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1. Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) at its 108th meeting (EB 108) considered the implications of the postponement of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 16) on the operations of the CDM after the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, and agreed, as temporary measures pending CMP guidance at CMP 16:
 - (a) To process requests for registration of project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs), renewal of crediting periods and PoA periods, and inclusion and renewal of crediting periods of component project activities (CPAs) that have a crediting period or PoA period starting on or after 1 January 2021 in accordance with the CDM rules and CMP decisions that are in force as at the date of adoption of the EB 108 meeting report and with any other decisions of the Board taken before CMP 16, with the exception that:
 - (i) Registration fees are not charged, pending CMP guidance at CMP 16;
 - (ii) At the point of receiving the request, the secretariat should request the project participants and coordinating/managing entities to acknowledge and accept the risk that it may not be possible for certified emission reductions (CERs) to be issued for the emission reductions achieved; and
 - (iii) If analysis of such submissions is completed, it shall be recorded as “provisional” and only be finalized by the Board after guidance from the CMP;
 - (b) To inform project participants and coordinating/managing entities that, in converting emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 to carbon dioxide equivalents in project and programme design documents, they shall apply as global warming potential values the lowest value from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon; and
 - (c) To inform designated operational entities (DOEs) that validation reports for the project and programme design documents referred to in subparagraph (b) above shall contain a forward action request (FAR) that requires the project participants and the coordinating/managing entities to:
 - (i) Apply any global warming potential values that may be adopted by the CMP for that period in their monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021; and
 - (ii) Update their project or programme design documents in accordance with any requirements of the CMP guidance.
2. The Board agreed, as further temporary measures pending CMP guidance at CMP 16:
 - (a) To process requests for issuance of CERs for emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 in accordance with the CDM rules and CMP decisions that are in force as at the date of adoption of the EB 108 meeting report and with any other decisions of the Board taken before CMP 16, with the exception that:

- (i) Share of proceeds for administrative expenses is not to be charged, pending CMP guidance at CMP 16;
 - (ii) At the point of receiving the request, the secretariat should request the project participants and coordinating/managing entities to acknowledge and accept the risk that it may not be possible for CERs to be issued for the emission reductions achieved; and
 - (iii) If analysis of such submissions is completed, it shall be recorded as “provisional” and only be finalized by the Board after guidance from the CMP;
 - (b) To inform project participants and coordinating/managing entities that, in preparing monitoring reports for emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021, they shall apply the global warming potential values of the relevant greenhouse gases as specified in paragraph 1(b) above; and
 - (c) To inform DOEs that verification reports for the monitoring reports referred to in subparagraph (b) above shall contain a FAR that requires the project participants and the coordinating/managing entities to update their monitoring reports:
 - (i) To apply any global warming potential values that may be adopted by the CMP; and
 - (ii) In accordance with any requirements of the CMP guidance.
3. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a document to clarify the application of the temporary measures for consideration by the Board at EB 109.
4. At CMP 16, the CMP:
- (a) Decided that requests for registration, renewal of crediting period and issuance of CERs for project activities, as well as the equivalent submissions for PoAs, relating to emission reductions occurring after 31 December 2020 may not be submitted under the CDM, acknowledging that such requests and submissions may be made under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Article 6.4 mechanism), approval of which is subject to the compliance with its rules, modalities and procedures and any other requirements determined by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) or the body that supervises the Article 6.4 mechanism as designated by decision 3/CMA.3 (hereinafter referred to as the Supervisory Body);¹
 - (b) Requested the Board to retain the provisional status accorded to the requests for registration, renewal of crediting period and issuance of CERs for project activities as well as to the equivalent submissions for PoAs under the temporary measures adopted by the Board at EB 108, acknowledging decision 3/CMA.3, according to which the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status under the temporary measures that meet the conditions for transition therein may transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism;²

¹ Decision 2/CMP.16, paragraph 7.

² Decision 2/CMP.16, paragraph 13.

