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**1<sup>st</sup> of August 2025**

**Subject: Djibouti National Carbon Contribution Scheme**

Dear Sirs,

We would like to remind you that Djibouti formally established its national carbon contribution scheme by Presidential Decree No. 2023-074 (13 March 2023), which became fully operational on 1 January 2025 following a transition period in late 2024.

Under the scheme, vessels calling at Djibouti ports now incur a carbon contribution of USD 17 per ton of CO2e, capped at USD 7,500 per voyage. Emissions are attributed 50% to Djibouti and 50% to the origin/destination. Beginning July 2025, the system will shift to a 70/30 split between direct contribution and mandatory carbon offsetting using certified credits (e.g. Verra, Gold Standard).

Operators are required to register with the Djibouti Sovereign Carbon Registry, report emissions monthly - based on fuel consumption or IMO-standard emission factors - and have data third-party verified (e.g. ISO 14064 or equivalent). Payments are due within 45–90 days of invoicing.

For further assistance or up-to-date guidance, Members are invited to contact their local agents in Djibouti, to support compliance and operational details.

Attachment: Presidential Decree No. 2023-074 (13 March 2023)

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**Decree No. 2023-074/PRE establishing a Carbon Contribution and Compensation Mechanism.**

**« The President of the Republic, Head of the Government »**

WHEREAS the Constitution of September 15, 1992;

WHEREAS the Constitutional Law No. 92/AN/10/6th L of April 21, 2010 revising the Constitution;

WHEREAS Law No. 6/78 of February 1, 1978 on the accession of the Republic of Djibouti to the United Nations;

WHEREAS Law No. 87/AN/95/3rd L of July 2, 1995 on the ratification by the Republic of Djibouti of the Convention on Climate Change, "Earth Summit" adopted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 3-14, 1992;

WHEREAS Law No. 148/AN/01/4th L of December 31, 2001 on the ratification by the Republic of Djibouti of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

WHEREAS Law No. 43/AN/14/7th L of March 31, 2014 on the ratification by the Republic of Djibouti of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change;

WHEREAS Law No. 154/AN/16/7th L of October 22, 2016 on the ratification by the Republic of Djibouti of the Paris Agreement;

WHEREAS Decree No. 2021-105/PRE of May 24, 2021 appointing the Prime Minister;

WHEREAS Decree No. 2021-106/PRE of May 24, 2021 appointing the members of the Government;

WHEREAS Decree No. 2021-114/PRE of May 31, 2021 defining the attributions of the Ministries;

WHEREAS Decree No. 2022-001/PRE of January 2, 2022 on ministerial reshuffling;

ON proposal of the Presidency of the Republic.



Fait à Djibouti, le 13/03/2023  
Le Président de la République,  
Chef du Gouvernement  
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## DECREE

### Article 1:

*In compliance with the Determined Contribution of the Republic of Djibouti to "reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030" in accordance with Article 4 of the Paris Agreement to which the Republic of Djibouti is a Party, and in order to achieve the objectives set by this Agreement, a mechanism for controlling greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) is established, entitled the Sovereign Carbon Initiative, which aims to establish a mechanism for Carbon Contribution and the creation of a Sovereign Carbon Registry.*

### Article 2:

*Based on the "polluter pays" principle, under which the costs resulting from pollution prevention, reduction and control measures must be borne by polluters, a contribution entitled the Sovereign Carbon Contribution is established.*

*The main GHG emitters who will have to pay this Carbon Contribution are notably entities in the aviation and maritime sectors operating or transiting in the Republic of Djibouti, as well as foreign military forces and institutional organizations established in the Republic of Djibouti.*

*This Carbon Contribution aims to encourage the reduction of GHG emissions and to finance environmental and energy programs that address the challenges of the climate emergency.*

### Article 3:

*The main GHG emitters may report their emissions on the Sovereign Carbon Registry.*

*The Sovereign Carbon Registry, kept in accordance with the best international practices and standards, will be responsible for monitoring and accounting for the carbon emissions of the main GHG emitters.*

*This registry will also be responsible for monitoring and recording the Carbon Contribution and Compensation actions of GHG emitters.*



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**Article 4:**

*Programs funded by the Carbon Contribution must contribute to achieving one or more sustainable development goals adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its Resolution A/70/1 of September 25, 2015.*

*Carbon avoidance or sequestration compensation programs must meet criteria of additionality, permanence, measurability and uniqueness, transparency, and verifiability.*

**Article 5:**

*The Sovereign Carbon Agency, under the authority of the Presidency of the Republic, will be the only entity authorized to define the terms of payment for the Carbon Contribution, collect it, establish and maintain the Sovereign Carbon Registry, and receive, evaluate, record, and approve requests for program financing.*

**Article 6:**

*As a country particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and rising sea levels, the Republic of Djibouti reaffirms its commitment to participating in the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourages all economic actors operating within its territory to engage in environmental and energy transition efforts aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by joining this initiative.*

**Article 7:**

*This Decree shall take effect on the date of its signing and shall be recorded and published.*



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