



Puro.earth Certification Framework

Puro.earth CRCF Program Annex

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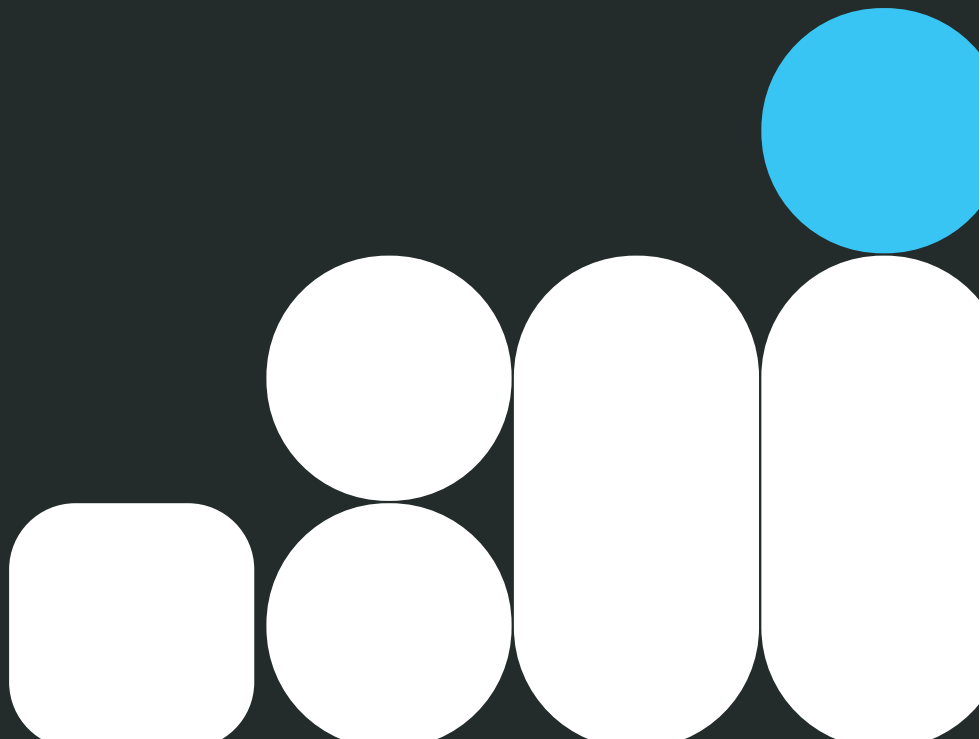


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Overview of Puro.earth CRCF Program

Program official name:	Puro.earth CRCF Program
Unit name:	PRU (Permanent Removal Unit)
Supported Methodologies:	2 (see Section 1.3)
Registry:	Puro Registry until 2028, then EU CRCF Registry

The European Commission adopted the Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming (CRCF) Regulation (EU/ 2024/3012) to establish the first EU-wide voluntary certification framework for permanent carbon removals, carbon farming and carbon storage in products.

The certification framework is based on common quality criteria and robust monitoring and reporting to ensure environmental integrity, transparency and the avoidance of greenwashing and double counting.

The framework will stimulate investment in high-quality carbon removal solutions with positive climate and biodiversity impacts, supporting the Union's climate-neutrality objective for 2050, its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement and LULUCF targets, as a complement to sustained emissions reductions.

Organisations recognized by European Commission can operate as Certification schemes under the CRCF.

The EU regulations for CRCF are defined in the following documents:

- A. [Regulation \(EU/ 2024/3012\)](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024, establishing a Union certification framework for permanent carbon removals, carbon farming and carbon storage in products
- B. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2358](#) of 20 November 2025 laying down rules on certification schemes, certification bodies, and audits under Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- C. [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2026/285](#) of 3 February 2026 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing the certification methodologies for permanent carbon removals activities

