



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)

<i>Date of SSC WG meeting:</i>	01–03 September 2008, SSC WG 17
<i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>	Clarifications regarding the use of grid in the baseline scenario
<i>Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.</i>	AMS-II.G version 1 - Energy Efficiency Measures in Thermal Applications of Non-Renewable Biomass
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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>Project proponent requests a revision of the baseline calculations under AMS-II.G applicable to energy efficiency measures in thermal applications using non-renewable biomass.</p> <p>Baseline emissions under AMS-II.G are calculated based on an emission factor for the substitution of non-renewable biomass by similar consumers. In the methodology, it is assumed that in the absence of the project activity, the baseline scenario would be the use of fossil fuels for meeting similar thermal energy needs. Project participants request a revision of this part of the methodology for situations where the alternative would be the use of electricity from the grid to meet similar thermal energy needs, rather than fossil fuels.</p> <p>It is proposed to calculate baseline emissions based on projected electricity imported from the grid multiplied by the CO₂ emission factor of the grid. The emission factor of the grid shall be calculated as per the procedures 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 14 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 17 (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>	

The SSC WG agreed to clarify that approved methodology AMS-II.G version 1 provides a way to conservatively establish an emission factor for each tonne of non-renewable biomass saved, without directly referring to the carbon content of the biomass. In doing so, it refers to a fossil fuel that would have been used in the place of non-renewable biomass in the longer term. The emission factor thus determined will not impose any application constraints on the methodology, i.e. the methodology can be used for activities saving non-renewable biomass in water heating, cooking, cremation etc. This approach has been developed following guidance from Board (in response to COP/MOP decisions) and detailed assessment of related issues and taking into account public inputs.

The SSC WG agreed the submission does not provide convincing arguments to favour a recommendation of a revision of AMS-II.G.



Signature of SSC WG Chair

(Ulrika Raab)

Date: 03/09/2008



Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair

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