



**CDM: Revision Form for Approved Methodologies
(version 01)**
(To be used for responding to requests for clarifications on approved methodologies)

<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	31 January – 3 February 2006
<i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>	Request whether biomass cultivated from a farm owned by project participants is applicable to the methodology
<i>Indicative methodology to which your submission relates</i>	ACM0003 - Emissions reduction through partial substitution of fossil fuels with alternative fuels in cement manufacture
<i>Name of the authors of the query:</i>	AENOR (Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification)
Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.	
>> The applicability conditions of ACM0003 state: “Fossil fuel(s) used in cement manufacture are partially replaced by alternative fuels, including renewable biomass, where renewable biomass residues are in surplus and leakages in other uses of the renewable biomass will not occur.” Project participants request whether this includes biomass cultivated from a farm owned by project participants.	
Recommendation by the Meth Panel: Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
>> The Meth Panel notes that the wording in ACM0003 is not fully clear and should be improved. The Meth Panel recommends to insert a proper definition of what types of “alternative fuels” may be used under this methodology. In addressing biomass, it is recommended to refer to the definition of biomass residues by the Board, since the use of renewable biomass (e.g. bio-fuels from croplands or wood from plantations) may involve considerable emissions related to the cultivation of the land area or the processing of fuels. A proposed revision to ACM0003 is attached.	
Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the Meth Panel : Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query	
>> The cultivation of lands as well as the processing of biomass to suitable fuels may involve considerable GHG emissions, including, for example, emissions associated with the use of fertilizer, decreases of carbon stocks in carbon pools from clearance of land, ploughing or shift in pre-project activities or emissions associated with irrigation. Since ACM0003 does neither provide methodological approaches to consider these emission sources nor applicability conditions that avoid that these emission sources are significant, the use of biomass from land areas that are cultivated for the purpose of the project activity is not possible under this methodology.	



Signature of the Meth Panel Chair

Date: 13/ 02 /06

(Jean-Jacques Becker)



Signature of the Meth Panel Vice-Chair

Date: 13/ 02 /06

(José Miguez)

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