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Antigua and Barbuda Carbon Compliance Market Act (2025)

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An Act to establish a legal framework for the generation, verification, registration, and trading of carbon credits within Antigua and Barbuda, and to align national carbon market mechanisms with the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Carbon Compliance Market Act, 2025.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to establish Antigua and Barbuda's national compliance carbon market, regulate carbon credit issuance and trade under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and promote investment in blue-carbon and green-carbon projects.

3. Definitions

Carbon Credit means a tradable certificate representing one metric ton of carbon dioxide reduced, sequestered, or avoided. Authorized Project Developer includes entities licensed by the Ministry of Environment, such as the SwissX Sovereign Wealth Fund.

4. Establishment of National Carbon Market Authority

There is hereby established a body corporate known as the Antigua and Barbuda Carbon Market Authority (ABCMA). The Authority shall oversee certification, approve methodologies, and coordinate with the UNFCCC.

5. Authorization of Project Developers

The Minister may designate qualified entities as Authorized Project Developers responsible for MRV and community benefit sharing.

6. Eligible Projects

Projects qualifying for compliance credits include blue-carbon restoration, biochar, regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, and waste-to-energy initiatives.

7. Verification and Certification

Verification must be conducted by an accredited Designated Operational Entity (DOE). Certified credits shall be recorded in the ABCR with full traceability.

8. Ownership and Transfer

Carbon credits are recognized as financial instruments. Ownership vests in the project proponent unless otherwise specified.

9. Government Revenue and Benefit-Sharing

Ten percent of proceeds from international transfers shall accrue to the National Climate Resilience Fund and ten percent to community programs.

10. Integration with International Systems

The ABCMA shall liaise with the UNFCCC to register Antigua's participation under Article 6 mechanisms.

11. Legal Recognition of Digital Tokens

Carbon credits may be issued digitally on blockchain systems, equivalent to paper certificates.

12. Offences and Penalties

Fraudulent issuance or falsification of MRV data shall attract fines up to EC\$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years.

13. Transitional Provisions

Existing voluntary credits may be grandfathered into the compliance market within six months of this Act's commencement.

14. Regulations


The Minister may make regulations prescribing MRV standards, project approval procedures, and benefit-sharing frameworks.

15. Commencement

This Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister may, by Order published in the Gazette, appoint.

Explanatory Memorandum

This Act provides a comprehensive foundation for Antigua and Barbuda's entry into the global compliance carbon market. It formalizes the issuance, verification, and trading of carbon credits generated by national projects in blue carbon, sargassum composting, biochar, and renewable energy. The Act strengthens economic resilience, supports climate adaptation, and empowers local communities through carbon revenue-sharing and sustainable job creation.


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