1. Normative Framework for Puro.earth CRCF Program

1.1. Purpose and document hierarchy

- 1.1.1. This Annex sets out the additional Program-specific requirements and adaptations applicable to the Puro.earth CRCF Program.
- 1.1.2. This Annex shall be read together with the Puro.earth Certification Procedures and the applicable CRCF methodology documents.
- 1.1.3. This Annex shall also be read together with the Puro.earth Common Criteria where this Annex or an applicable CRCF methodology expressly references them.
- 1.1.4. The Puro.earth Common Criteria are a shared normative resource. They do not govern CRCF activities directly unless this Annex or an applicable methodology makes them applicable. Where applicable, they apply only to the extent and in the manner specified by the relevant reference.
- 1.1.5. This Annex establishes in Section 1.2 which Common Criteria apply at CRCF Program level, i.e. for all methodologies included in the CRCF Program. Common Criteria not referenced in this Annex do not apply automatically at Program level, but may apply to a CRCF activity if expressly referenced in the associated methodology.
- 1.1.6. In the event of any inconsistency between this Annex and the Puro.earth Certification Procedures or Common Criteria, the requirements of this Annex shall prevail for CRCF Program execution. Where this Annex designates that a Common Criterion applies with modification, that designation prevails over the Puro.earth Common Criteria for all activities certified under the Puro.earth CRCF Program.

1.2. Applicability of Common Criteria

- 1.2.1. This section identifies the Common Criteria that apply at CRCF Program level and specifies any Program-specific modifications to their application.
- 1.2.2. The Common Criteria identified below apply under the CRCF Program, subject to any limitation or modification stated for the specific Common Criterion:

Principle 1: Transparency and Documentation

- CC1.1 Project Activity Description *applies alongside any methodology requirements. For CRCF Program activities, the applicable Compatibility Matrix entry specifies which PAD sections are modified or superseded to align with Regulation (EU) 2024/3012, Annex I minimum requirements. Core template fields exceeding those minima are retained for quality purposes but are not conditions of CRCF certification eligibility.*
- CC1.2 Monitoring Plan *applies alongside any methodology requirements. For CRCF Program activities, the applicable Compatibility Matrix entry specifies which MP sections are modified or superseded to align with Regulation (EU) 2024/3012, Annex I minimum requirements. Core template fields exceeding those minima are retained for quality purposes but are not conditions of CRCF certification eligibility.*
- CC1.3 Monitoring Report *applies alongside any methodology requirements*
- CC1.4 Crediting Period Renewal Assessment *applies alongside any methodology requirements*

Principle 2: No double counting

- CC2.1 No Double Issuance *applies alongside any methodology requirements*
- CC2.2 No Double Claiming with Mandatory Domestic Mitigation Schemes *applies alongside any methodology requirements*

- CC2.3 No Double Claiming from Other Environmental Credits *applies alongside any methodology requirements*

Principle 3: Additionality

No Common Criteria under this Principle apply at CRCF Program level because requirements related to additionality are addressed directly within the CRCF methodologies.

Principle 4: Net GHG Quantification

No Common Criteria under this Principle apply at CRCF Program level because requirements related to quantification are addressed directly within the CRCF methodologies.

Principle 5: Permanence and Reversal Risk

- CC5.3 Reversal Event Reporting and Compensation *applies alongside any methodology requirements*

Principle 6: Environmental and Social Safeguards

No Common Criteria under this Principle apply at CRCF Program level because requirements related to environmental and social safeguard are addressed directly within the CRCF methodologies.

Principle 7: SDG and Co-benefits

- CC7.1 SDG 13 Climate Action *applies alongside any methodology requirements*

Principle 8: Contributions to Net-Zero Transitions

No Common Criteria under this Principle apply at CRCF Program level because requirements related to contributions to Net-Zero Transitions are addressed directly within the CRCF methodologies.

- 1.2.3. An Operator may choose to comply with requirements additional to those specified in the applicable methodology, such as additional Common Criteria, provided that doing so does not modify or conflict with the applicable rules in a manner that results in non-compliance with the methodology, Program requirements, or Certification Procedures.

1.3. Methodologies included in the Program

1.3.1. The Puro.earth CRCF Program includes the following methodologies:

- A. Puro.earth CRCF Biochar Carbon Removal Methodology
- B. Puro.earth CRCF BioCCS Methodology
- C. Puro.earth CRCF DACCS Methodology

2. Definitions and Terminology Alignment

- 2.1.1. All definitions contained in the Puro.earth Certification Framework List of Definitions and Abbreviations document shall apply to CRCF certification.
- 2.1.2. For the purposes of CRCF certification, the following equivalences shall apply:
 - “Activity Period” = Crediting Period
 - “Certification Procedures” = Puro.earth Certification Procedures document
 - “Common Criteria” = Puro.earth Common Criteria document
 - “Certification Audit” = Validation

- "Re-certification Audit" = Verification
- "Certification Body" = Validation and Verification Body (VVB)
- "Certification Scheme" = Puro.earth acting as scheme owner
- "Activity Plan" = Project Activity Description (PAD)

