



## RULES OF THE CLIMATE COMMITMENT OF THE FINLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. The purpose of these rules is to promote the use of the Climate Commitment as a trustworthy verifier of emission reduction in the marketing and communications of companies/organisations that operate in Finland. The Climate Commitment proves that the business/organisation is committed to the goal of being carbon-neutral with regard to energy consumption and logistics (see emission reduction calculation guidelines) by 2035. The company/organisation can specify the target year at its own discretion, as long as it meets this basic requirement. The Finland Chamber of Commerce approves the climate commitment made by the company/organisation.
2. Climate Commitment is a registered trademark of the Finland Chamber of Commerce, and the following rules are applied to its application process and use. When applying for the Climate Commitment licence, the organisation undertakes to comply with these rules.
3. The Sustainability Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce grants the right to use the Climate Commitment symbol by application to a company/organisation that operates in Finland and meets the criteria specified in these rules.
4. The licence can be granted to a company/organisation that is committed to the goal of being carbon neutral by 2035. When applying for the licence, the company/organisation prepares an action plan describing the measures to be taken over the next five years, their emission reductions and schedule.  
  
With regard to emission reductions, the Climate Commitment includes the company's/organisation's own emissions, emissions caused by purchased energy and emissions from transports and logistics. With regard to service companies, emissions of incoming transports are not mandatory reported data.
5. The company/organisation can compensate a maximum of 20% of the Climate Commitment -related emissions. However, the Sustainability Board can accept a higher rate of compensation in cases where the operator cannot control the emissions or choose a lower-emission option, such as international flights. The Board maintains a list of such sources of emissions.
6. The Climate Commitment is company-/organisation -specific. The Commitment symbol may only be used in the organisation's communications and marketing, not in the marketing of products. The symbol must not be used in another company belonging to the same group of companies without a separate commitment. The use of the symbol on products and packaging is prohibited so that it will not be mixed up with the eco-labels of products. The symbol may, however, be included in the organisation's environmental report, brochures, letterheads, name plates or website. The appearance of the symbol must not be altered.
7. The Sustainability Board requires the applicant organisation to comply with the laws, decrees and official regulations in force in Finland in its business operations.
8. The Climate Commitment symbol may only be used in the registered graphic form. The Sustainability Board defines the appropriate methods of using the Climate Commitment symbol and maintains guidelines on the use of the symbol.



9. The Climate Commitment licence is valid for one year at a time, provided that the company/organisation submits an action plan concerning emission reductions approved by the Sustainability Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce, implements the measures in accordance with the schedule in the plan and annually reports on the progress of measures and emission reductions.

The company/organisation that has received the licence shall commence emission reductions immediately after being informed of the Sustainability Board having approved its application.

The Finland Chamber of Commerce maintains a public register of companies/organisations that have been granted the licence. The company/organisation that has been granted the licence approves that its name is published on the Finland Chamber of Commerce website in this context.

The company/organisation that has been granted the licence agrees to undergo an audit by an independent certification body to ensure that the emission reductions recorded in the applicant's action plan have been appropriately implemented. The audit is carried out once every five years, and the licence holder is liable for its costs.

The Finland Chamber of Commerce provides licence holders with a list of companies that are familiar with the requirements of the Climate Commitment and can reliably verify the emission reductions made by the licence holders. The results of the audit are to be submitted to the Finland Chamber of Commerce within five years of the company adopting the Climate Commitment.

10. The licence holder shall inform the Sustainability Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce of all changes with impacts on the licence. In particular, changes in the fulfilment of the criteria listed in sections 4 and 9 shall be reported to the Sustainability Board two weeks after the change was observed, at which time the matter will be reviewed again.

If necessary, the Board can proactively obtain additional clarifications on the matter at its discretion.

11. The Sustainability Board can revoke the licence if the a) applicant does not comply with the schedule presented in the action plan, b) the applicant has submitted incorrect information to the Sustainability Board, c) the Sustainability Board otherwise considers the applicant to have misled the Finland Chamber of Commerce, d) the Climate Commitment is used misleadingly or in violation of morality, e) the licence holder defaults on the obligations set in sections 5–9 or f) the company is in breach of these rules or their spirit.
12. Information relating to the licence application will be processed confidentially.
13. A processing fee will be charged for granted licences in accordance with the bases specified by the Finland Chamber of Commerce. The processing fee will also be charged in case the licence is not granted.
14. With regard to the Climate Commitment, the provisions of the Trademarks Act shall apply.

Approved by the Sustainability Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce on 12 September 2019.