



**CDM: Response form for request for clarification on  
Approved Methodologies  
(version 01.1)**

<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	11–15 June 2012
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	Clarification about the applicability condition regarding cargo transported under the project activity  AM_CLA_0233

**Summary of the query:**

Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.

AM0090 version 01.1.0 “Modal shift in transportation of cargo from road transportation to water or rail transportation” is applicable to project activities that result in modal shift in transportation of a specific cargo (excluding passengers) from road transportation using trucks to water transportation using barges or ships or rail transportation.

The project participants observed that AM0090 contains the following applicability condition:

“The transport infrastructure/equipment in which these new investments are made is at least 50% used by the cargo transported under the project activity, i.e. the cargo transported under the project activity constitutes at least 50% of the cargo transported annually by/with this infrastructure/equipment”

According to the project participants, the proposed CDM project activity envisages modal shift in cargo transportation from roadways to railways. North Western Railways (under the Ministry of Indian Railways) has approved the extension of a railway line and a proposed station lies at approximately 6 km from the cement plant owned by the project participants. The project activity involves construction of railway siding from the proposed railway station to cement plant owned by project participants. In addition, project participants would make major investments for warehousing, loading and unloading to facilitate the use of railways. The entire investment of the project activity is taken care of by project participants.

Apart from the Cargo X (CDM project activity), project participants also will transport other cargo (Y1 and Y2 owned by the same project participants) in the project infrastructure (i.e. the railway line built as part of the project activity). Cargo Y1 and Y2 are not part of the CDM project activity. However, as per the guidance provided in the methodology, all revenues generated by the use of this infrastructure for the transport of cargo other than the project cargo, including non-CDM transportation activities have been considered in the investment analysis.

The project participants seek a clarification whether, as required in the applicability condition, the minimum of 50% limit of cargo include the transportation of Cargo Y1 and Y2 (which are not part of CDM project activity but will use the project infrastructure? i.e.  $50\% > X / (X+Y1+Y2)$ )

**Recommendation by the Meth Panel:**

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

Not applicable.

**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 Meth Panel would like to clarify that the requirement in the applicability condition refers to the cargo transported under the CDM project activity. The applicability condition clearly says that “the cargo transported under the project activity constitutes at least 50% of the cargo transported annually by/with this infrastructure/equipment”. Therefore, as described by the project participants, if cargo X is cargo transported under the CDM project activity and cargo Y1 and Y2 are non-CDM cargo transported in the CDM infrastructure, then the applicability condition means that  $X/(X+Y1+Y2)$  shall be 0.5 (50% in terms of percentage) or more. i.e.  $50\% < X / (X+Y1+Y2)$

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Thomas Bernheim

Date: 17/05/2012

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Hugh Sealy

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