2.1.3. For CRCF certification, the following definitions shall apply:

- **Certificate of Compliance:** a formal attestation issued by a Certification Body following a positive Certification audit, confirming that a project activity complies with the applicable requirements of the certification scheme and relevant methodologies under the CRCF framework.
- **Certification period:** the period between a re-certification audit of an activity and the most recent preceding certification audit or re-certification audit of that activity.
- **Monitoring audit:** an audit carried out by a certification body during the monitoring period to verify the monitoring of stored carbon and detect any reversals.
- **Non-conformity:** a failure by an operator or a certification body to comply with the rules and procedures established by the certification scheme, of which they are members or under which they operate.
- **Suspended Certificate of Compliance:** a certificate that is temporarily rendered invalid following the identification of a major non-conformity, pending the implementation and verification of corrective actions within a specified timeframe, after which the certificate may be reinstated or withdrawn.
- **Expired Certificate of Compliance:** a certificate that has reached the end of its validity period.
- **Withdrawn Certificate of Compliance:** a certificate that has been permanently cancelled by the certification body or the certification scheme.
- **Terminated Certificate of Compliance:** a certificate voluntarily cancelled by the Operator while it is still valid.
- **Group auditing:** an auditing process where the approach to auditing activities can be defined at group level

3. Certification Scheme Responsibilities

3.1.1. Puro.earth, acting as the certification scheme, shall:

- establish and maintain all procedures required for CRCF certification.
- ensure that certification bodies operate in accordance with applicable requirements.
- review certification and re-certification audit reports.
- ensure that certification decisions are supported by sufficient and appropriate evidence.
- oversee the issuance, suspension, and withdrawal of Certificates of Compliance.
- ensure traceability and transparency of certified activities.

- 3.1.2. The Certification Scheme shall maintain a register of all complaints directed to execution of Puro.earth CRCF program, including their status and resolution, and shall make relevant documentation available to competent authorities and the European Commission upon request.
- 3.1.3. After 12 (twelve) months of operations as a recognized scheme, the Certification Scheme shall submit to the Commission an annual report about its operations every year by 30 April covering the preceding calendar year.
- 3.1.4. The annual operations report shall include as a minimum:
- A. Evidence of compliance with Article 9(1), demonstrated for each item of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358 as follows:
 - a. Contact information of the scheme, including address and email address.
 - b. Latest version of the scheme governance rules and procedures, including roles of all relevant bodies, details on the ownership structure, composition and experience of the Board of Directors, Secretariat and Technical committee, or equivalent, the list of participants in the scheme, complaint and appeal procedures, and guidelines for audits. The rules and procedure documents shall include a date and version number and, where applicable, summarise any changes made compared to the previous document version.
 - c. Rules underlying the calculation of certification scheme participation fees referred to in Article 11(2), second sub- paragraph of Regulation (EU) 2024/3012.
 - d. Annual operation report.
 - e. Web link to the certification registry.
 - f. Web link to the webpage describing the complaint submission and assessment procedures, including appeal procedures.
 - g. Possible actions taken by the certification scheme as result of a complaint.
 - B. Market uptake of the scheme, the number and type of certified activities (categorised according to the applicable methodology), the amount, type and status of the certified units managed by the scheme, including for example whether they are issued, retired, expired, cancelled or allocated to a buffer, the end-use of the certified units and the types of entities that uses the certified units.
 - C. Overview of the activities carried out by the certification scheme in cooperation with the certification bodies in order to improve the overall certification process and the qualification and independence of auditors, including a list of technical workshops or other types of activities that facilitate the exchange of experience, knowledge and best practices as regards the implementation of the applicable certification methodologies adopted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2024/3012.
 - D. Overview of the internal monitoring system and of its periodic review, including on oversight of the work of certification bodies and their auditors. This overview shall include a description of how the system effectively prevents fraudulent activities by ensuring timely detection, treatment and follow-up of suspected fraud and other irregularities and where appropriate, the number of cases of fraud or irregularities detected.
 - E. Overview of the activities on stakeholder involvement, including through public consultations.
 - F. Overview of the complaints received, as well as, where relevant, remedial measures or changes to the governance system necessary as part of the internal monitoring.

