MISSION STATEMENT

The Sustainable Aviation Buyers Alliance (SABA) is committed to accelerating the path to net zero air transport by driving investment in high quality SAF, catalyzing new SAF production and technological innovation, and supporting member engagement in SAF policymaking.
SABA Members

Customers

- American Express
- Autodesk
- Bain & Company
- Bank of America
- BCG
- Cisco
- Deloitte
- Disney
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- McKinsey & Company
- Meta
- Microsoft
- Morgan Stanley
- Netflix
- Okta
- Salesforce
- Workday

Aviators

- Alaska Airlines
- Amazon
- GE Aviation
- JetBlue
- United Airlines
- Boeing
- UPS
- Boom
Our work to grow and expand member engagement in the SAF market spans multiple workstreams

SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK
Supports buyers’ investments in high integrity SAF and prevents unintended environmental consequences.
SABA published V1 of the SAF Sustainability Framework in December 2022.

SAF CERTIFICATE REGISTRY
Allows buyers to make transparent emission reduction claims related to their SAF investment.
The SAFc Registry is expected to go live for public use by 2024.

ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE
Provides guidance on how to measure and report aviation emissions involving SAF.
SABA collaborated with WEF CST to publish guidance in October 2022. This guidance will be regularly updated.

COLLECTIVE PROCUREMENT
Competitive, collective procurement to standardize and simplify the procurement process for companies.
SABA successfully completed its first collective procurement in early 2023 and has now begun our second.
SABA Collective SAFc Procurement
A flexible, ambitious and multi-year procurement is underway

Multi-year structure
Providing greater certainty to fuel providers via a longer-term market signal ranging from 2024-2028

Market-relevant demand
Demonstrating volume needs that reflect members’ current and future demand for SAFc

Environmental integrity
Leveraging SABA’s Sustainability Framework to provide customers with high-integrity SAFc

Lowest possible price
Purchasing SAFc in bulk will help secure competitive prices; multi-year procurement with flexible cost structures in anticipation of feedstock price swings

Flexible response pathways
Seeking both fuel provider-led and airline-led responses

Demand for fuels demonstrating >85% reduction from fossil jet will be managed as a separate stream within the RFP

The RFP was released at the end of April 2023 with projected demand of 165,000 tons CO₂e in 2024, growing to 450,000 tons CO₂e in 2028.
The purpose of the SABA Sustainability Framework is to determine the types of SAF that advance SABA’s objective of driving production and use of SAF with high environmental integrity.

The Framework is intended to guide SAF certificate (SAFc) procurement decisions by aviation customers, especially those aiming to use SAFc towards climate targets set under the Science Based Targets Initiative.
# SABA Sustainability Framework

## Categories

### Certifications

- CORSIA-approved Certification Body must attest to compliance with full ICAO criteria
  - Land-use based fuels: RSB CORSIA, ISCC CORSIA
  - Non-land-use based fuels: RSB Global, RSB EU, ISCC Plus, and ISCC EU

*Note that additional ILUC and/or displacement certifications are required for SAF to meet the ‘SABA preferred’ criteria.*

### Atmospheric Benefit

Emissions reductions from SAF being claimed for use toward voluntary climate targets must generate emissions reductions beyond those already incentivized by compliance obligations.

### Emissions Threshold

SAF must demonstrate 60% reduction in emissions on a lifecycle basis from CORSIA Baseline for conventional jet fuel (35.6 gCO2e/MJ or lower).

### LCA Approach

Ensures all GHG emissions in the SAF supply chain are accounted for, including direct emissions and indirect emissions.

*Out-of-sector removals such as LECs and RECs are disallowed. Soil carbon sequestration is also disallowed given concerns around accounting and permanence.*

### Prevent Double-counting

Specifications for how air transport providers can prevent double-counting by customers when reporting publicly by distinguishing between reductions that can only be claimed by a particular customer(s) vs. all customers.

### Updates coming soon

1. **Registry requirement.**
   - All SABA-eligible fuel must be registered in the SAFc Registry

2. **Feedstock restrictions.**
   - PFAD will be categorically disallowed as a feedstock under SABA.

3. **LCA for advanced fuels.**
   - A certifiable LCA calculation methodology will be specified for e-fuels providers.

4. **Carbon capture and storage.**
   - Rules pertaining to the eligibility of SAF involving CCS, inclusion of CCS in SAF LCA to meet the SABA emissions threshold and generate SAFc will be defined.
Atmospheric Benefit Principle
Ensuring regulatory additionality

SABA’s Atmospheric Benefit Principle

“Emissions reductions from SAF being claimed for use toward voluntary climate targets will need to generate emissions reductions beyond those already incentivized by compliance obligations, creating an atmospheric benefit”

Allowed Regulatory Credits

National
- US Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) RINs
- US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) SAF Tax Credit and Clean Fuel Production Credit
- US IRA Carbon Capture Credit and Hydrogen Production Tax Credit

Regional
- CA Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Credits
- Oregon Clean Fuels Program (CFP) Credits
- Washington Clean Fuel Standard (CFS) Credits
## SABA Sustainability Framework
### LCA Approach and Emissions Threshold

### Crosswalk of Sustainability Framework Sections and Requirements

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