- (c) Requested the Board to reject the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status under the temporary measures but subsequently have not transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism;³
 - (d) Decided that the Board may continue receiving and processing the relevant requests and submissions under the temporary measures until the date when the process for submission of requests to the secretariat to transition the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status to the Article 6.4 mechanism becomes operational, as may be specified by the Supervisory Body.⁴
5. In accordance with the mandate from the CMP referred to in paragraph 4(d) above, the Board requested the secretariat, at its 118th meeting, to cease receiving requests under the temporary measures when the process for submission of transition requests to the secretariat becomes operational.
6. The CMA, at its fourth session, elaborated the processes defined in the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6.4 mechanism, including the process for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism and requested the Supervisory Body to develop and operationalize a procedure for requesting transition by no later than June 2023.⁵ The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, agreed to start the process of receiving requests for transition from project participants on 30 June 2023. Consequently, the window for submissions of requests under the temporary measures closed on 30 June 2023.
7. The Supervisory Body, at its sixth meeting, adopted the “Standard for the transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” (transition standard)⁶ and the “Procedure for the transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” (transition procedure)⁷, and agreed to make them effective from 1 January 2024, subject to the availability of detailed regulatory elements. The transition standard and procedure also outline the requirements and the process for finalizing provisional requests under the transition process, including:
- (a) Provisional requests for registration may be finalized under the transition process, following the same process as for transition of registered CDM activities;
 - (b) Provisional requests for issuance may be finalized under the transition process only after the underlying CDM activities have successfully transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism and if they continue to apply the currently applied CDM methodologies;
 - (c) Provisional requests for issuance may not be finalized under the transition process if the underlying CDM activities have replaced the currently applied CDM methodologies with Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies;

³ Decision 2/CMP.16, paragraph 14, available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cmp2021_08_add1E.pdf.

⁴ Decision 2/CMP.16, paragraph 15.

⁵ Decision 7/CMA.4, annex I, chapter I, available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2022_10a02_adv.pdf#page=37.

⁶ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb006-a01.pdf>.

⁷ Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb006-a02.pdf>.

- (d) All provisional requests for renewal may not be finalized under the transition process;
 - (e) Provisional inclusion of CPAs in a registered CDM PoA may be finalized under the transition process only if the PoA successfully transitions to the Article 6.4 mechanism and in conjunction with the transition of the PoA.
8. The Board, at its 119th meeting, agreed to reflect in this clarification the consequences of the start of the process for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism as decided by the CMP referred to in paragraph 4 above, and the consequences of the eligibility and conditions for finalization of provisional requests under the transition process referred to in paragraph 7 above⁷ above.

2. Clarification

9. The Board clarifies that the following submissions under the temporary measures are required to be compliant with and processed in accordance with the CDM rules and CMP decisions that are in force and applicable at the time of each submission, with the exception of those listed in the respective subparagraphs below:
- (a) Requests for registration of project activities and PoAs that have the first crediting period or PoA period starting on or after 1 January 2021, for which:
 - (i) The provisions in the “CDM project standard for project activities” (PS-PA) and the “CDM project standard for programmes of activities” (PS-PoA)⁸ requiring the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon⁹ for the estimation of emission reductions, the demonstration of additionality, and the application of relevant standards, methodologies, standardized baselines, methodological tools, guidelines, procedures and other rules, as applicable;
 - (ii) The provisions in the “CDM validation and verification standard for project activities” (VVS-PA) and the “CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities” (VVS-PoA) requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the project design document (PDD) or the programme design document (PoA-DD) shall be read as:
 - a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above;
 - b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the validation report that requires the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the

⁸ Refer to <<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Standards/index.html>>. The current version of these documents is 03.0.

