
 <p align="center"><b>CDM: Form for submission of queries from DOEs to the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group regarding the application of approved A/R methodologies (version 01)</b> (To be used by DOEs for presenting questions / proposals / amendments related to the applicability of approved A/R methodologies)</p>	
Name of the entity (DOE) submitting this form	TUV NORD CERT GmbH
Reference number and title of the approved A/R methodologies	AR-AM0002 Version 1; Version 2 and Version 3 : Restoration of degraded lands through Afforestation/ reforestation and probably other intermediate versions of AR methodologies.
Title/Subject (give a short title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Guidelines on application of specified versions of A/R CDM methodologies in verification of registered A/R CDM project activities (Version 01.0) (Annex 26, EB63) need to be revised to cover all the previous versions of the approved A/R CDM methodologies
Attach CDM-AR-PDD example of project activity where applicability raises problem:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, is attached.
Date and signature for the DOE	2012-05-25 
<p><b>Submitted queries</b></p> <p>Please use the space below to substantiate the queries relating to the application of approved A/R methodologies. If the questions are related to a project activity under development or implementation, please describe the context in which they arose. If you are proposing amendments to approved A/R methodologies, please specify the text you want to change or introduce. If necessary, attach files or refer to sources of relevant information.</p> <p><b>If you have a question relating to the application of the approved A/R methodologies, please specify and provide reference to the exact project activity to which it applies.</b></p>	

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Several early versions of approved afforestation/reforestation methodologies contain requirements that were withdrawn during revisions/improvements of the methodologies as part of the standards improvement process. The Guidelines on application of specified versions of A/R CDM methodologies in verification of registered A/R CDM project activities (Version 01.0) (Annex 26, EB63) allow the application of the improvements in the methodology occurred after the date of registration of A/R project activities at the time of verification.

The Annex 26, EB 63 guidelines, therefore, exclude the application of improvements in methodologies to the A/R projects that are in validation and registration. The validation and registration processes of CDM A/R project take between 1 to 2 years. As a consequence it is not possible to extend the guidelines to the projects that have been in validation when the guidelines were approved to extend the coverage of the improvements in the methodology to the projects in validation and registration.

With reference to the approved A/R methodology AR-AM0002, the Annex 26, EB 63 lists the AR-AM0002 version 01 of the methodology in column (b) with regard to for example the guidelines pertaining to field measurement of soil organic carbon considering that AR AM0002 version 01 has been applied in an A/R registered project at the time of approval of the guidelines.

Whereas AR-AM0002 version 02 and AR-AM0002 version 03 although have similar requirements with regard to the field measurement of soil carbon, are not included in column (b) of the guidelines because no project had been registered although an A/R project using AR AM0002 version 03 was in validation at the time of the approval of the guidelines. As a consequence, it is not possible to use the guidelines with regard to for example field measurement of soil carbon in the column (c) to the A/R projects using AR AM0002 Version 2 and AR AM0002 version 03 that have been in validation and registration.

**If you propose an amendment to the approved A/R methodologies, please provide justification.**

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The Annex 26, EB63 guidelines (Version 01.0) on the application of specified versions of A/R CDM methodologies in verification of registered A/R CDM project activities are applicable to **only registered A/R projects**. These guidelines do not cover the A/R projects that are in the process of validation and registration. As a consequence, it is not possible to extend the guidelines for methodological requirements noted in Annex 26, EB 63 to the A/R projects that have been in validation and registration at the time of approval of the guidelines. Therefore, the A/R projects that are in the process of validation and registration do not have benefit from the application of the guidelines with regard to the improvements in the A/R methodologies.

**In case you propose the amendment to the approved A/R methodologies, please provide your draft below, if not included in an annex:**

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The application of Annex 26, EB63 guidelines should be extended to all previous versions of A/R methodologies to the registered A/R project activities in verification and to the A/R CDM project activities in validation and registration.

Therefore, it is requested that the Annex 26, EB 63 guidelines should be amended to cover all previous versions of A/R methodologies for which methodological requirements outlined in Annex 26, EB 63 (version 01.0) are applicable to A/R projects in the stages of validation, registration and verification.

*Date of submission of contribution:*

2012-05-25

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