Transport Pricing Guidance

*Guidance for assessing the greenhouse gas impacts of transport pricing policies*

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List of key recommendations

This document lists all of the key recommendations related to assessing GHG impacts of policies and actions contained in the ICAT *Transport Pricing Guidance*. Chapter 12 of the guidance lists all key recommendations related to reporting, which are not duplicated here.

Key recommendations are intended to assist users in producing credible impact assessments that pursue high quality and are based on the principles of relevance, completeness, consistency, transparency and accuracy.

The ICAT *Introductory Guide* provides further description on how and why key recommendations are used within the ICAT guidance documents, as well as more information about following either the “flexible approach” or the “key recommendations” approach when using the guidance.

**KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chapter 2: Objectives of assessing the impacts of pricing policies

- Determine the objectives of the assessment at the beginning of the impact assessment process

Chapter 4: Using the guidance

- Base the assessment on the principles of relevance, completeness, consistency, transparency and accuracy

Chapter 5: Describing the pricing policy

- Clearly describe the policy (or package of policies) that is being assessed

Chapter 6: Identifying impacts: How pricing policies reduce GHG emissions

- Identify all potential GHG impacts of the policy and associated GHG source categories
- Develop a causal chain
- Include all significant GHG impacts in the GHG assessment boundary
- Define the assessment period
Chapter 7: Estimating the baseline scenario and emissions
- Estimate base year emissions
- Develop a projection of baseline emissions for each year of the assessment period

Chapter 8: Estimating GHG impacts ex-ante
- Use country-specific price elasticity data if available, and otherwise use default price elasticity values
- Calculate the GHG impacts of the policy using appropriate parameter values and equations
- Carry out a careful interpretation of results, including an assessment of uncertainty and the GHG impacts of use of revenues from the policy

Chapter 9: Estimating impacts ex-post
- Estimate or update baseline emissions using observed values for parameters that are not affected by the policy and estimated values for parameters that are affected by the policy
- Estimate the GHG impacts of the policy over the assessment period, for each GHG source included in the GHG assessment boundary

Chapter 11: Monitoring performance over time
- Identify the key performance indicators that will be used to track performance of the policy over time and define the parameters necessary to estimate GHG emissions ex-post
- Create a plan for monitoring key performance indicators and parameters
- Monitor each of the indicators and parameters over time, in accordance with the monitoring plan

Chapter 12: Reporting
- Report information about the assessment process and the GHG impacts resulting from the policy (including the information listed in Section 12.1)