- G. Overview of identified cases of non-conformity by operators or certification bodies, the number and description of cases where fraud has been identified including an action plan for how to solve any complaint raised or non-conformity identified.
 - H. Criteria and process for the appointment of certification bodies.
- 3.1.5. Information on certified activities, certification bodies, and issued Certificates of Compliance shall be made publicly available in accordance with the transparency requirements of Regulation (EU) 2024/3012.
 - 3.1.6. Upon request, the Certification Scheme shall provide the European Commission and the national authorities responsible for supervision of certification bodies with access to audit reports and Certificates of Compliance.
 - 3.1.7. The Certification Scheme shall maintain and make publicly available on its website a list of Certification Bodies that are no longer entitled to carry out auditing activities under the scheme. Such Certification Bodies shall remain listed for at least 24 months after their last audit, with a clear indication of their status.
 - 3.1.8. The Certification Scheme shall maintain a system to monitor the training status of auditors of Certification Bodies and ensure that auditors undertake training on a regular basis.
 - 3.1.9. The Certification Scheme shall provide guidance to Certification Bodies on aspects relevant to the certification process, including updates to the regulatory framework, applicable methodologies, and relevant findings from the certification scheme's internal monitoring activities.
 - 3.1.10. Where a Member State shares concerns about a Certification Body with the Certification Scheme, the Certification Scheme shall immediately investigate the case and inform the European Commission and the relevant Member State of the outcome of the investigation and any corrective actions taken.
 - 3.1.11. The IT security system underpinning the Registry shall be based on the principles of legality, transparency, proportionality and accountability; shall be considered throughout the system development life cycle; shall ensure appropriate levels of authenticity, availability, confidentiality, integrity, non-repudiation, protection of personal data and professional secrecy; shall be based on a risk management process; shall clearly define roles and responsibilities of different users; and shall enumerate security requirements and dependencies with other IT systems or services.
 - 3.1.12. Puro.earth shall, upon request from another certification scheme recognised under Regulation (EU) 2024/3012, provide in a timely manner the information referred to in Article 8(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358 in respect of any Operator or group of operators that has participated in the Puro.earth CRCF Program. Puro.earth shall similarly request such information from other recognised certification schemes where an Operator applying for certification discloses prior participation in those schemes. Where no direct exchange mechanism exists, Puro.earth shall rely on operator-provided documentation and apply enhanced scrutiny to the certification audit accordingly.

- 3.1.13. Puro.earth shall, where an Operator is or has recently been subject to auditing under another recognised certification scheme, ensure the efficient and timely exchange of relevant audit information with that scheme in advance of and during the audit process, to support effective audit preparation and avoid duplication or inconsistency of findings. The Operator shall be informed of and shall facilitate such exchange where applicable.
- 3.1.14. Puro.earth shall maintain an IT Security Plan and an IT Security Implementation Plan for the Registry, documenting compliance with the requirements of Article 16(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358. These documents shall address, at a minimum: the appropriate levels of authenticity, availability, confidentiality, integrity, non-repudiation, protection of personal data and professional secrecy; the risk management process applied; defined roles and responsibilities of different user categories; security requirements and system dependencies; and the security standard against which the system is assessed. Specifically, within the IT Security Implementation Plan, these documents shall also address the specific projects and processes implemented or planned to reduce identified risks to an appropriate level at a proportionate cost. These documents shall be made available to the Commission upon request.

4. Internal Monitoring System

- 4.1.1. The VVB oversight system described in Section 7 of the Certification Procedures shall constitute the internal monitoring system required under Article 5 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358.
- 4.1.2. This internal monitoring system serves the dual purpose of verifying Operator compliance with the rules and procedures of the certification scheme, through the audit-report review described in Certification Procedures Section 8.2, and ensuring the quality of the work carried out by certification bodies' auditors, through the oversight activities described in Certification Procedures Section 7 and below.
- 4.1.3. The certification scheme shall:
- A. review audit reports on a risk-based and random sampling basis.
 - B. conduct witness audits and performance reviews of certification bodies.
 - C. identify, record, and address non-conformities related to certification bodies.
 - D. maintain records of certification, re-certification and monitoring activities and outcomes.