⁹ These values are contained in appendix 1 to this clarification.

monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the PDD or PoA-DD in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body;

- (iii) The provisions in the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” (PCP-PA) and the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (PCP-PoA) referring to the documents to be submitted in the request for registration shall be read as including the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the proposed project activity or PoA;
- (iv) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the PDD or PoA-DD and the request for registration with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;
- (v) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA relating to the payment of registration fee shall not be applicable, and the request for registration shall be processed without such payment, pending guidance of the relevant body;
- (vi) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to any decision or action of the Board to register the proposed CDM project activity or PoA shall be read as the completion of the analysis of the request for registration being provisional, only to be finalized in accordance with subparagraph (vii) below;
- (vii) For any request for registration that has been accorded provisional status:
 - a. The request shall be categorized as having transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism once the request has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, resulting in the registration of the activity under the Article 6.4 mechanism;
 - b. The request shall be rejected if:¹⁰
 - i. It has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, rejecting the request; or
 - ii. The project participants or the coordinating/managing entity have failed to submit a transition request or additional documentation by the respective deadlines specified in the transition procedure;
 - c. The provisional status shall be retained until:
 - i. The request is finalized by the Supervisory Body, resulting in the registration of the activity under the Article 6.4 mechanism in accordance with subparagraph a above; or

¹⁰ The corresponding request for registration may be submitted under the Article 6.4 mechanism, pending guidance of the Supervisory Body.

- ii. The request is rejected in accordance with subparagraph b above;
 - d. The status of the request in accordance with subparagraphs a–c above shall be published accordingly;
- (b) Requests for renewal of crediting periods and PoA periods with the new crediting period or PoA period starting on or after 1 January 2021, for which:
 - (i) The provisions in the PS-PA and the PS-PoA requiring the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon¹¹ for the estimation of emission reductions, and the application of relevant standards, methodologies, standardized baselines, methodological tools, guidelines, procedures and other rules, as applicable;
 - (ii) The provisions in the VVS-PA and the VVS-PoA requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the PDD or the PoA-DD shall be read as:
 - a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above;
 - b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the validation report that requires the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the PDD or PoA-DD in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body;
 - (iii) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the documents to be submitted in the request for renewal shall be read as including the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the CDM project activity or PoA;
 - (iv) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the updated PDD or PoA-DD and the request for renewal with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;
 - (v) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to decision or action of the Board to renew the crediting period of the CDM project activity

¹¹ See footnote 6.

or to renew the PoA period of the CDM PoA shall be read as the completion of the analysis of the request for renewal being provisional;

- (vi) Any request for renewal that has been accorded provisional status shall be rejected and the status of the request shall be published accordingly;¹²
- (c) Inclusion and renewal of crediting periods of CPAs that have the first or new crediting period starting on or after 1 January 2021, for which:
 - (i) The provisions in the PS-PoA requiring the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon¹³ for the estimation of emission reductions, and the application of relevant standards, methodologies, standardized baselines, methodological tools, guidelines, procedures and other rules, as applicable, in accordance with the corresponding generic CPA, irrespective of the global warming potential values applied to the corresponding generic CPA;
 - (ii) The provisions in the VVS-PoA requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the CPA design document (CPA-DD) shall be read as:
 - a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above;
 - b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the validation report that requires the coordinating/managing entity to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the CPA-DD in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body;
 - (iii) The provisions in the PCP-PoA referring to the documents to be uploaded on the UNFCCC CDM website for inclusion or renewal shall be read as including the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the CDM PoA;
 - (iv) The provisions in the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the uploaded CPA-DD and the validation report with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of

¹² The corresponding request for renewal may be submitted under the Article 6.4 mechanism if and after the underlying CDM activity has successfully transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism, pending guidance of the Supervisory Body.

¹³ See footnote 6.

