

**CDM-POA9007-RULE01**

Ruling note

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Request for renewal of PoA period for  
“Distribution of Improved Cook Stoves in  
Sub-Saharan Africa”

Version 01.0



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1. The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the proposed request for renewal of programme of activities (PoA) period for CDM PoA “Distribution of Improved Cook Stoves in Sub-Saharan Africa” on 07 December 2020 in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for programme of activities” (PCP-PoA), version 02.0, paragraphs 296 and 102. Further, in accordance with paragraph 109 of the PCP-PoA version 02.0, the ruling shall contain an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the final decision, which are as follows:
  - (a) The DOE (Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd.) failed to validate:
    - (i) The updated eligibility criterion on additionality, in accordance with the CDM validation and verification standard for programme of activities (VVS-PoA), ver. 02.0, paragraphs 137 and 385, and CDM project standard for programme of activities (PS-PoA), ver. 02.0, paragraphs 123 and 124 (g)(ii).
    - (ii) That the eligibility criterion sets out the required conditions to ensure that the CPA would not have occurred anyway due to at least one barrier as per paragraph 10 of Tool 21 “Demonstration of additionality of small-scale project activities”, version 13.1.
  - (b) The relevant requirements are:
    - (i) VVS-PoA ver. 02 paragraph 137 states that “The DOE shall assess how each eligibility criterion, including the conditions that corresponding CPAs meet the requirement pertaining to the demonstration of additionality, is defined in accordance with the applicable requirements in the “CDM project standard for programme of activities”, and is verifiable as well as sufficiently objective and comprehensive to permit the assessment of the inclusion of corresponding CPAs in the PoA.”;
    - (ii) VVS-PoA ver. 02.0, paragraph 385 states that “.....the DOE shall assess whether the updated PoA-DD complies with all the requirements of the selected methodology, methodological tool and/or standardized baseline except for additionality demonstration”;
    - (iii) PS-PoA, ver. 02.0, paragraph 123 states - “The coordinating/managing entity shall define the eligibility criteria for inclusion of CPAs in the proposed CDM PoA, setting out required conditions for a proposed CPA to be included in the PoA, and shall demonstrate the usability of the eligibility criteria for assessing the inclusion of CPAs in the PoA....”;
    - (iv) PS-PoA, ver. 02.0, paragraph 124 states - “The eligibility criteria shall cover as a minimum the following: (g) Conditions to ensure that CPAs meet the requirements for demonstration of additionality as follows: (ii) If the generic CPA is small-scale in accordance with the thresholds referred to in paragraphs 126 below and applies only small-scale methodologies, the conditions shall derive from the requirements contained in the additionality section of the applied methodologies, or if such section does not exist, from the “Methodological tool: Demonstrating additionality of small-scale project activities” and, where necessary, any applicable additionality tool.”

- (v) Tool 21, version 13.1, paragraph 10, states: “Project participants shall provide an explanation to show that the project activity would not have occurred anyway due to at least one of the following barriers: (a) Investment barrier: ...; (b) Technological barrier: ...; (c) Barrier due to prevailing practice: ...; (d) Other barriers: ...”
  - (c) The reasons and rationale for the final decisions are:
    - (i) The DOE, in response to the review request, explained that for CPAs which do not qualify under paragraph 12 of Tool 19 “Demonstration of additionality of microscale project activities”, version 09.0, additionality will be demonstrated using Tool 21 “Demonstration of additionality of small-scale project activities”, version 13.1;
    - (ii) However, the PoA-DD has not provided an explanation to show that the CPA would not have occurred anyway due to at least one of the barriers, as required by paragraph 10 of Tool 21, version 13.1;
    - (iii) Furthermore, the PoA-DD does not set out the conditions required to be fulfilled by CPAs to demonstrate additionality as required by paragraph 123 of PS-PoA, ver. 02.0.
2. In accordance with paragraphs 296 and 116 of the PCP-PoA version 2.0, if the coordinating/managing entity wishes so, this renewal of PoA period may be resubmitted for validation and request for renewal of PoA period provided it meets the CDM requirements.

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