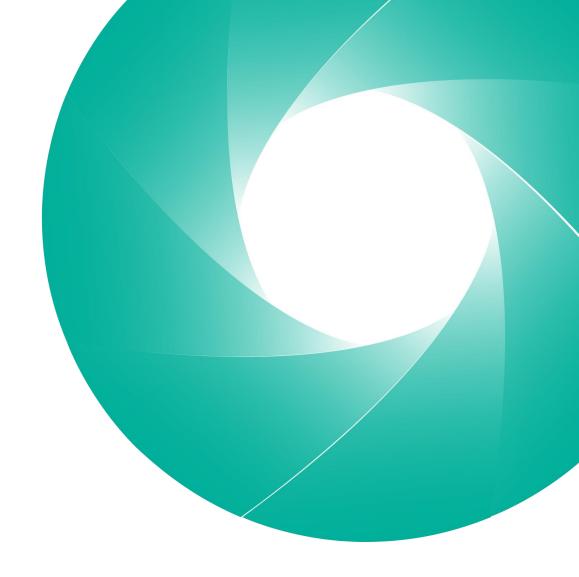


# **Corporate Standard Technical Working Group**

Subgroup 3, Meeting #6

**GHG Protocol Secretariat team:** 

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# **Meeting information**



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# Agenda

Introduction and housekeeping 10 minutes

Early feedback from the ISB 20 minutes

Justifiable exclusions 60 minutes

Operationalizing a differentiated scope 3 requirement 20 minutes

Wrap-up and next steps 10 minutes



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# **Today's objectives**

- 1. Review early feedback from the ISB on a scope 3 reporting requirement
- 2. Introduce and discuss options for justifiable exclusions
- 3. Determine how a differentiated scope 3 reporting requirement should be operationalized

Today, we will wrap up discussion on operationalizing a differentiated scope 3 requirement and introduce a new topic: Justifiable exclusions



## **Housekeeping: Guidelines and procedures**

- We want to make **TWG meetings a safe space** our discussions should be open, honest, challenging status quo, and 'think out of the box' in order to get to the best possible results for GHG Protocol
- Always **be respectful**, despite controversial discussions on content
- TWG members should **not disclose any confidential information** of their employers, related to products, contracts, strategy, financials, compliance, etc.
- In TWG meetings, <u>Chatham House Rule</u> applies:
  - "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."
- Compliance and integrity are key to maintaining credibility of the GHG Protocol
  - Specifically, all participants need to follow the conflict-of-interest policy
  - Anti-trust rules have to be followed; please avoid any discussion of competitively sensitive topics\*



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- Facilitation of notetaking for Secretariat staff
- To assist TWG members who cannot attend the live meeting or otherwise want to review the discussions

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## Housekeeping: Summary of general feedback form responses

**25 responses** have been received through our general feedback form – thank you! Overarching themes include:

- Feedback on the scope of work presented in the Standard Development Plan
- Feedback on specific topics discussed in TWG meetings (note: this feedback is integrated into TWG meeting materials)
- Feedback related to TWG process

The list of submissions and Secretariat responses are tracked in the Shared TWG Folder in the Admin sub-folder

Please continue using the **Microsoft Form** for all feedback and questions

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June 24th, 2025

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### SG3 M5

- Revise outputs based on feedback from full TWG
- Submit outputs to ISB



- Discuss justifiable exclusions
- Finalize scope 3 reporting requirement



#### SG3 M7

- Revise phase 1 outputs based on ISB feedback
- Continue on justifiable exclusions



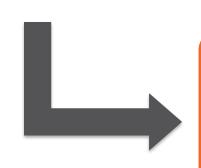
#### SG3 M8

- Phase 2!
- Data quality requirements



#### Full TWG M3

 Share remaining phase 1 recommendations



April 28th, 2025

#### **ISB Meeting**

 Present phase 1 outcomes supported by full TWG



**ISB** meeting was on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Early feedback will be shared at April 29<sup>th</sup> Subgroup 3 meeting



