



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:	27–30 October 2009, SSC WG 23
Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Clarification regarding project/leakage emissions from imported biomass
Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.	AMS-I.C ver. 15 AMS-I.D ver. 13
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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.

Original text from PP:

PP currently is using coal and/ or fuel oil for thermal energy and/ or electricity generation for meeting the captive needs of energy of its unit. In the project activity, PP proposes to use Biomass Residues imported from Annex 1 and/ or other Non Annex 1 country.

PP seeks clarification, whether PP can claim emission reductions for energy generation using the imported biomass from Annex 1 and/ or other Non Annex 1 country given that –

-Biomass residue as proposed to be imported is surplus in that country and has no useful application prior to the use in the project activity. This shall be substantiated by conducting biomass assessment survey(s) for the biomass in the respective Annex 1 and/ or other Non Annex 1 country.

-PP shall consider leakage due to transport/ transfer of the biomass residue from Annex 1 and/ or Non Annex 1 country to project site

Additional clarification requested by SSC WG:

To provide examples of different biomass residues being planned for import highlighting how the biomass is sourced, from where it is procured, whether it is processed before the import and delivery to the project site?

Response from PP submitted on 28 October 2009:

The biomass may be procured either directly from the biomass generators or through suppliers. Biomass may be baled before it is transported. But no processing will be done.

To indicate whether the switch/change in the source of biomass foreseen during the implementation of the project - import from Annex I, non-Annex I to the Convention and Annex B, non Annex B country to the Kyoto Protocol?

Response from PP submitted on 28 October 2009:

Yes

Will the biomass be stored before its use during the project activity?

Response from PP submitted on 28 October 2009:

It will be for some time. But it will always be less than a year.

What kind/means of transportation is envisaged for the biomass delivery, what would be typical duration of transport?

Response from PP submitted on 28 October 2009:

It shall be transported using rail/ road/ water based means. Duration is not yet identified.

To provide PDD and /or PIN if available or to indicate whether the clarification concerns hypothetical situation?

Response from PP submitted on 28 October 2009:

No. These are purely hypothetical situations under conceptualization yet.

Recommendation by the SSC WG:

Please use the space below to provide amendments/change (in your expert view, if necessary).

Please refer to paragraph 13 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 23 (http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg).

Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG:

Please use the space below to provide answer to the authors of the above query.

The SSC WG noted that a number of parameters directly related to the leakage/project emissions are not clearly and transparently presented in the submission, for example, the origin and characteristics of biomass, the transport duration and mode, intermediate storage length and conditions before use. Hence the SSC WG agreed not to consider the case further.



Signature of SSC WG Chair

(Hugh Sealy)

Date: 30/10/2009



Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair

(Peer Stiansen)

Date: 30/10/2009

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