- 4.1.4. The document management system described in Section 10 of the Certification Procedures shall fulfil the requirements of Article 5(5) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358.
- 4.1.5. The Certification Scheme shall investigate any request, complaint, or information submitted by competent authorities or Member States relating to certified activities and shall provide relevant information and documentation without undue delay.
- 4.1.6. The Certification Scheme shall ensure that sufficient and appropriate evidence supports the certification decision of the Certification Body. If the Certification Scheme opinion differs from the Certification Body's decision, it shall not override the certification decision of the Certification Body, but it shall be noted in the Scheme annual report to the Commission.
- 4.1.7. Where the results of internal monitoring or complaint handling indicate a deficiency in the Certification Scheme's own governance structure or internal monitoring process, Puro.earth shall take corrective measures to address that deficiency, which may include amendment of governance documents, revision of internal monitoring procedures, or other remedial action, and shall record such measures in the Scheme annual report to the Commission.
- 4.1.8. As part of the Internal Monitoring System described in this Section, Puro.earth shall conduct an annual review of the document management system described in Certification Procedures Section 10, assessing whether it continues to meet the requirements of Article 5(5) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358, and shall implement corrective measures in accordance with this Section where deficiencies are identified.

5. Certification Body (VVB) Requirements

- 5.1.1. The VVB shall act as a Certification Body (CB) under the CRCF framework and shall also comply with the additional requirements in the Annex for the purposes of CRCF certification.
- 5.1.2. The Certification Body shall be:
 - A. accredited by a national accreditation body pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008; or
 - B. recognised by a national competent authority as competent for the scope of Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 or the specific scope of the certification scheme.
- 5.1.3. The Certification Body shall comply with EN ISO/IEC 17065; and where applicable, EN ISO/IEC 17029 and EN ISO 14065.
- 5.1.4. The Certification Body shall conduct audits in accordance with EN ISO/IEC 17021-1 and EN ISO/IEC 19011, or equivalent standards.

- 5.1.5. The Certification Body shall be independent from the Operator or group of operators and shall ensure impartiality in all validation and verification activities.
- 5.1.6. The Certification Body shall ensure that conflicts of interest are avoided, including not being involved in consultancy with the same Operator within the three (3) years preceding the audit.
- 5.1.7. The Certification Body shall ensure that personnel involved in validation and verification have competence relevant to the specific carbon removal or carbon farming activity types within the scope of certification.
- 5.1.8. Auditors selected by the Certification Body to conduct audits shall meet the following requirements which supplement the general competence and independence requirements applicable to Certification Bodies and their personnel:
- A. Auditors shall have the knowledge, experience, skills and capacity necessary to effectively conduct audits within the scope of the certification scheme
 - B. Auditors shall have a minimum of two years' experience in Life Cycle Assessment, or demonstrate an equivalent proven level of capacity.
 - C. Auditors shall have specific experience in auditing greenhouse gas emission calculations in accordance with the applicable certification methodology.
 - D. Auditors shall have, where relevant to the scope of the audit, additional experience in the applicable technical fields, including natural science, engineering, building materials and embodied carbon, energy management, or other relevant disciplines.
- 5.1.9. The audit report shall provide a complete, transparent, and accurate account of the audit activities performed and shall form the basis for the certification decision and issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
- 5.1.10. The Certification body shall be responsible for both Validation/Verification activities and the Certification decision under the CRCF framework.
- 5.1.11. The Certification body shall carry out its activities in the public interest.
- 5.1.12. The Certification Body shall ensure that the Certificate of Compliance remains valid only where the certified activity continues to meet the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 and the applicable certification methodology.
- 5.1.13. Certification bodies shall comply with the applicable requirements of Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2024/3012, as further specified in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358. In the case of certification bodies recognised by a national competent authority, the applicable exemptions provided for in Article 13 shall apply.
- 5.1.14. Certification Bodies shall ensure the highest possible level of independence of auditors' judgement through the implementation of governance measures, including the rotation of auditors or the application of equivalent best practices to prevent familiarity risks and conflicts of interest over time.

6. Certification and Auditing

- 6.1.1. The Certification Body shall conduct:
- A. An on-site certification (validation) audit prior to the initial issuance of a Certificate of Compliance; and
 - B. periodic re-certification (verification) audits to verify continued compliance and the generation of net carbon removals.