- the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;
- (v) The provisions in the PCP-PoA referring to a CPA being automatically included in the registered CDM PoA or the crediting period of an included CPA being automatically renewed¹⁴ shall be read as the inclusion or the renewal being provisional;
- (vi) For any inclusion of a CPA that has been accorded provisional status:
- a. The inclusion shall be categorized as having transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism once the provisional inclusion of the CPA has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, approving the inclusion, in conjunction with the successful transition of the PoA to the Article 6.4 mechanism;
 - b. The inclusion shall be rejected if:¹⁵
 - i. It has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, rejecting the inclusion; or
 - ii. The coordinating/managing entity has failed to submit a transition request or additional documentation for the transition of the PoA by the respective deadlines specified in the transition procedure;
 - c. Any renewal of crediting period of an included CPA that has been accorded provisional status shall be rejected;¹⁶
 - d. The provisional status shall be retained until:
 - i. The inclusion of the CPA is approved under the Article 6.4 mechanism; or
 - ii. The rejection of the inclusion or renewal in accordance with subparagraph b or c above;
 - e. The status of the inclusion or renewal in accordance with subparagraphs a–d above shall be published accordingly;

¹⁴ In accordance with the PCP-PoA (ver. 03.0), paragraphs 124 and 316, inclusion and renewal of crediting period of CPAs do not involve the process of approval by the Board.

¹⁵ The corresponding inclusion of the CPA may be submitted under the Article 6.4 mechanism if and after the PoA has successfully transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism, pending guidance of the Supervisory Body.

¹⁶ The corresponding renewal of crediting period of an included CPA may be submitted under the Article 6.4 mechanism if and after the underlying CPA and the PoA have successfully transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism, pending guidance of the Supervisory Body.

- (d) Requests for issuance of CERs for emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021, for which:
- (i) The provisions in the PS-PA and the PS-PoA requiring the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon¹⁷ for the calculation of emission reductions achieved;
 - (ii) The provisions in the VVS-PA and the VVS-PoA requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the monitoring report shall be read as:
 - a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above;
 - b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the verification report that requires the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to update the monitoring report to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 and in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body;
 - (iii) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the documents to be submitted in the request for issuance shall be read as including the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the CDM project activity or PoA;
 - (iv) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the monitoring report and the request for issuance with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;
 - (v) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA relating to the payment of share of proceeds for administrative expenses shall not be applicable, and the request for issuance shall be processed without such payment, pending guidance of the relevant body;
 - (vi) The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to decision or action of the Board to issue CERs shall be read as the completion of the analysis of the request for issuance being provisional;
 - (vii) For any request for issuance that has been accorded provisional status:
 - a. The request shall be categorized as having transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism once the request has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, approving the

¹⁷ See footnote 6.

- issuance of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions (A6.4ERs) under the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- b. The request shall be rejected if:¹⁸
- i. It has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, rejecting the request;
 - ii. The Supervisory Body approved the request for transition of the underlying CDM activity, with the currently applied CDM methodology having been replaced with an Article 6.4 mechanism methodology under the transition process; or
 - iii. The underlying CDM activity has failed to transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism because either:
 - The Supervisory Body rejected the request for transition of the CDM activity under the transition process; or
 - The project participants or the coordinating/managing entity have failed to submit a transition request for the CDM activity or additional documentation by the respective deadlines specified in the transition procedure;
- c. The provisional status shall be retained until:
- i. The approval of issuance of A6.4ERs in accordance with subparagraph a above; or
 - ii. The rejection of the request in accordance with subparagraph b above;
- d. The status of the request in accordance with subparagraphs a–c above shall be published accordingly.
10. The Board clarifies that, in accordance with the decision by the CMP,¹⁹ requests and other submissions under the temporary measures may be made until the date when the process for submission of requests to the secretariat to transition the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status to the Article 6.4 mechanism becomes operational, as may be specified by the Supervisory Body. This date has been set as 30 June 2023.
11. The paragraphs in the current version (version 03.0) of the PS-PA, PS-PoA, VVS-PA, VVS-PoA, PCP-PA and PCP-PoA that are affected by the deviated CDM rules referred to in paragraph 9 above are listed in appendix 2 for ease of reference. It should be noted that this list may not be exhaustive.

¹⁸ For the cases referred to in subparagraphs i and ii, the corresponding request for issuance may be submitted under the Article 6.4 mechanism if and after the underlying CDM activity has successfully transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism, pending guidance of the Supervisory Body.

¹⁹ Decision 2/CMP.16, paragraph 15.