## **Recommendations presented to the ISB**

Topic 3a

Scope 3 reporting shall be **required** in the Corporate Standard

Topic 3b

All significant scope 3 emissions shall be required

Topic 4a

**Different scope 3 requirements** should be defined for different types of companies

Topic 4b

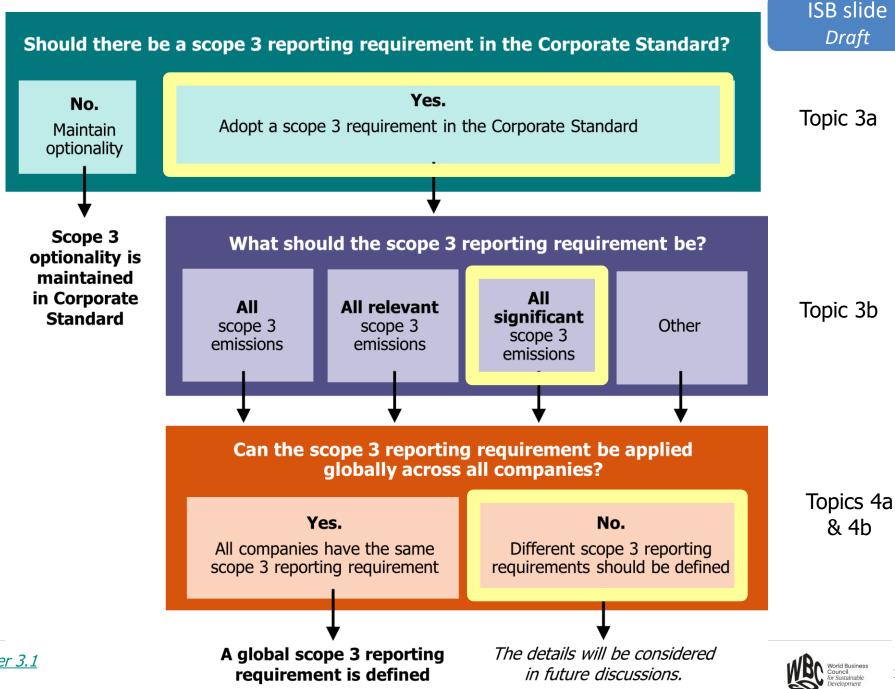
Different scope 3 requirements should be **defined by GHG Protocol** (as opposed to external programs)



# **Subgroup 3: Scope 3 requirement**

We will ask for decisions today on recommendations for these 3 questions

Recommendations identified with yellow boxes

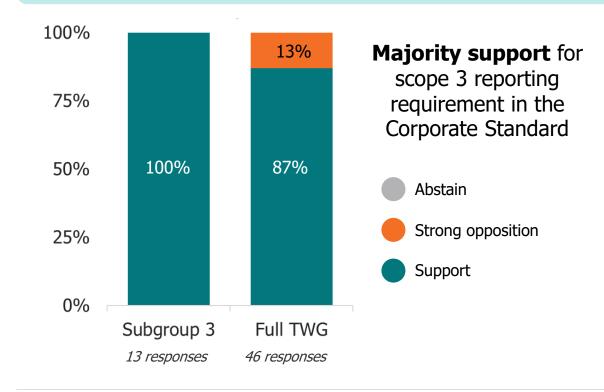




Recommendation 3a For decision

## Scope 3 reporting shall be **required** in the Corporate Standard

#### **Level of support from TWG**



#### **Rationale**

- Aligns with most external programs, which require scope 3
- Promotes more complete and transparent reporting of greenhouse gas emissions to support decision-making that drives ambitious global climate action

#### **Implications**

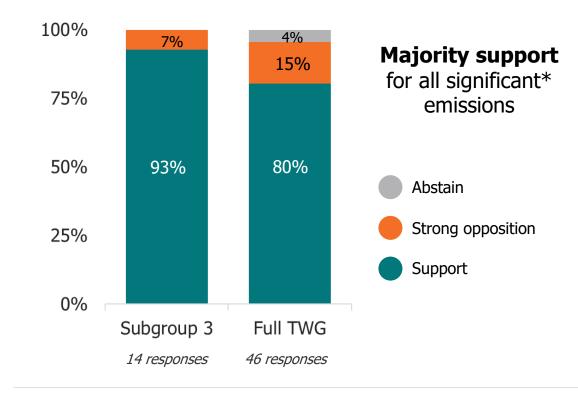
- Could discourage widespread adoption of the standard due to feasibility concerns (To be addressed by topics 4a & 4b)
- Cross-cutting: Harmonizes and integrates Corporate Standard and Scope 3 Standard