- 6.1.2. The Monitoring Report to be submitted by Operators shall include the net carbon removal benefit or net greenhouse gas emission reduction benefit generated by the activity, together with information demonstrating compliance with applicable liability mechanisms and requirements under Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 and the applicable certification methodology.
- 6.1.3. For monitoring audits, the monitoring report shall include the necessary information relating to the monitoring of stored carbon and any case of reversals.
- 6.1.4. Where an Operator or its legal predecessor has participated in another certification scheme within the last 5 years, the Operator shall submit, as part of the application for certification, the auditing reports of the last two re-certification audits conducted under that scheme, including the detailed list of findings by certification bodies and any decision to suspend or withdraw Certificates of Compliance in the last 5 years.
- 6.1.5. As part of this disclosure, the Operator shall also state whether it, or its legal predecessor, withdrew from that certification scheme before completing its first re-certification audit and, where applicable, provide a written explanation of the reason for the withdrawal and confirmation of whether any credits or units had been issued to the Operator under that scheme prior to withdrawal.
- 6.1.6. Project Activities shall not be certified where the Operator or their legal predecessor withdrew from another certification scheme before completing the first re-certification audit under that scheme, unless the Operator can demonstrate that the withdrawal was unavoidable or necessary for reasons unrelated to any critical or major non-conformity or neglect to implement the requirements of that scheme. Where an Operator claims a valid reason for early withdrawal, supporting documentation shall be provided to Puro.earth for assessment prior to the commencement of the certification audit.
- 6.1.7. Re-certification (verification) audits shall be conducted at intervals defined in the applicable certification methodology, at least every 12 months.
- 6.1.8. The re-certification (verification) audit shall confirm the net carbon removal benefit or net greenhouse gas emission reduction benefit achieved during the relevant certification period in accordance with the applicable CRCF methodology.
- 6.1.9. The certification decision shall constitute the formal outcome of the validation or re-certification audit and shall determine the issuance, update, suspension or withdrawal of the Certificate of Compliance.
- 6.1.10. If a major non-conformity is identified during a Verification or Monitoring Audit, or through Puro.earth's internal monitoring or complaints process, the Certificate of Compliance shall be immediately suspended and no further Certified Units shall be issued until the non-conformity is resolved.
- 6.1.11. Certification and re-certification audits shall cover at least the following elements:
- A. identification of the activity undertaken by the operator which is relevant to the certification scheme's rules;
 - B. identification of the relevant control systems of the operator and its overall organisation with respect to the certification scheme's rules and checks of the effective implementation of relevant control systems;
 - C. analysis of the risks which could lead to a material misstatement, based on the auditor's professional knowledge and the information submitted by the operator;
 - D. a validation or verification plan which corresponds to the risk analysis and the scope and complexity of the operator's activity, and which defines the sampling methods to be used with respect to that operator's activity;

- E. implementation of the validation or verification plan by gathering evidence in accordance with the defined sampling methods, plus all relevant additional evidence, upon which the auditor's conclusion will be based;
 - F. a request by the certification body to the operator to provide any missing elements of audit trails, an explanation of variations, or the revision of claims or calculations, before reaching a final audit conclusions;
 - G. verification of the accuracy of data recorded by the operator;
 - H. For the purposes of point (c), the analysis of risks shall take into consideration the overall risk profile of the activity, depending on the level of risk of the operator. The audit intensity or scope, or both, shall be adapted to the level of overall risk items.
- 6.1.12. Certification Bodies shall only certify Operators where they comply with all of the following requirements:
- A. have a documentation management system;
 - B. have an auditable system for safekeeping and reviewing all evidence related to the claims they make or rely on;
 - C. keep all evidence necessary to comply with Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358 and Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 for a minimum of 5 years after the end of the monitoring period, or longer if requested by national legislation;
 - D. accept responsibility for preparing any information related to the auditing of such evidence.
- 6.1.13. Certification Bodies and Operators of Project Activities shall cooperate with the European Commission and the national competent authorities of Member States, including by granting access to relevant information, documentation, and, where applicable, the premises of operators for the purposes of supervision and verification.
- 6.1.14. Certification Bodies and Operators failing to comply with applicable requirements shall be excluded from conducting audits or certification.
- 6.1.15. For the purposes of CRCF certification, where an Operator's declaration under Certification Procedures Section 9.8 indicates current or recent participation in another certification scheme, Puro.earth shall verify that declaration through the cross-scheme information exchange described in Section 3.1.12 of this Annex, in addition to the registry-level controls described in Certification Procedures Section 9.8 preventing duplicate registration within the Puro Registry. The same verification process applies to prevent the issuance of certified units for an activity and certification period for which another certification scheme has already issued certified units and has not cancelled them

