

APPLICABILITY OF JI RULES AND GUIDELINES TO PUBLISHED PDDs UNDER DETERMINATION

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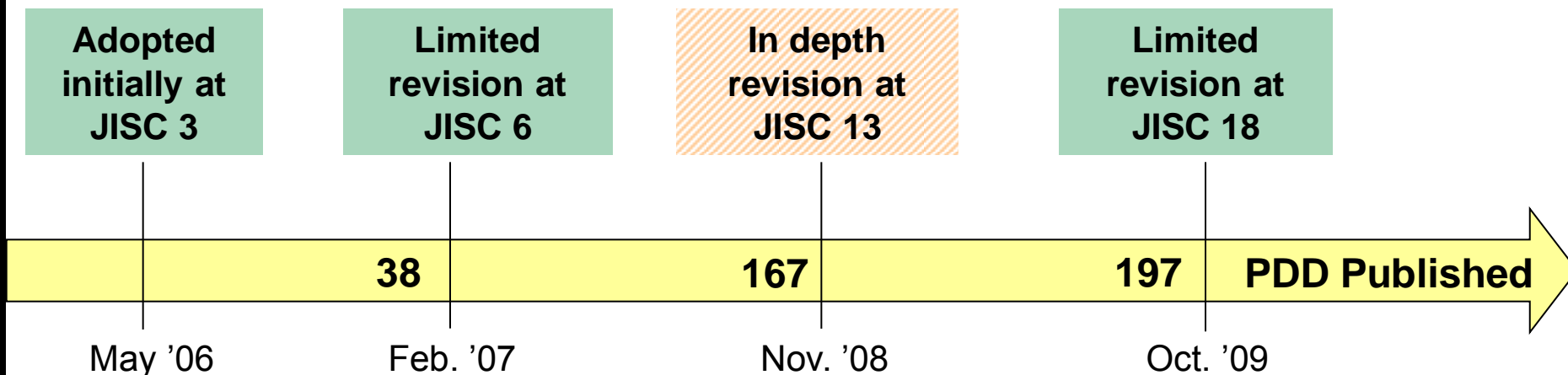



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TIMELINE

GUIDELINES FOR USERS OF THE PDD (including SSC PDD and LULUCF PDD)



 Entered into force at the date of adoption

 Entered into force optionally immediately, but considered for all PDDs published from 1 Jan. 2009

No revision to the corresponding JI PDD forms since the initial adoption



BACKGROUND ON CHANGES TO JI GUIDELINES

GUIDELINES FOR USERS OF THE PDD (including SSC PDD and LULUCF PDD)

- **JISC 6.** Minimum revisions - changes to the glossary terms' "Party involved" and "project approval by Parties involved" (JISC clarified the time of LoA submission from Parties involved)
- **JISC 13.** Comprehensive revisions - transparency of requirements, clarity of information required and consistency of documents:
 - Introducing step-wise approaches for baseline setting, demonstration of additionality and description of monitoring plan
 - Requiring the presentation in PDD of the sectoral scope(s) to which the project pertains
 - Allowing extension of crediting period beyond 2012 (based on host Party approval)
 - Introducing alternative table for key parameters in monitoring plan
 - Consolidating glossaries of JI terms from the guidelines into a stand-alone document
 - Requiring more information in the PDD regarding project description and technology



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GUIDELINES FOR USERS OF THE PDD (including SSC PDD and LULUCF PDD)

- **JISC 18.** Limited revisions – due to changes on the Guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring regarding the use of JI specific approach and/or approved CDM methodologies:
 - **Approved CDM methodology** - the most recent valid version of it shall be applied when PDD is submitted for publication, (grace period of two months). Revisions of PDD are not mandatory if the most recent valid version of the methodology was used at the time of PDD publication
 - **JI specific approach** - selected elements or combinations of approved CDM methodologies or tools may be used, as appropriate, in which case all JI rules and guidelines apply. PPs are encouraged to use the most recent valid version(s) of the CDM methodologies when the PDD is submitted for publication



IMPLICATIONS

NECESSARY REVISIONS OF PDDs PUBLISHED BEFORE JISC 13

- For the 167 PDDs published before JISC 13 (Nov. 2008), which have yet to publish a determination, the PDD may need to be revised before submitting the determination report in order to comply with the existing requirements. The following relevant sections might need revisions:
 - Description and justification of the baseline chosen (introduction of step-wise approach, key information and data presented in tabular format);
 - Demonstration of additionality (introduction of step-wise approach);
 - Description of project boundary;
 - Description of monitoring plan (introduction of step-wise approach, alternative table used for key parameters in monitoring plan);
 - Presentation of the sectoral scope(s) to which the project pertains;
 - Selection between a JI-specific approach and an approved CDM methodology.



CLARIFICATION

SECRETARIAT RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION FROM AN AIE IN 2010

- **Effective Date of Changes** - At JISC 18, the JISC did not specifically indicate the date on which the new versions of the guidelines for users of the PDD, and the guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring come into effect. In the absence of a specific effective date, the new version of documents come into effect when adopted by the JISC (in this case JISC 18 - 26 Oct. 2009)
- **Applicability** - New versions of the documents apply to all PDDs for which the determination according to paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines has not yet been published

CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN INPUTS AT JISC 21

JI ACTION GROUP (JIAG)

- No clarity on which version of guidance documents should be applied when a project is submitted to have its determination deemed final
- Secretariat stated that in absence of guidance from JISC on when a new version comes into effect, the most recent version has to be applied
- 197 project have been made public before the latest revision to guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring
- Projects may have to renew virtually all project documentation including re-issuing determination report and letters of approval
- JIAG welcomes clarification from JISC and recommends that the version applicable at the date of publication of the PDD for public stakeholder consultation is to be valid and applicable, with a grace period of two months



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DOE / AIE FORUM

- There are projects where the determination report was finalized in early 2008 and only LoA of the host country was missing
- Meanwhile new decisions / requirements / rules / guidance and further clarifications came up which are not reflected in the “old” determination report
- Final determination should always reflect the most recent regulation. Thus the reports should be updated
- The community should be informed how JISC deals with these cases to avoid any misinterpretations



OUTCOME

JISC OPTIONS

- 1. No action** - Reflecting that JISC 18 revisions to guidelines and guidance intended to provide more clarity on existing requirements to the benefit of PPs in preparing PDDs, and AIEs in carrying out determinations and verifications, the “unfinished” determinations can be submitted after minor revisions, as the initial submission date of the PDD for publication counts for the version of CDM methodology used – no need to request new LoAs from Parties involved
- 2. Provide grace period for future changes that would affect** submission of documents (determinations, monitoring plans, verifications) applicable only to PDDs published before adoption of the new documents. This would impact new requirements only and thus not changes performed at previous JISC meetings