12. With regard to afforestation and reforestation (A/R) activities, the Board clarifies that the registration of new A/R activities and inclusion of new A/R CPAs that have the first crediting period or PoA period starting after 31 December 2020, issuance of temporary CERs (tCERs) or long-term CERs (ICERs) for the monitoring period extending beyond 31 December 2020, and renewal of crediting period or PoA period with the new period starting after 31 December 2020, is not possible. Consequently, the secretariat does not accept these requests.
13. With regard to the start date of the first crediting period or PoA period, the Board clarifies that the start date of the first crediting period or PoA period for requests for registration under the temporary measures is subject to guidance from the CMA or the Supervisory Body, and is provisionally determined as whichever the later of:
 - (a) The date when the DOE submitted a complete request for registration, or, in the case of a project activity, any later date as specified in the PDD; or
 - (b) The date when the latest revisions to PDD, PoA-DD and/or validation report are submitted subsequent to a possible request being placed under review.
14. The Board further clarifies that, for requests for registration submitted prior to EB 109, the submission of the duly completed "Risk acknowledgement and acceptance" (CDM-RAA-FORM), revised PDD, PoA-DD and/or validation report to solely reflect the requirements on global warming potential values and a FAR in accordance with paragraphs 9(a)(i)–(a)(iv) above shall not count for determining the dates referred to in paragraphs 13(a) and 13(b) above.
15. With regard to monitoring and verification of emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021, the Board clarifies that a monitoring report and the corresponding verification/certification report may cover a monitoring period falling partly in the time period of before 1 January 2021 and partly from 1 January 2021 if the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity wish to do so. In this case:
 - (a) The monitoring and verification/certification results shall be clearly separated into the two time periods in the monitoring report, the verification/certification report and any other documentation submitted with the request for issuance. If the monitoring activity cannot be separated into the two time periods due to the reasons beyond control of the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity, emission reductions achieved in each period shall be estimated in a manner to reasonably reflect the actual emission reductions achieved in each period with an explanation of how such estimation is done, including, where appropriate, allocating the total amount of estimated raw greenhouse gas emission reductions for the entire monitoring period to each period proportionately to the duration of each period before multiplying with the applicable global warming potential values for the respective periods in accordance with the relevant provisions in the PS-PA or the PS-PoA, and paragraphs 99(i) and 9(d)(ii) above;
 - (b) Two requests for issuance shall be subsequently submitted, one covering the monitoring period ending on 31 December 2020 and the other covering the monitoring period starting on 1 January 2021.
16. With regard to inclusion of CPAs in a registered PoA directly by the coordinating/managing entity for specific types of CPAs in accordance with the relevant provisions in the PS-PoA and the PCP-PoA, the Board clarifies that such inclusion of CPAs that have the first

crediting period starting on or after 1 Jan 2021 is subject to the temporary measures as clarified in paragraph 9(c) above with the exception of the clarification relating to the validation report referred to in subparagraphs 7(c)(ii) and 9(c)(iv) above.

17. The Board further clarifies that, for the type of inclusion of CPAs in a registered PoA referred to in paragraph 16 above, the coordinating/managing entity shall confirm in the CPA-DDs that it will apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the CPA-DDs in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body.

Appendix 1. Global warming potential values under the temporary measures

1. The table below lists the lowest of the global warming potential (GWP) values from the second, fourth and fifth Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment reports for each GHG that is most relevant to activities submitted under the temporary measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this clarification, to be applied to estimate emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 under the temporary measures.

Table. Global warming potential values under the temporary measures

Greenhouse gas	GWP for 100-year time horizon
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	1 ^{*a,b,c}
Methane (CH ₄)	21 ^{*a}
Nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)	265 ^{*c}
Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) ^{*d}	
HFC-23	11,700 ^{*a}
HFC-134a	1,300 ^{*a,c}
Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) ^{*d}	
CF ₄	6,500 ^{*a}
C ₂ F ₆	9,200 ^{*a}
Sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆)	22,800 ^{*b}
Nitrogen trifluoride (NF ₃)	16,100 ^{*c}

^{*a} From the IPCC second assessment report (AR2).