Recommendation 3b For decision

#### All significant\* scope 3 emissions shall be required

#### **Level of support from TWG**



#### **Rationale**

- Supports decision-making that drives global climate action through identification and prioritization of significant emissions through an objective and quantitative approach to setting the scope 3 boundary
- Addresses feasibility concerns by allowing exclusion of insignificant emissions

#### **Implications**

- require all scope 3 emissions (e.g., IFRS S2) or use a qualitative definition of significance (e.g., ESRS E1, ISO)
- Cross-cutting: Continued coordination with Scope 3 TWG

\*"Significant" is quantitative; equivalent to relevance criterion of size







# **Scope 3 requirement: Decision vote**



**Decision vote** *Topic 3a* 

Do you support adopting the following TWG recommendation?

**Scope 3 reporting shall be <u>required</u> in the Corporate Standard** 

#### Options:

- a. Yes, I support adopting this recommendation\*
- b. No, I oppose adopting this recommendation
- c. Abstain, I need more information to decide

\*Subject to final details, such as whether different levels of requirements are defined for some companies (see topics 4a & 4b)



**Decision vote** *Topic 3b* 

Do you support adopting the following TWG recommendation?

All <u>significant</u> scope 3 emissions shall be required

#### Options:

- a. Yes, I support adopting this recommendation\*
- b. No, I oppose adopting this recommendation
- c. Abstain, I need more information to decide

\*Subject to final details, such as how "significant" is defined

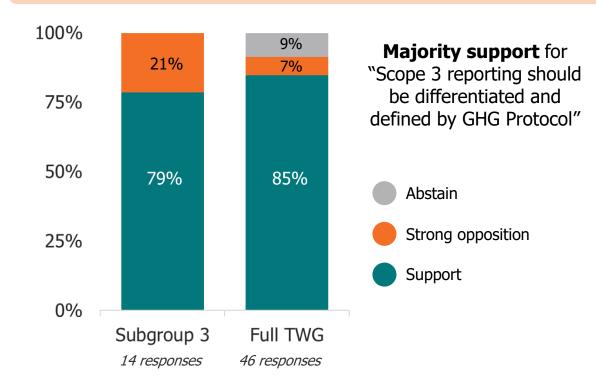




# Recommendations 4a & 4b For decision

- 4a. **Different scope 3 requirements** should be defined for different types of companies
- 4b. Different scope 3 requirements should be **defined by GHG Protocol** (as opposed to external programs)

#### **Level of support from TWG**



#### **Rationale**

As we move toward more rigorous requirements, the TWG recommends a **more feasible pathway for companies** with lower capacity

#### **Implications**

- Cross-cutting: Could set a precedent for GHG Protocol defining a different requirement for different types of companies
- Hinders completeness, relevance, and comparability for eligible companies
- Interoperability concerns with external programs. Proposed solution: If reporters are reporting to a voluntary or mandatory program, then they would need to follow their program requirements.

