



Annex 59

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING POST-REGISTRATION CHANGES TO THE START DATE OF THE CREDITING PERIOD

(Version 02)

A. Introduction

1. At the point of requesting registration for a proposed project activity, DOEs shall ensure that project participants state the start date of the crediting period of the proposed project activity.
2. In accordance with paragraph 49 of the modalities and procedures for a clean development mechanism, the crediting period may last a maximum of seven or ten years from this start date in the case of renewable and non-renewable crediting period respectively.
3. This document contains procedures for requesting changes to the start date subsequent to the registration of a CDM project activity.

B. Indicating the start date of the crediting period

4. Project participants shall state in the project design document the start date of the crediting period in the format dd/mm/yyyy, no qualifications, e.g. “expected”, can be made to this date.
5. Project participants shall specify only one start date for the crediting period, even in cases of phased implementation.

C. Requesting changes to the start date of the crediting period

6. Participants in projects for which the start date of the crediting period is prior to the date of registration (i.e. project claiming retroactive credits) cannot request changes in the start date of the crediting period.
7. Participants of projects for which the start date of the crediting period is after the date of registration may:
 - (a) Inform the secretariat that the start date of the crediting period be moved to a date up to one-year earlier than the one indicated in the PDD, provided that this date is not earlier than the date of registration of the project activity;
 - (b) Inform the secretariat to delay the start date of the crediting period by up to one-year;
 - (c) Make a request to the secretariat, via a DOE, that the start date of the crediting period be delayed by more than one year but no more than 2 years, by submitting to the secretariat a confirmation from a DOE that no changes have occurred which would result in a less conservative baseline and that substantive progress has been made by the project participants to start the project activity.
8. With regard to provisions in paragraph 7 (b) and 7 (c) above, participants of projects hosted by a Least Developed Country may:
 - (a) Inform the secretariat to delay the start date of the crediting period by up to two years;



- (b) Make a request to the secretariat, via a DOE, that the start date of the crediting period be delayed by more than two years but no more than four years, by submitting to the secretariat a confirmation from a DOE that no changes have occurred which would result in a less conservative baseline and that substantive progress has been made by the project participants to start the project activity.

9. The secretariat will consider requests made under paragraph 7 (c) or 8 (b), in consultation with the Chair of the Executive Board, before making the requested change to the start of the crediting period.

10. Project participants may only make use of provisions of paragraph 7 or paragraph 8 once for each registered project activity.

History of the document

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