



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Federal Department of the Environment, Transport,
Energy and Communications DETEC

Federal Office for the Environment FOEN

Authorization Working Group

Article 6 Implementation Partnership

Simon Fellermeier

Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland


15.03.2023




Authorizations by Switzerland

Ghana

✓ [5001 Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana](#)

 [Authorization Statement \(LoA\)](#) (PDF, 212 kB, 12.11.2022)

 [MADD "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" \(project ID number 5001\)](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 11.11.2022)

 [Validation Report](#) (PDF, 327 kB, 11.11.2022)


 [Preliminary Initial Report](#) (PDF, 357 kB, 11.11.2022)

Thailand

✓ [5002 Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute](#)

 [Authorization Statement](#) (PDF, 208 kB, 27.02.2023)

 [MADD "Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute" \(project ID number 5002\)](#) (PDF, 4 MB, 27.02.2023)

 [Validation Report](#) (PDF, 523 kB, 27.02.2023)

 [Updated Initial Report](#) (PDF, 247 kB, 27.02.2023)



Legal bases for authorizations

- Swiss CO2 Act (parliament)
 - Swiss CO2 Ordinance (government)
 - Technical implementation guidance (FOEN)
- Bilateral agreements with partner countries
 - → Need to coordinate authorizations
- CMA guidance on Article 6
 - Submit to UNFCCC
 - Authorization
 - Initial report (and other later...)



Governance

Authorization decision making process

- Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN) as authorizing entity for the Swiss Government

Coordination process:

- Across ministries: foreign affairs, economy, energy (and others, as relevant)
- Decision-making prepared on two levels:
 - Technical experts
 - Director sign-off



Authorization statement elements

- I. **Date of authorization (date of signature of this authorization statement):** 27.02.2023
- II. **Entity authorized (to transfer):** Energy Absolute Public Company Ltd, Bangkok
- III. **ITMO uses authorized:** ITMOs are authorized for use towards NDC, as specified in the authorization statement by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Kingdom of Thailand (MONRE).
- IV. **Definition of first transfer:** The first transfer, triggering corresponding adjustments by the host Party is defined by the recognition of the occurred international transfer of an ITMO under the Implementing Agreement (Article 8).
- V. **Authorized mitigation activity:** "Bangkok e-bus Program" (project ID number 5002) as determined below and in the annexed Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD). Applied standards and baseline methodologies as well as requirements for monitoring and verification, including for contributions to sustainable development, apply as specified in the MADD.
Total cumulative maximum amount of Mitigation Outcomes for which international transfer and use is authorized: 500'000 of t CO₂eq
- VI. **Authorized crediting period:** 1 October 2022 – 31 December 2030
- VII. **NDC period(s) during which the Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) are authorized for use, as appropriate:** 2021 – 2030
- VIII. **Corresponding Authorization from MONRE², where applicable:**
<https://www.onep.go.th/letter-of-authorization/>
- IX. **The following method for corresponding adjustment will be applied by the Swiss Confederation pursuant to 2/CMA.3 paragraph 7 of the Annex (Art 6.2 guidance):** trajectory approach as defined in paragraph 7.a.i for the single year target of Switzerland's NDC (minus 50 percent in 2030 compared to 1990) and 7.b for the multi-year target of Switzerland's NDC (minus 35 percent over the period 2021-30 compared to 1990)



Authorization elements can differ

Acting as the authorized entity of the Swiss Government, the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)¹ hereby authorizes per Article 6.3 of the *Paris Agreement* and per Article 5.1 of the *Cooperation Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Ghana towards the Implementation of the Paris Agreement* signed on 23rd November 2020 (hereafter referred to as the *Cooperation Agreement*) the international transfer and use of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) specified in this statement. The provisions of the *Cooperation Agreement* apply.

- I. **Date of authorization (date of signature of this authorization statement):** 11.11.2022
- II. **Entity authorized (to transfer):** UNDP Country Office Ghana
- III. **ITMO uses authorized:** ITMOs are authorized for use towards NDC, other international mitigation purposes and other purposes, including the voluntary offsetting, as specified in the authorization statement by the Republic of Ghana.
- IV. **Definition of first transfer:** The first transfer, triggering corresponding adjustments by the host Party is defined by the recognition of the occurred international transfer of an ITMO under the Cooperation Agreement (Article 8).
- V. **Authorized mitigation activity:** "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" (project ID number 5001) as determined below and in the annexed Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD). Applied standards and baseline methodologies as well as requirements for monitoring and verification, including for contributions to sustainable development, apply as specified in the MADD
Total cumulative maximum amount of Mitigation Outcomes for which international transfer and use is authorized: 1'125'655 of t CO₂eq
- VI. **Authorized crediting period:** 1 June 2022 – 31 December 2030
- VII. **NDC period(s) during which the Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) are authorized for use, as appropriate:** 2021 – 2030



Authorization elements

- Switzerland's authorization letter covers:
 - Entity authorized
 - Maximum volume (tons of CO₂e)
 - Use types (NDC, and other)
 - Crediting period
 - Time validity
 - Until 2030
 - Use within same NDC implementation period
- Accompanying information in initial report published simultaneously with authorization
 - Corresponding adjustment method, NDC relationship, tracking arrangements etc.



Next steps after authorization

- Authorization marks moment of «registration»
 - Forward-looking promise for recognition of ITMOs under specified conditions (in the MADD)
- ITMO transfer steps:
 - (1) Verified monitoring report approved by cooperating Parties in the context of bilateral agreements
 - (2) International transfer requested by entity authorized



Background information

[Registered compensation projects abroad \(admin.ch\)](#)

- Authorization statements
- Mitigation activity design documents (MADDs)
- Validation reports
- Preliminary initial reports

[Bilateral climate agreements \(admin.ch\)](#)