^{*b} From the IPCC fourth assessment report (AR4).

^{*c} From the IPCC fifth assessment report (AR5).

^{*d} For other HFCs and PFCs that are not listed in this table, see the following second, fourth and fifth IPCC Working Group I reports:

- “Climate Change 1995: The Science of Climate Change - Contribution of Working Group I to the second assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change”, Table 4 (page. 22)²⁰
- “Climate Change 2007: Physical Science Basis - Working Group I Contribution to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change”, Table 2.14 (pages 212–213)²¹
- “Climate Change 2015: Physical Science Basis - Working Group I Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change”, Table 8.A.1 (pages 731–738)²²

²⁰ <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/ipcc_sar_wg_i_full_report.pdf>

²¹ <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/05/ar4_wg1_full_report-1.pdf>

²² <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/WG1AR5_all_final.pdf>

Appendix 2. CDM regulatory provisions affected by temporary measures for post-2020 cases

Common references to regulatory documents:

PS-PA = “CDM project standard for project activities” (version 03.0)

PS-PoA = “CDM project standard for programmes of activities” (version 03.0)

VVS-PA = “CDM validation and verification standard for project activities” (version 03.0)

VVS-PoA = “CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities” (version 03.0)

PCP-PA = “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” (version 03.0)

PCP-PoA = “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (version 03.0)

Table 1. Affected provisions for requests for registration of project activities and PoAs that have the first crediting period or PoA period starting on or after 1 January 2021

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(a)(i)	The provisions in the “CDM project standard for project activities” (PS-PA) and the “CDM project standard for programmes of activities” (PS-PoA) requiring the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon for the estimation of emission reductions, the demonstration of additionality, and the application of relevant standards, methodologies, standardized baselines, methodological tools, guidelines, procedures and other rules, as applicable;	PS-PA: 27–30 PS-PoA: 27–30
9(a)(ii)	The provisions in the “CDM validation and verification standard for project activities” (VVS-PA) and the “CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities” (VVS-PoA) requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the project design document (PDD) or the programme design document (PoA-DD) shall be read as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above; b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the validation report that requires the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the PDD or PoA-DD in accordance with any other requirements that may be adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body; 	VVS-PA: 24, 36 VVS-PoA: 24, 35

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9(a)(iii)	The provisions in the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” (PCP-PA) and the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (PCP-PoA) referring to the documents to be submitted in the request for registration shall be read as including the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the proposed project activity or PoA;	PCP-PA: 17, 70, 78 PCP-PoA: 8, 65, 72
9(a)(iv)	The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the PDD or PoA-DD and the request for registration with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;	PCP-PA: 17, 70, 78, 81, 92, 103, 104 PCP-PoA: 8, 65, 72, 75, 86, 96, 97
9(a)(v)	The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA relating to the payment of registration fee shall not be applicable, and the request for registration shall be processed without such payment, pending guidance of the relevant body;	PCP-PA: 71–73, 75, 77, 94 PCP-PoA: 66, 67, 69, 71, 88
9(a)(vi)	The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to any decision or action of the Board to register the proposed CDM project activity or PoA shall be read as the completion of the analysis of the request for registration being provisional, only to be finalized in accordance with subparagraph (vii) below;	PCP-PA: 93, 106, 111, 114–116 PCP-PoA: 87, 99, 104, 107–109

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9(a)(vii)	<p>For any request for registration that has been accorded provisional status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The request shall be categorized as having transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism once the request has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, resulting in the registration of the activity under the Article 6.4 mechanism; b. The request shall be rejected if; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, rejecting the request; or ii. The project participants or the coordinating/managing entity have failed to submit a transition request or additional documentation by the respective deadlines specified in the transition procedure; c. The provisional status shall be retained until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The request is finalized by the Supervisory Body, resulting in the registration of the activity under the Article 6.4 mechanism in accordance with subparagraph a above; or ii. The request is rejected in accordance with subparagraph b above; d. The status of the request in accordance with subparagraphs a–c above shall be published accordingly; 	<p>PCP-PA: 93, 106, 111, 114–116 PCP-PoA: 87, 99, 104, 107–109</p>

