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1. Amendments to “CDM project standard for project activities” (version 02.0)

1. This document contains the amendments adopted by the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism at its 108th meeting, to the “CDM project standard for project activities” (PS-PA) (version 02.0) (CDM-EB93-A04-STAN). This document will be consolidated into the PS-PA in its next revision.
2. The amendments contained in appendix 1 enter into force on 14 December 2020.

Appendix 1. Amendments to “CDM project standard for project activities” (version 02.0)

1. Changes to section 9.5. Data and parameters

1. The existing paragraphs 262 and 263 shall read as follows and insert a new paragraph after paragraph 262:

262. For a registered CDM project activity that applied a methodology or methodological tool providing a choice between an ex ante and an ex post determination of parameter values for calculating baseline emissions and that chose the ex ante determination, or that applied a methodology or methodological tool requiring a determination of these values ex ante, and applied an applicable standardized baseline valid at the time of the submission of the request for registration for this purpose, the project participants shall apply the same version of the standardized baseline for the purpose of monitoring until the end of the first crediting period. ~~applying an approved standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions, the project participants shall apply, in the first monitoring report of the first crediting period, the version of the applied standardized baseline that contains the more conservative standardized value(s)¹ of the parameter(s) (e.g. emission factors) between those in the latest version² applicable on the first day of the first monitoring period and those in the latest version applicable on the last day of the first monitoring period.³ In the subsequent monitoring reports for the first crediting period, the project participants shall apply:~~

~~(a) The same version of the standardized baseline as the one applied in the first monitoring report, if the registered CDM project activity applies:~~

~~(i) An approved constant standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions and that does not require an ex post application of the standardized values; or~~

¹—A more conservative value(s) provides lower baseline emissions. However, if standardized parameters (e.g. the grid emission factors) as an approved standardized baseline are also used for the purpose of determining the project emissions and/or leakage emissions, a more conservative value(s) provides lower GHG emission reductions.

²—The latest version of the applied standardized baselines, referred to in paragraphs 262 and 263, does not refer to the previous version that is still valid after a major and/or minor revision in accordance with the “Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines” but refers to the latest version only.

³—See EB 70 meeting report, paragraph 45(c). For example, if version 01.0 is the latest version of the applied standardized baseline at the first day of the first monitoring period, while version 02.0 is the latest version at the last day of the first monitoring period and contains more conservative values, version 02.0 applies to the first monitoring report. However, if version 01.0 is the latest version both at the first and last days of the first monitoring period, then version 01.0 applies to the first monitoring report.

~~(ii) An approved dynamic standardized baseline⁴ that standardizes baseline emissions; or~~

~~(b) The latest version of the standardized baseline applicable on the first day of each monitoring period, if the registered CDM project activity applies an approved constant standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions and that requires an ex post application of the standardized values.⁵~~

262_{bis}. For a registered CDM project activity that applied a methodology or methodological tool providing a choice between an ex ante and an ex post determination of parameter values for calculating baseline emissions and that chose the ex post determination where there was no applicable standardized baseline valid at the time of registration, the project participants may, at any time during the first crediting period, switch to the ex ante determination by applying an applicable standardized baseline that becomes available after the registration and is valid at the time of the switch, and apply the same version of the standardized baseline for the purpose of monitoring for the remainder of the same crediting period.⁶ Such switch and application of an standardized baseline shall undergo the post-registration change approval process in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities”, and the standardized baseline shall be valid at the time when the post-registration change approval request is submitted.

263. For a registered CDM project activity ~~applying an approved standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions~~ that applied a methodology or methodological tool providing a choice between an ex ante and ex post determination of parameter values for calculating baseline emissions, if the selected type of crediting period is renewable, the project participants shall, at each renewal of the crediting period, choose the ex ante or ex post determination, unless otherwise required by the applied methodology or methodological tool, and shall follow the same rules in terms of the use and validity of standardized baselines as in paragraphs 262 and 262_{bis} above. ~~apply, in the first monitoring report for the second and third crediting periods, the version of the applied standardized baseline that contains the more conservative standardized value(s) of the parameter(s) (e.g.~~

⁴ ~~See EB 70 meeting report, paragraph 45(f). A “constant standardized baseline” refers to a standardized baseline without a dynamic factor(s), such as approved standardized baselines ASB0001, ASB0002, ASB0003 and ASB0004. On the other hand, a “dynamic standardized baseline” refers to a standardized baseline with a dynamic factor(s) (e.g. autonomous improvement factors). For example, one option in the calculation of baseline emissions in the methodology AM0070 requires that a specific electricity consumption of a certain class and design of refrigerators be reduced annually by a fixed percentage of autonomous improvement factors. Therefore, a standardized baseline developed using the methodological approach of AM0070 can be a dynamic standardized baseline.~~

⁵ ~~This refers to an approved standardized baseline that requires project participants to use the latest standardized value(s) of baseline emission parameter(s) in the latest version of the standardized baseline for the monitoring reports subsequent to the first monitoring report.~~

⁶ ~~Switching from the ex post to ex ante option during a crediting period is already allowed as clarified by the MP and approved by the Board at EB 102 (AM_CLA_0280: Clarifications on updating DATEBaselineRetrofit of ACM0002 and on changing the grid emission factor calculation approach from ex post to ex ante) < <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/clarifications/69901>>.~~

emission factors) between those in the latest version applicable on the submission date of the request for renewal of the crediting period and those in the latest version applicable on the first day of the first monitoring period in the new crediting period.⁷ In the subsequent monitoring reports for the second and third crediting periods, the project participants shall apply:

(a) The same version of the standardized baseline as the one applied in the first monitoring report of the respective crediting period, if the registered CDM project activity applies:

(i) An approved constant standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions and that does not require an ex post application of the standardized values; or

(ii) An approved dynamic standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions; or

(b) The latest version of the standardized baseline applicable on the first day of each monitoring period, if the registered CDM project activity applies an approved constant standardized baseline that standardizes baseline emissions and that requires an ex post application of the standardized values.

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⁷ See EB 70 meeting report, paragraph 45(d).