7. Certificate of Compliance

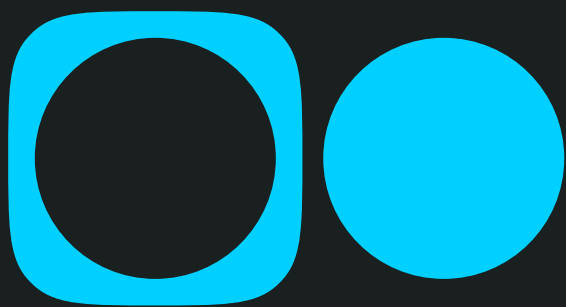
- 7.1.1. Following a positive certification decision based on a certification (validation) audit, the Certification Body shall issue a Certificate of Compliance confirming that the certified activity complies with:
- A. Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2358;
 - B. the applicable CRCF certification methodology; and
 - C. the requirements of the Puro.earth CRCF Program

- 7.1.2. Following each re-certification (verification) audit, the certification body shall, where applicable, issue an updated Certificate of Compliance reflecting the verified net carbon removals for the relevant certification period.
- 7.1.3. Certified Units shall only be issued on the basis of a valid and updated Certificate of Compliance resulting from a re-certification (verification) audit.
- 7.1.4. The Certificate of Compliance shall include, at a minimum the following information:
- A. the name and type of the activity, including practices and processes, and the name and contact details of the operator or group of operators;
 - B. the location of the activity, including the geographically explicit location of the activity boundaries, respecting 1:5 000 mapping scale requirements for the Member State;
 - C. the duration of the activity period, including the start date and end date;
 - D. the name of the certification scheme;
 - E. the name, address and logo of the certification body;
 - F. the unique number or code of the certificate of compliance;
 - G. the place, date of issuance and validity period of the certificate of compliance;
 - H. a reference to the applicable certification methodology;
 - I. the permanent net carbon removal benefit,;
 - J. carbon removals under the baseline;
 - K. total carbon removals;
 - L. the increase in direct and indirect GHG associated emissions;
 - M. a breakdown by gases, sources, carbon sinks and stocks with regard to the information referred to in points J, K and L;
 - N. the duration of the monitoring period of the activity;
 - O. the amount of biomass used and proof of its compliance with the minimum sustainability requirements;
 - P. any sustainability co-benefits;
 - Q. a reference to any other international or national certification, including the unique number or code of the certificate of compliance;
 - R. the type of liability mechanism, contribution of the activity to the mechanism and the liable natural or legal person;
 - S. the quantity and validity of certified units;
 - T. any uncertainties in the quantification of carbon removals.
 - U. where applicable, the quantity of carbon farming sequestration units purchased by the Operator to voluntarily compensate for the use of biomass feedstock by the Activity, in accordance with Section 4.3.3 of the applicable CRCF methodology
- 7.1.5. Each Certificate of Compliance shall specify a certification period corresponding to the period for which compliance and performance are assessed.
- 7.1.6. The Certification Body shall suspend or withdraw the Certificate of Compliance where the certified activity no longer complies with the applicable requirements.
- 7.1.7. The issuance, suspension and withdrawal of Certificates of Compliance shall be recorded and made available in accordance with the transparency requirements of the certification scheme and the CRCF framework.
- 7.1.8. The status of the Certificate of Compliance shall be recorded and maintained in the registry, including its issuance, validity, suspension, withdrawal or termination status. Any change in the certification status of an operator shall be made public without delay. Information on withdrawn, terminated or expired certificates shall remain publicly available in the Registry for a minimum of thirty-six (36) months from the date of status change.

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Puro.earth is the world's leading market infrastructure provider for engineered carbon dioxide removal (CDR). Backed by Nasdaq, we provide the certification frameworks, scientific standards, and digital systems that allow engineered CDR to scale and operate as an investment-grade market.

At the core of this infrastructure is the Puro Standard – the world's first dedicated standard for engineered carbon removals. Our methodologies are used by suppliers to certify their carbon removal solutions that durably store carbon dioxide for at least 100 years, and in many cases, over 1000 years. We have certified over 100 engineered carbon removal projects to date, resulting in the issuance of CO₂ Removal Certificates (CORCs) in the Puro Registry as verified, traceable, investable assets. Our infrastructure is trusted by over 600 companies worldwide to purchase carbon removals with confidence, including Microsoft, McKinsey and BCG. It supports both voluntary and compliance pathways, including integration with CCS+ methodologies and readiness for emerging frameworks such as the EU CRCF.

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