



CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01)

(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)

Date of SSC WG meeting:	16–19 June 2009, SSC WG 21
Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Is plant oil produced from sustainable plantations a renewable biomass, and is it eligible under AMS-I.D?
Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.	AMS-I.D
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Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.	
<p>Original text from PP:</p> <p>Considering the definition of Biomass as it is presented in the <i>CDM glossary of terms</i>, it seems that plant oil as it is defined in AMS-III.T is Biomass. Indeed, plant oil is a non-fossilized and biodegradable organic material originating from plants. Could it be confirmed that plant oil is actually Biomass?</p> <p>If plant oil is Biomass and complies with the Renewable Biomass criteria as defined in the <i>CDM glossary of terms</i>, could plant oil then be used as a Renewable Biomass energy source in AMS-I.D?</p>	
Recommendation by the SSC WG: Please use the space below to provide amendments/change (in your expert view, if necessary).	
<p>Please refer to paragraph 25 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 21 (http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg).</p>	
Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG: Please use the space below to provide answer to the authors of the above query.	
<p>The small-scale working group of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the author for the submission.</p> <p>The SSC WG agreed to clarify that plant oil is indeed <u>biomass</u>. However, the requirements for plant oil to be considered as <u>renewable biomass</u> were addressed by EB23 Annex 18 (“Definition of Renewable Biomass”), also found in the Glossary of CDM terms. If plant oil complies with this definition, it is a renewable biomass energy source, and may be used in a Type I project activity. The demonstration of these requirements may be carried out according to the procedures described in AMS-III.T, which will involve the need to include the area where cultivation of crop, production and processing of plant oil takes place within the project boundary.</p>	



Signature of SSC WG Chair

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