

Media Release

Climate Bonds Releases Draft Shipping Criteria for Public Consultation

New science-based assessment process on low carbon & climate credentials of ships

LONDON: 29/04/2020 15:00 BST: The Climate Bonds Initiative has [published](#) the draft Shipping Criteria and opened the Criteria for public consultation period till 26th June 2020. Developed by a Technical Working Group (TWG) and overseen by an Industry Working Group (IWG) the Shipping Criteria provide a science-based assessment process on the low carbon and climate resilient credentials of ships.

Development of the Shipping Criteria began in [early 2019](#) and expands the reach of Climate Bonds Criteria into a major new sector. The Shipping Criteria will form part of the Climate Bonds Standard and provide a succinct set of decision rules for determining when shipping projects and assets are compatible with a low carbon, climate resilient economy, and are eligible for certification under the Climate Bonds Standard.

Draft Criteria highlights:

- No dedicated fossil fuel carrying vessels (No LNG Tankers, No Crude Carriers).
- Zero emissions ships are automatically eligible, along with infrastructure that is dedicated to refuelling or recharging these ships.
- Ships that are not zero-emissions must comply with the declining emissions intensity threshold (using AER or EEOI as a metric)
- The declining emissions intensity starts at the median 2012 AER or EEOI for each size and class of ship and declines to zero by 2050. A ship must remain underneath this threshold throughout the life of the bond AND provide evidence that it can technically remain under the threshold over its entire operating life.
- Jack up rigs that are dedicated to installing renewable energy infrastructure are eligible, provided that they are also zero-emissions.

Information Suite:

Four core documents available for download on the Shipping Criteria [webpage](#):

[Brochure](#) – Summary of the Shipping Criteria

[Criteria Document](#) – Full details of the Shipping Criteria

[Background Paper](#) – Summary of discussions and rationale for Criteria

[Feedback Form](#) – For comments and views

The public consultation period will run for two months and ends on June 26th, 2020. Once public consultation is complete, the feedback will be reviewed and a final proposal will be presented to the [Climate Bonds Standard Board](#) for approval.

Once the Criteria have received Board approval, issuers of green bonds, loans (and other debt instruments eligible under Climate Bonds Standard Version 3.0) financing ships and shipping retrofit programmes will be able to seek [Climate Bonds Certification](#).

Information Webinar:

Date: Tuesday, 5th May

Time: 09:00 CEST / 08.00 AM BST

Register via [Zoom here](#).

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About the Climate Bonds Initiative: CBI is an international investor-focused not-for-profit organization working to mobilize the USD100tn bond market for climate change solutions. The Climate Bonds Initiative carries out market analysis, policy research, market development; advises governments and regulators; and administers a global green bond Certification Scheme. For more information, please visit <http://www.climatebonds.net>.

About the Shipping Criteria TWG and IWG. Climate Bonds Initiative convened a Technical Working Group (TWG) and an Industry Working Group (IWG) Expert Group in Q1 2019 to develop Criteria for this sector. Full membership of both the TWG and IWG can be [found here](#).

About Climate Bonds Standard: It is an overarching science-based, multi-sector standard overseen by the [Climate Bonds Standards Board](#) that allows investors and intermediaries to easily assess the climate credentials and environmental integrity of bonds and other green debt products.

Launched in [2011](#), with periodic [updates](#), the Climate Bonds Standard is the most detailed, climate aligned investment criteria available in the market and provides guidance to issuers, investors, governments and regulators.

Standard V3.0 and supporting documentation is [available here](#).

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