

Input for the Sampling and Survey Standard

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Paragraph 8

The original SSC guidelines (as per paragraph 13 of version 01) applied also for sampling continuous processes, such as methane content in biogas in methane avoidance methodologies. The new standard seems to refer only to survey of finite populations, and none of the examples, equations or approaches is relevant for sampling of continuous processes. We would like to request the EB to clarify this in the final version of the standard and clearly allow a sampling approach for continuous processes.

Paragraph 21

This paragraph refers to situations where the sampling effort fails to achieve the required confidence/precision. However, there is no guidance how this success/failure should be determined, which leaves too much room for interpretation. We suggest clearly stating that the range for the required level of confidence of the sampling effort should be calculated ex-post with the data collected, and the result must be smaller than the required precision range of the parameter.