

Determination and verification manual - Third draft -

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JISC 16

- JISC considered the first draft, and:
 - Requested the secretariat to prepare **a second draft** in consultation with 6 JISC members/alternates
 - Requested the secretariat to launch **a call for public input** on the second draft
 - The call was conducted between 20 August – 16 September 2009

JISC 17

- JISC considered the second draft, and:
 - Requested the secretariat to prepare **a third draft** in consultation with 5 JISC members/alternates, taking into account the inputs from the call

JISC 18

- JISC 18 considers the third draft
- If the JISC finds a need for further changes, the secretariat, in consultation with 5 JISC members/alternate members, prepares **a fourth draft**

JISC 19

- **Plan to adopt DVM (version 01)**

Inputs from public call on second draft (Aug-Sep 09)

Methodological issues

- Applicability of approved CDM methodology version
 - same as under the CDM (8 months grace period at the time of request for registration)
 - at the time of publication of PDD
- Factors in baseline setting – “local availability of technologies” → at the time of project decision
- Provide guidance on the use of multi-project emission factor
- Additionality demonstration option – provision of traceable and transparent information... → replace the text
- Provide guidance on cases how to demonstrate additionality for a single project using several emission reduction/removal measures
- Addition of monitoring report template

Project implementation

- Address how to handle the cases project implementation or monitoring is not exactly as per determined PDD
- Provide guidance on how to treat SSC project exceeding SSC threshold
- Provide guidance for assessing compliance with calibration frequency requirements

Inputs from public call on second draft (Aug-Sep 09)

Determination/verification steps

- Deletion of step of internal technical review within AIE
- Clarifying site visit not obligatory

General

- Inclusion of “materiality” and level of assurance concepts
- Address the cases having Track 1 history (switch from Track 1)
- Addition of “explanations” and “examples”
- Clear definitions and guidance of acceptable approaches
- Define what type of translation is acceptable

Wording

- Define terms “clearly”, “reasonable”, “significant” “appropriate”, “justifiable”...
- “Official translation” → delete “official”
- “All documents are submitted in English” → “All documents submitted are in English”
- “Positively determined” → “deemed final”
- “All documents and annexes...are submitted” → “All main documents and annexes...”
- Revision of monitoring plan: “to improve its accuracy and/or completeness of information” → change to appropriate wording.

Main changes from second draft

1. Priority areas incorporated as agreed at JISC 17
 - Handling cases “deviating” from approved CDM methodology -> Clear separation of:
 - JI specific approach
 - Approved CDM methodology approach
 - “Grace period” of previous version of approved CDM methodology -> most recent version at the time of submission of PDD
2. Section/paragraph order change
 - To reflect clear separation of two approaches in baseline and monitoring methodologies
 - To be consistent with the order in PDD form
3. Addition of steps originating from regulatory document provisions that had not been reflected in 2nd draft, e.g.
 - PDD/determination report/monitoring report/verification report publication steps
 - Handling cases using overlapping monitoring periods at the verification stage
4. Other editorial changes
 - Written inputs from the call
 - Secretariat internal legal review

- A. Background
- B. Objectives
- C. Principles of determination and verification
- D. Determination
 - 1. General
 - 2. Publication of project design document
 - 3. Project approval by Parties involved
 - 4. Authorization of project participants by Parties involved
 - 5. Baseline setting
 - JI specific approach
 - Approved CDM methodology approach
 - 6. Additionality
 - 7. [Project boundary](#)
 - 8. Crediting period
 - 9. Monitoring plan
 - JI specific approach
 - Approved CDM methodology approach
 - Overlapping monitoring period
 - 10. [Leakage](#)

11. Estimation of emission reductions or enhancements of removals
12. Environmental impacts
13. Stakeholder consultation
14. Determination regarding small-scale projects
15. Determination regarding land use, land-use change and forestry projects
16. Determination regarding projects under programme of activities
17. Determination report

E. Verification

1. General
2. Publication of monitoring report
3. Project implementation
4. Compliance with monitoring plan
5. Revision of monitoring plan
6. Data management
7. Verification report

F. References

G. Abbreviations

Annex: Determination and verification check list

Issues to be considered

- What need to be added/deleted/elaborated in the third draft?
e.g. any input from the public call to be additionally reflected?
- Legal review of the document
e.g. Checking “shall” and “should” provisions