Four carbon concepts. Different jobs.

A credit, a CBAM certificate, an energy attribute and an inventory answer different questions.

01

Carbon credit

Project reduction or removal

Inspect the programme, project, methodology, vintage, registry and retirement. [S09]

Not a gross-inventory deduction.

02

CBAM certificate

EU regulatory instrument

The authorised declarant handles the applicable certificate obligation. [S01-S02]

Not a voluntary project credit.

03

Energy attribute

Energy generation attributes

Scope 2 use depends on the applicable quality criteria and instrument evidence. [S07]

Not automatic CBAM acceptance.

04

Company inventory

An emissions account

Define the entity, period, boundaries and method. Report offset transactions separately. [S06, S08]

Not a purchased carbon unit.

Credits do not erase your gross inventory.

Credit purchases also do not substitute for EU CBAM certificates.

Eligible carbon-price relief is a separate legal question. This comparison does not approve an instrument, purchase or public climate claim.

S01-S02 / EU CBAM; S06-S08 / GHG Protocol
S09 / ICVCM quality principles

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