

Zero Emission Freight Initiative Charter





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Chapter I: General Principles

- 1. The name of the initiative:** Zero Emission Freight Initiative, abbreviation: ZEFI.
- 2. The nature of ZEFI:** Composed of think tanks, research institutions, OEMs, key equipment and auto parts suppliers, energy and infrastructure suppliers, shippers, logistics service companies, industry associations and other relevant stakeholders. , ZEFI is a non-governmental, non-profit and voluntary public welfare platform focusing on achieving net zero emission in the field of freight transport.
- 3. The vision of ZEFI:** support freight transport to achieve zero emissions, and promote China's transportation to achieve carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals.

Chapter II: Scope of Work

4. The scope of work for ZEFI:

- (1) Promote stakeholders to establish, consolidate and strengthen consensus on zero emission freight transport.
- (2) Support the planning, construction and sustainable operation of energy infrastructure.
- (3) Support the development of relevant standards and specifications for zero-emission freight transport, and promote the implementation of industry standards.
- (4) Support the research and the release of incentive policies and measures to create a better environment for zero-emission freight transport policies and markets.
- (5) Accelerate the promotion of zero-emission freight vehicles (especially medium and heavy-duty trucks).
- (6) Coordinate and organize market research, technology tracking, policy research, industry trend analysis under the theme of zero emission freight transport to provide technical support for the government and enterprises.
- (7) Promote the pilot application of zero-emission freight transport technologies, equipment and solutions. Promote the pilot demonstration of zero-emission freight transport and evaluate the performance of emission reduction.
- (8) Organize salons, conferences, trainings and forums regarding zero emission freight transport. Promote the cooperation between policy makers and stakeholders in freight industry in order to accelerate the zero-emission transformation of the industry.
- (9) Coordinate and publish the "Zero Emission Freight Annual Report of China". Give recommendations to the regulations, standards, financial incentive policies and corporate development strategies based on the experience of the pilot.

- (10) Support the establishment of a freight carbon emission assessment mechanism, coordinate the research and development of freight carbon emission calculation methods, emission models, and basic parameters numbers that are recognized by different stakeholders.

Chapter III: Organizational Structure

5. A steering committee and a secretariat are established for the Zero Emission Freight Initiative.

6. Steering Committee

- (1) To provide guidance on the direction, development strategy and major decision-making of ZEFI.
- (2) Review the annual work plan and work priorities of ZEFI and provide suggestions for improvement.
- (3) Participate in the policy-industry dialogues as representatives. Initiate the theme of the zero-emission freight transport conference. Participate in the planning and design of pilot demonstration projects. Introduce partners and members to ZEFI and participate in the organization of events and conferences;
- (4) It is composed of institutions in the field of zero-emission freight transport, and priority is given to institutions that meet the following conditions:
 - 1) Promote high-efficiency, low-carbon and sustainable freight technologies and solutions with advanced practice.
 - 2) Be willing to lead industry changes, issue initiatives, and actively promote low emission & zero-emission technology and measures.
 - 3) Provide policy research, standard setting, pilot demonstration, infrastructure, vehicle technology, financial and intellectual support for zero-emission freight initiatives based on its own expertise.

(5) Creation and withdrawal:

The members of the first Steering Committee are nominated by the secretariat and voted by the initiating members. The members that obtain two-thirds of the votes will be admitted. The change of the members was also nominated by the secretariat, who will be admitted when two-thirds of the members vote in favor.

If members of the Steering Committee are unable to perform their duties, they may apply to the Secretariat for withdrawal, which will be automatically withdrawn after confirmation by other members of the Steering Committee.

- (6) The term of office of the Steering Committee is two years. The new Steering Committee shall be nominated by the Secretariat and elected by the members through voting.

7. Secretariat

- (1) The secretariat is set in Smart Freight Centre;
- (2) The secretariat is responsible for: the management, operation, organization and formulation of action charters, formulation of annual work plans and budgets, as well as establishing and communicating with external parties; the relationship between members and relevant government agencies and other services.