#### **Differentiated scope 3 requirements: Conceptual diagram**

#### **Preliminary direction:**

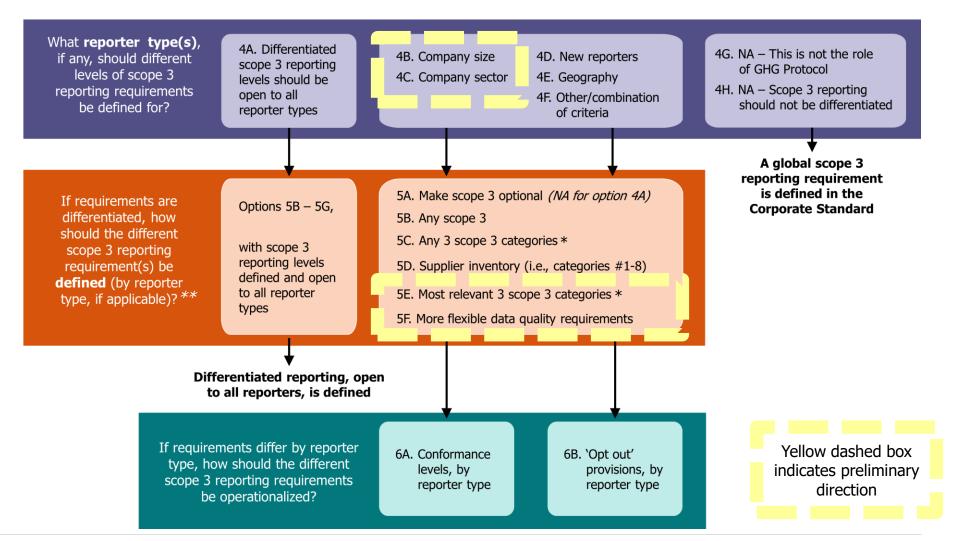
A differentiated scope 3 reporting pathway should be available for small companies, except for small companies in high-emitting sectors

Require the most relevant 3\* scope 3 categories with flexibility for data quality requirements

\*Number of categories TBC \*\*Options were revised for meeting 5 after release of discussion paper 3.2

Not yet discussed in full **Recommendation TBD** 

If different scope 3 reporting requirements are to be defined...





## **Scope 3 requirement: Decision vote**



# Decision vote Topic 4a



<u>Different scope 3 requirements</u> should be defined for different types of companies

#### **Options:**

- a. Yes, I support adopting this recommendation\*
- b. No, I oppose adopting this recommendation
- c. Abstain, I need more information to decide

\*Subject to final details, such as how the different scope 3 requirement is defined and which companies are eligible



# Decision vote Topic 4b

Do you support adopting the following TWG recommendation?

Different scope 3 requirements should be defined by GHG Protocol (as opposed to external programs)

#### **Options:**

- a. Yes, I support adopting this recommendation\*
- b. No, I oppose adopting this recommendation
- c. Abstain, I need more information to decide

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# Scope of work, Phase 1

Relevant chapters: Chapter 4 (Setting Operational Boundaries)

- C.1. Revisit current operational boundary requirements in chapter 4 of the *Corporate Standard* to **consider requiring scope 3 emissions reporting**, such as through a comprehensive requirement across reporting organizations and scope 3 categories, or with a differentiated or phased approach based on criteria such as an organization's size or sector, the significance of a company's scope 3 emissions, or by scope 3 categories.
- C.2. Consider providing more prescriptive requirements or additional guidance regarding **justifiable exclusions** from an inventory boundary and expanding disclosure requirements related to exclusions.

We are moving on to C.2: Justifiable exclusions





#### **Introduction: Justifiable exclusions**

#### **Justifiable exclusions**

= Exclusions that areallowed in the inventory,provided they aredisclosed and justified

Justifiable exclusions are relevant across **the entire inventory** (scopes 1, 2, and 3) and for **all Standards** 









# Other key related topics:

- De minimis emissions
- Disclosure requirements
- Material discrepancies in verification\*

\*Verification will be considered by Subgroup 2



## **GHG Protocol context: Corporate Standard requirements**

# **Current language in the Corporate Standard**



**Completeness principle**: "Account for and report on all GHG

emission sources and activities within the chosen inventory boundary. Disclose and

justify any specific exclusions."

**Required information:** "Any specific exclusions of sources,

facilities, and / or operations."

## **Key points:**

- Exclusions allowed
- Must be disclosed and justified
- Reporter has **flexibility** to determine what to exclude
- No quantitative threshold for allowable exclusion currently defined



# **GHG Protocol context: Scope 3 Standard requirements and guidance**

#### **Current** requirements in the Scope 3 Standard

"Companies shall account for all scope 3 emissions and disclose and justify any exclusions.

Companies may exclude scope 3 activities from the inventory, provided that any exclusion is disclosed and justified."

#### **Current** guidance in the Scope 3 Standard

"In particular, companies **should not exclude** any activity that is expected to contribute significantly to the company's total scope 3 emissions."