Table 2. Affected provisions for requests for renewal of crediting periods and PoA periods with the new crediting period or PoA period starting on or after 1 January 2021

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(b)(i)	<p>The provisions in the PS-PA and the PS-PoA requiring the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon for the estimation of emission reductions, and the application of relevant standards, methodologies, standardized baselines, methodological tools, guidelines, procedures and other rules, as applicable;</p>	<p>PS-PA: 27, 30 PS-PoA: 27, 30</p>

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9(b)(ii)	<p>The provisions in the VVS-PA and the VVS-PoA requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the PDD or the PoA-DD shall be read as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above; b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the validation report that requires the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the PDD or PoA-DD in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body; 	VVS-PA: 24, 36 VVS-PoA: 24, 35
9(b)(iii)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the documents to be submitted in the request for renewal shall be read as including the "Risk acknowledgement and acceptance" (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the CDM project activity or PoA;</p>	PCP-PA: 277, 280, 282 PCP-PoA: 292, 295, 297
9(b)(iv)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the updated PDD or PoA-DD and the request for renewal with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the "Risk acknowledgement and acceptance" referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;</p>	PCP-PA: 276, 280, 282, 286, 288 PCP-PoA: 291, 295, 297, 301, 303
9(b)(v)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to decision or action of the Board to renew the crediting period of the CDM project activity or to renew the PoA period of the CDM PoA shall be read as the completion of the analysis of the request for renewal being provisional;</p>	PCP-PA: 287, 288 PCP-PoA: 302, 303
9(b)(vi)	<p>Any request for renewal that has been accorded provisional status shall be rejected and the status of the request shall be published accordingly;</p>	PCP-PA: 287, 288 PCP-PoA: 302, 303

Table 3. Affected provisions for inclusion and renewal of crediting periods of CPAs that have the first or a new crediting period starting on or after 1 January 2021

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(c)(i)	The provisions in the PS-PoA requiring the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon for the estimation of emission reductions, and the application of relevant standards, methodologies, standardized baselines, methodological tools, guidelines, procedures and other rules, as applicable, in accordance with the corresponding generic CPA, irrespective of the global warming potential values applied to the corresponding generic CPA;	PS-PoA: 27, 30
9(c)(ii)	The provisions in the VVS-PoA requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the CPA design document (CPA-DD) shall be read as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above; b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the validation report that requires the coordinating/managing entity to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 in the monitoring reports for any emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021 and update the CPA-DD in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body; 	VVS-PoA: 24, 35
9(c)(iii)	The provisions in the PCP-PoA referring to the documents to be uploaded on the UNFCCC CDM website for inclusion or renewal shall be read as including the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the CDM PoA;	PCP-PoA: 121–123, 314, 315, 318
9(c)(iv)	The provisions in the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the uploaded CPA-DD and the validation report with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the “Risk acknowledgement and acceptance” referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;	PCP-PoA: 121, 122, 130, 313, 318
9(c)(v)	The provisions in the PCP-PoA referring to a CPA being automatically included in the registered CDM PoA or the crediting period of an included CPA being automatically renewed shall be read as the inclusion or the renewal being provisional;	PCP-PoA: 124, 316

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(c)(vi)	<p>For any inclusion of a CPA that has been accorded provisional status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The inclusion shall be categorized as having transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism once the provisional inclusion of the CPA has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, approving the inclusion, in conjunction with the successful transition of the PoA to the Article 6.4 mechanism; b. The inclusion shall be rejected if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, rejecting the inclusion; or ii. The coordinating/managing entity has failed to submit a transition request or additional documentation for the transition of the PoA by the respective deadlines specified in the transition procedure; c. Any renewal of crediting period of an included CPA that has been accorded provisional status shall be rejected; d. The provisional status shall be retained until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The inclusion of the CPA is approved under the Article 6.4 mechanism; or ii. The rejection of the inclusion or renewal in accordance with subparagraph b or c above; e. The status of the inclusion or renewal in accordance with subparagraphs a–c above shall be published accordingly; 	PCP-PoA: 124, 316

