ten (10) business days of receipt of a complete submission. Where additional information or clarification is required, Ontoly shall notify the Authorization Applicant within five (5) business days, and the review timeline restarts upon receipt of the additional information. Label application then follows Label Guidance Section 4.3.

5. Ongoing Monitoring

5.1 Annual Reconfirmation

Ontoly shall request annual reconfirmation from the DNA that the authorization and corresponding adjustment commitment remain in effect. Reconfirmation requests shall be sent at least sixty (60) days before the anniversary of the original attestation.

5.2 Status Changes

The Authorization Applicant and the Building Representative shall each promptly notify Ontoly of any changes to: the host country's Article 6 policies or framework; the status of the DNA or its authorized representatives; the scope or validity of the authorization; or any communication from the DNA indicating a change to the corresponding adjustment commitment.

5.3 Ontoly Monitoring and Reconciliation

Ontoly shall independently monitor public communications from host country governments regarding Article 6 participation; UNFCCC correspondence and decisions regarding Article 6 implementation; and Biennial Transparency Reports, the UNFCCC Article 6 database, and national Article 6 registries (where available) to confirm corresponding adjustments have been reported. Ontoly shall conduct the annual reconciliation against national reporting described in Label Guidance Section 7.3, shall regularly seek evidence of the appropriate application of corresponding adjustments (BERS Standard Section 15.4.2(d)), and shall provide host countries with information and publish status reports in accordance with Label Guidance Section 7.2.

6. Non-Compliance and Remediation

6.1 Failure to Obtain Attestation

Where the required attestation is not obtained within the timeframes specified in BERS Standard Section 15.4.2, the Article 6 Label shall not be applied to the BERUs, and any provisional CORSIA Pipeline designation shall continue to itemize the outstanding attestation condition (Label Guidance Section 5.3).

6.2 Revocation or Failure of Corresponding Adjustments

Where an attestation is revoked by the host country, or evidence of the appropriate application of corresponding adjustments cannot be obtained within two (2) years of the required application of the corresponding adjustments (BERS Standard Section 15.4.2), Ontoly shall:

- Remove the Article 6 Label from affected BERUs (and, for post-2020 vintages, the CORSIA Label) in accordance with Label Guidance Section 8.2;
- Notify affected account holders, the Authorization Applicant, and the relevant Building Representative(s) within five (5) business days;
- Where BERUs have been cancelled for CORSIA compliance, notify the ICAO Secretariat within the same period and initiate remediation in accordance with Label Guidance Section 9 (insurance, replacement, or other ICAO-approved reconciliation); and
- Document the circumstances in the project record and the registry audit log.

7. Record Retention

All attestation documents, verification records, correspondence with DNAs, reconciliation results, and related materials shall be retained for at least three (3) years beyond the end date of the latest compliance period in which the BERS Program is determined to be eligible, in accordance with BERS Standard Section 15.3.3.

8. Revision History

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1.0	July 2026	Initial publication