## **Key points:**

- All scope 3 emissions are required
- **Flexibility** for exclusions
- Minimum boundaries are defined, but under review in Scope 3 TWG

This guidance is under revision by the Scope 3 TWG





## **GHG Protocol context: Scope 3 Standard revisions**

| Status                                | Scope 3 TWG question   | Preliminary recommendation  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Already<br>discussed by<br>Subgroup 3 | Q1. How should the relevance principle be considered in the <b>exclusion of activities</b> ?               | Companies <b>shall not</b> exclude relevant activities based on their <i>magnitude</i> .  |
|                                       |  | Companies <b>should not</b> exclude relevant activities based on <i>other relevance criteria</i> .  |
|                                       | Q3. Should a <b>magnitude threshold</b> be defined?  | A <b>magnitude threshold</b> should be defined by the Scope 3 Standard.   |
|                                       |  | A <b>cumulative exclusion threshold</b> with a preliminary value of cumulative 5% of scope 3 emissions from required activities (either categories 1-14 or categories 1-15; TBD).   |
| To be considered today by Subgroup 3  | Q5. Should the guidance on <b>exclusion of downstream categories</b> for intermediate products be revised? | Maintain allowable exclusions for downstream emissions for intermediate products, introduce editorial change to facilitate interpretation, with removal of the provision to exclude all downstream categories if one of the categories is excluded. |
|                                       | Q6. Should " <b>de minimis</b> " be formally defined in the Scope 3 Standard?                              | Combine de minimis exclusions with other exclusions under the cumulative magnitude threshold.   |

#### **Key points:**

- Quantitative
  exclusion threshold
  replaces justifiable
  exclusions for most
  scope 3 activities
- exceptions will be made for emissions in categories 9-12 (i.e., downstream emissions from intermediate products where eventual fate is unknown)
- **De minimis** combined with magnitude threshold



## **GHG Protocol context: Scope 2 Guidance and Land Sector & Removals draft Standard**



#### **Scope 2 Guidance**

- Corporate Standard reporting requirements are required
- No additional general guidance on exclusions



# Land Sector & Removals draft Standard

- Refers to Corporate Standard for reporting requirements
- Exclusions language made more specific and includes "sinks"

"Disclose and justify any exclusions of any scope 3 categories, accounting categories, gases, sources or sinks from the GHG inventory."

(adapted from page 255 of published draft to remove "scopes," following latest revisions)



# **GHG Protocol context: Corporate Standard and "de minimis"**

#### **Current language in the Corporate Standard**

De minimis is defined:

"A materiality threshold is not the same as de minimis emissions, or a permissible quantity of emissions that a company can leave out of its inventory."

-page 69-70

"Rule of thumb" that is misinterpreted:

"As a rule of thumb, an error is considered to be materially misleading if its value exceeds 5% of the total inventory for the part of the organization being verified."
-page 69

Note: "De minimis" is only mentioned in passing twice in the Corporate Standard, and is not mentioned once in any other GHG Protocol Standard

## **Key points:**

- "De minimis" is not currently allowed
- Is often misinterpreted as a permissible 5% exclusion from the GHG inventory





## **External programs: Justifiable exclusions**

|                             | Name                        | Туре                             | Scope 1+2 exclusions  | Scope 3 exclusions   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>\$</b> IFRS              | IFRS S2                     | Climate<br>disclosure<br>mandate | Refers to Corporate Standard for "measurement"  Material scope 1 and scope 2 emissions required   | Material categories required  Impracticability clause: "In those rare cases when an entity determines it is impracticable to estimate its Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions, the entity shall disclose how it is managing its Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions." –IFRS S2 paragraph B57 |
| 0                           | ESRS E1                     | Climate<br>disclosure<br>mandate | No specific text on exclusions for scope 1 and 2  | Significant scope 3 categories required <b>Exclusions permitted:</b> "Disclose a list of Scope 3 GHG emissions categories included in and excluded from the inventory with a justification for excluded Scope 3 categories" —ESRS, AR44 (i)  |
| SCIENCE<br>BASED<br>TARGETS | SBTi:<br>CNZS               | Target-setting initiative        | <b>Up to 5%</b> cumulative exclusion across scope 1 + scope 2   | Up to 5% exclusion across total scope 3 GHG inventory  |
| SCIENCE<br>BASED<br>TARGETS | SBTi:<br>DRAFT<br>v2.0 CNZS | Target-setting initiative        | No exclusions permitted   | <ul> <li>No exclusions permitted from full scope 3 inventory, to be reported every 3 years</li> <li>For target setting and annul scope 3 disclosure, relevant categories and activities required</li> </ul>  |
| ISO                         | ISO<br>14064-<br>1:2018     | GHG Standard                     | "The organization <b>may exclude GHG sources or sinks</b> for which the contribution to GHG emissions or removals is not relevant. It shall identify and explain" –page 9 | Significant indirect emissions required <b>Exclusions permitted:</b> "Exclusions of significant indirect emissions shall be justified."  |
| GRI                         | GRI                         | Climate<br>Reporting<br>Standard | No specific text on omissions for direct emissions  | "If the organization cannot report the emissions data for a particular [scope 3] category, it is <b>required to provide a reason for omission</b> ." Guidance to GH-3-b  |