Table 4. Affected provisions for requests for issuance of CERs for emission reductions achieved on or after 1 January 2021

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(d)(i)	<p>The provisions in the PS-PA and the PS-PoA requiring the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to apply the global warming potential values adopted by the CMP at its seventh session shall be read as requiring the application of the lowest global warming potential value from the second, fourth and fifth IPCC assessment reports for each greenhouse gas for a 100-year time horizon for the calculation of emission reductions achieved;</p>	PS-PA: 27, 30, 253 PS-PoA: 27, 30, 255

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(d)(ii)	<p>The provisions in the VVS-PA and the VVS-PoA requiring the DOE to determine whether the global warming potential values are correctly applied in the monitoring report shall be read as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Referring to the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above; b. Requiring the DOE to raise a FAR in the verification report that requires the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity to update the monitoring report to apply any global warming potential values adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body for the period from 1 January 2021 and in accordance with any other requirements adopted by the CMA or the Supervisory Body; 	VVS-PA: 24, 36 VVS-PoA: 24, 35
9(d)(iii)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the documents to be submitted in the request for issuance shall be read as including the "Risk acknowledgement and acceptance" (CDM-RAA-FORM) duly completed and signed by the focal point of the CDM project activity or PoA;</p>	PCP-PA: 199, 208 PCP-PoA: 224, 233
9(d)(iv)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to the compliance of the monitoring report and the request for issuance with applicable CDM rules and requirements shall be read as including the application of the global warming potential values referred to in subparagraph (i) above and the submission of the "Risk acknowledgement and acceptance" referred to in subparagraph (iii) above;</p>	PCP-PA: 185, 199, 208, 212, 222, 233, 234 PCP-PoA: 212, 224, 233, 237, 248, 259, 260
9(d)(v)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA relating to the payment of share of proceeds for administrative expenses shall not be applicable, and the request for issuance shall be processed without such payment, pending guidance of the relevant body;</p>	PCP-PA: 200–202, 207, 224, 225, 249 PCP-PoA: 225–227, 232, 250, 251, 275
9(d)(vi)	<p>The provisions in the PCP-PA and the PCP-PoA referring to decision or action of the Board to issue CERs shall be read as the completion of the analysis of the request for issuance being provisional;</p>	PCP-PA: 223–225, 236, 241, 244–249 PCP-PoA: 249–251, 262, 267, 270–275

Clarification para #	Clarification	Para # of affected provisions
9(d)(vii)	<p>For any request for issuance that has been accorded provisional status:</p> <p>a. The request shall be categorized as having transitioned to the Article 6.4 mechanism once the request has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, approving the issuance of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions (A6.4ERs) under the Article 6.4 mechanism;</p> <p>b. The request shall be rejected if;</p> <p>i. It has been finalized by the Supervisory Body under the transition process, rejecting the request;</p> <p>ii. The Supervisory Body approved the request for transition of the underlying CDM activity, with the currently applied CDM methodology having been replaced with an Article 6.4 mechanism methodology under the transition process; or</p> <p>iii. The underlying CDM activity has failed to transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism because either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supervisory Body rejected the request for transition of the CDM activity under the transition process; or • The project participants or the coordinating/managing entity have failed to submit a transition request for the CDM activity or additional documentation by the respective deadlines specified in the transition procedure; <p>c. The provisional status shall be retained until:</p> <p>i. The approval of issuance of A6.4ERs; or</p> <p>ii. The rejection of the request in accordance with subparagraph b above;</p> <p>d. The status of the request in accordance with subparagraphs a–c above shall be published accordingly.</p>	<p>PCP-PA: 223–225, 236, 241, 244–249 PCP-PoA: 249–251, 262, 267, 270–275</p>

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