- (3) The secretariat is responsible for conducting investigations of relevant stakeholder and the recruitment of like-minded members.
- (4) The secretariat is responsible for the establishment of an expert database for zero-emission freight transport operations.
- (5) The secretariat is responsible for coordination of the needs of members and the integration of resources to support pilot demonstration projects of zero-emission freight transport.
- (6) The secretariat should take the lead in organizing zero-emission freight transport activities, forums, annual summits and regular seminars and take the responsibility for the communication works related to the activities stated above.
- (7) The secretariat should take the lead in coordinating and writing the "Zero Emission Freight Annual Report of China" and related reports. The secretariat should be responsible for the dissemination of the tasks related to the contents above.

Chapter IV: Members

8. Requirements of the members

- (1) The members of ZEFI are composed of think tanks, research institutions, OEMs, key equipment and auto parts suppliers, energy and infrastructure suppliers, shippers, logistics service companies, industry associations and other stakeholders that focus on zero emission freight policies and technologies.
- (2) The members should approve the charter of ZEFI, voluntarily join ZEFI and fulfill the obligations of membership.

9. Enrollment of the members

The following steps are taken in order to enroll as a member:

- (1) The interested institutions should submit an apply to the Secretariat directly, or they can be recommended by the Steering Committee.
- (2) Preliminary review by the Secretariat.
- (3) Proceed to the enrollment procedure.
- (4) Become a formal member after completing the corresponding procedures.

10. Withdrawal of the members

- (1) Voluntary withdrawal.
- (2) To proceed to the withdrawal, a written application should be submitted to the Secretariat. The membership will be terminated after the completion of the corresponding procedures;
- (3) If a member institution has its business license revoked by other administrative departments due to major violations of laws and disciplines, its membership will be automatically cancelled;

- (4) If the member fails to perform the obligations for one year, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn automatically;
- (5) If a member seriously violates the principles of association, it will be removed from the membership by two-thirds of the votes in favor of the Steering Committee.

11. Rights and obligations of the members

- (1) Members have the right to participate in various activities organized by ZEFI and have the access to relevant reports, meeting materials, etc.
- (2) Members have the right to give suggestions on the theme of ZEFI's activities and participate in the organizing activities.
- (3) Members have the right to release research outcomes and opinions through ZEFI.
- (4) Members have the right to supervise the work of ZEFI.
- (5) Members should comply with the charter and relevant regulations of ZEFI.
- (6) Members have the duty to maintain the reputation, legitimate rights and interests of ZEFI. Members should fully respect the intellectual property rights of other ZEFI members.
- (7) Members should actively support and participate in the activities of ZEFI, including but not limited to intelligent, financial or material support;
- (8) Members should not reveal business secrets among ZEFI partners.

Chapter V: Funds

- 12. Funds for ZEFI activities mainly come from charitable funds and sponsorship support from industries and enterprises, as well as from the provision of consulting and training services fee.**

Chapter VI: Procedures for Amending the Charter

- 13. Amendments to this charter should be voted by the Steering Committee and passed by two-thirds of the votes in favor.**

Chapter VII: Supplementary Provisions

- 14. The right of interpretation of this charter belongs to ZEFI Secretariat.**
- 15. The charter shall take effect as of the date of issuance.**



How to join ZEFI

Please complete the membership application form (Appendix A) and submit it to the Secretariat.

Contact us for more information:

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Annex A: Application Form for Membership of Zero Emissions Freight Initiative

Please send the completed form to: Boyong.Wang@smartfreightcentre.org

Company name	
Contact	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Web page	
Member category	
I hereby confirm my endorsement of the Charter	
Signature	
name and address	
Date and place	
I hereby confirm that I am accepting applications for membership in the Zero Emissions Freight Initiative	
Zero Emissions Freight Initiative (ZEFI Secretariat)	
Signature	
Date and place	