Note: Excluded CDP (all disclosure is voluntary) and California SB 253 and 219 (not yet finalized)

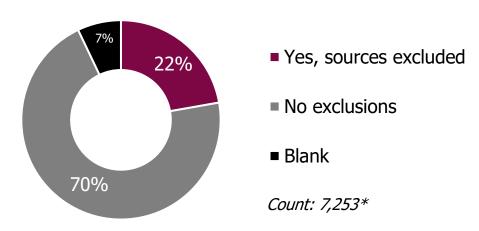




## Relevant research: CDP disclosures on justifiable exclusions

**Take-away:** Companies are excluding emissions <u>across all scopes</u>

# CDP Question 6.4: **Are there any sources**... which are not included in your disclosure?



CDP Question C6.4: Are there any sources (e.g. facilities, specific GHGs, activities, geographies, etc.) of Scope 1, Scope 2 or Scope 3 emissions that are **within your selected reporting boundary** which are not included in your disclosure?

CDP Question 6.4a: **Provide details of the sources ...** which are not included in your disclosure.

Of the companies reporting exclusions:\*\*

55% excluded Scope 1 sources

45% excluded Scope 2 sources

52% excluded Scope 3 sources

Count: 2,483\*

\*\* May exclude companies that do not have scope 3 in their selected reporting boundary

CDP Question C6.4a\_C2: Provide details of the sources of Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3 emissions that are **within your selected reporting boundary** which are not included in your disclosure.





## Corporate Standard stakeholder feedback survey: Key themes related to justifiable exclusions



**Prohibit exclusions** 

**Revise completeness principle** to remove language implicitly allowing for exclusions so that companies cannot intentionally omit emissions sources

More prescriptive language

Explain **how to evaluate acceptable exclusions** to comply with the completeness principle

**Quantitative** thresholds

More specific **materiality criteria and thresholds** for completeness (e.g., 95% of emissions for a given scope)

**Comparability** 

Better defined exclusions could promote comparability across inventories



## **Proposals received related to justifiable exclusions**



| <b>Proposal link</b>                        | Key themes  |
|---|---|
| Corporate Standard Proposal Climate Neutral | Provide more prescriptive guidance on defining <b>de minimis emissions sources</b> and which estimation methods may be applied. |



## Justifiable exclusions: The big questions

#### **Justifiable exclusions**

- 1. Should justifiable exclusions be maintained in **scopes 1 and 2**?
- 2. Do you support the Scope 3 TWG recommendations for **scope 3** justifiable exclusions on downstream emissions?

#### "De minimis" emissions

3. Should "de minimis" emissions be formalized and allowed?

## **Disclosure requirements**

4. Should disclosure requirements for justifiable exclusions be expanded?



#### **Proposal:** Adopt Land Sector & Removals language as starting point on justifiable exclusions:

Corporate Standard:

"Any specific exclusions of sources, facilities, and / or operations."





Land Sector & Removals draft Standard:

"Disclose and justify any exclusions of any scope 3 categories, accounting categories, gases, sources or sinks from the GHG inventory."

(adapted from page 255 of published draft to remove "scopes," following latest revisions) The LSR language lists the topics that should be justified if excluded:

- Scope 3 categories
- Accounting categories
- Gases
- Sources
- Sinks

Does not include facilities and/or operations







# Justifiable exclusions: Scopes 1 and 2

1. Should justifiable exclusions be maintained in **scopes 1 and 2**?

# **1A. Yes Maintain** current guidance

Exclusions are allowed and must be disclosed and justified, with flexibility for the preparer

# **1B. Yes**More prescriptive and quantitative\*

More prescriptive and include a quantitative threshold (e.g., 5% exclusion threshold)

#### 1C. Yes

More prescriptive and qualitative\*

More prescriptive and include qualitative guidance (e.g., relevance criteria for scopes 1 and 2, list of acceptable reasons for exclusion)

# 1D. No Prohibit exclusions

Require all emissions and prohibit any exclusions

\*Follow-up question: What should the more prescriptive language be?

Is the preferred approach aligned with scope 3 cumulative exclusion threshold?







# Justifiable exclusions: Scope 3

2. Do you support the Scope 3 TWG recommendations for **scope 3** justifiable exclusions on **downstream emissions**?

# Scope 3 TWG recommendations on downstream emissions:

- Maintain allowable exclusions for downstream emissions for intermediate products where eventual fate is unknown
- Introduce editorial changes to facilitate interpretation
- Remove the provision that excludes all downstream categories if one of the categories is excluded

#### Notes:

- These recommendations are in addition to scope 3 cumulative exclusion threshold
- · All recommendations are preliminary and subject to change

2A. **Yes**, I support these recommendations

2B. **No**, I do not support these recommendations

2C. Other exclusions should be allowed for **upstream emissions**\*

2D. Other exclusions should be allowed for **downstream emissions\*** 

This feedback will be an input to the Scope 3 TWG

\*Other exclusions beyond the 5% exclusion and the specific case noted here







#### "De minimis" emissions

3. Should "de minimis" emissions be formalized and allowed?

# **3A. Yes** Formalize and allow

"De minimis" would be formally defined and allowed as a distinct pathway for exclusions

# **3B. Yes**Combine with threshold

"De minimis" would be combined with a quantitative exclusion threshold and would not be separately allowed

Note: This was Scope 3
TWG recommendation\*

# **3C. No**Maintain current guidance

Current guidance maintained with no explicit statement about de minimis emissions

# **3D. No** Explicitly prohibit

Clear statement that de minimis cannot be used to exclude emissions from inventory

\*Scope 3 TWG recommendation: Combine de minimis exclusions with other exclusions under the cumulative magnitude threshold (i.e., Option 3B). See <a href="Scope 3 TWG Subgroup B Meeting 3 minutes">Scope 3 TWG Subgroup B Meeting 3 minutes</a> for more information.







#### **Disclosure requirements**

4. Should disclosure requirements for justifiable exclusions be expanded?

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"Disclose and justify any exclusions of any scope 3 categories, accounting categories, gases, sources or sinks from the GHG inventory."

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**4A. Yes**New <u>requirements</u>\*

Define new more prescriptive requirements (i.e., beyond draft LSR requirement)

**4B. Yes**New guidance\*

Define new more prescriptive guidance

\*Follow-up question: What should the new requirements/guidance be?

4C. No

Maintain current guidance

Current guidance maintained (i.e., maintain draft LSR requirement)



# **Discussion:**

Justifiable exclusions, de minimis, and disclosure requirements



| Topic                   | Question   | Options   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Justifiable exclusions  | Should justifiable     exclusions be maintained     in scopes 1 and 2?   | <ul> <li>a. Yes, maintain current guidance</li> <li>b. Yes, but make more prescriptive and quantitative</li> <li>c. Yes, but make more prescriptive and qualitative</li> <li>d. No, exclusions should be prohibited</li> </ul>  |
|                         | 2. Do you support the Scope<br>3 TWG recommendations<br>for <b>scope 3</b> justifiable<br>exclusions on<br><b>downstream</b><br><b>emissions?</b> (multi-choice) | <ul> <li>a. Yes, I support these recommendations</li> <li>b. No, I do not support these recommendations</li> <li>c. Other exclusions should be allowed for upstream emissions*</li> <li>d. Other exclusions should be allowed for downstream emissions*</li> <li>*Other exclusions beyond the 5% exclusion and the specific case noted</li> </ul> |
| De minimis              | 3. Should " <b>de minimis</b> " emissions be formalized and allowed?   | a. Yes, it should be formalized and allowed b. Yes, but it should be combined with an exclusion threshold c. No, maintain current guidance d. No, explicitly prohibit   |
| Disclosure requirements | 4. Should <b>disclosure</b> requirements for justifiable exclusions be expanded?   | a. Yes, new requirements should be defined b. Yes, new guidance should be defined c. No, maintain current guidance  |



Poll questions

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| De minimis              | 3. Should " <b>de minimis</b> " emissions be formalized and allowed?   | <ul> <li>a. Yes, it should be formalized and allowed</li> <li>b. Yes, but it should be combined with an exclusion threshold</li> <li>c. No, maintain current guidance</li> <li>d. No, explicitly prohibit</li> </ul>  |  |
| Disclosure requirements | 4. Should <b>disclosure</b> requirements for justifiable exclusions be expanded?   | a. Yes, new requirements should be defined b. Yes, new guidance should be defined c. No, maintain current guidance  |  |

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# Differentiated scope 3 requirement: TWG feedback survey

Topics addressed in TWG feedback survey:

- Addressing mandatory disclosure programs
- Eligibility criteria: Emissions threshold and geography
- Definition: Most relevant 3 scope 3 categories and flexible data quality requirements

Feedback survey will remain open through May 23:

https://forms.office.com/r/aTjZEE9wck

8 responses received

Survey will stay open through EOD Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> as input to Subgroup 3 Meeting 7



# Question 6: How to operationalize differentiated scope 3 reporting

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If requirements differ by reporter type, how should the different scope 3 reporting requirements be operationalized?

6A. Conformance levels, by reporter type

6B. 'Opt out'
provisions, by
reporter type



# **Question 6: The options**

|   | Option name             | Defining the option  | Pros  | Cons   |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| A | Conformance levels      | <ul><li>Two conformance levels would be defined:</li><li>Complete scope 3 reporting</li></ul>  | Clearly defined conformance levels could promote <b>transparency</b> Promotes <b>interoperability</b> with programs based on GHG Protocol (because programs could choose conformance level) | Could disincentivize more complete reporting  Could lead to stakeholder confusion, especially if there are multiple topics across GHG Protocol with different reporting levels |
|   |                         | <ul> <li>Less stringent scope 3 reporting<br/>pathway for small companies</li> </ul>   |   |  |
| В | 'Opt out'<br>provisions | A global scope 3 requirement would be maintained  An 'opt out' provision would be defined, only for small companies, with high-emitting sectors excluded | Could incentivize more complete reporting (for companies that choose to report to the full requirement)   | Could hinder interoperability with external programs  May hinder transparency and comparability, if disclosures are not clear  |
|   | Others?                 |  |   |  |





## **Poll Question**



# Poll question on operationalizing a differentiated scope 3 reporting requirement:

- 1. If requirements are differentiated for small companies, how should the different scope 3 reporting requirement be operationalized?
  - a. Conformance levels, defined by reporter type
  - b. Opt out provisions, defined by reporter type
  - c. Other
  - d. Abstain

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June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### SG3 M5

- Revise outputs based on feedback from full TWG
- Submit outputs to ISB



- Discuss justifiable exclusions
- Finalize scope 3 reporting requirement



#### SG3 M7

- Revise phase 1 outputs based on ISB feedback
- Continue on justifiable exclusions



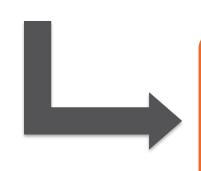
#### SG3 M8

- Phase 2!
- Data quality requirements



#### Full TWG M3

Share remaining phase 1 recommendations



April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **ISB** Meeting

 Present phase 1 outcomes supported by full TWG







## **Next steps**

Next Subgroup 3 meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 27**<sup>th</sup>, **2025** 

# Items to be shared by GHG Protocol Secretariat:

- Final slides, minutes, and recording from this meeting
- Feedback survey on justifiable exclusions

#### **TWG** member action items:

Review meeting materials

 Fill out post-meeting feedback survey by EOD Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>



# Thank you!

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