



Annex 24

Recommendation on the implications of the possible inclusion of reforestation of lands with forests in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities, taking into account technical, methodological and legal issues

1. The CDM Executive Board following the request contained in paragraph 42 of the decision 2/CMP.4 “Further guidance relating to the clean development mechanism” assessed the implications of the possible inclusion of reforestation of lands with forests in exhaustion as afforestation and reforestation clean development mechanism project activities, taking into account technical, methodological and legal issues.
2. The Board agreed that “Forest in exhaustion” is area of land containing forest - established through planting, seeding and/or the human-induced promotion of natural seed sources - on 31 December 1989 and/or at the starting date of the project activity. If the land at the starting date of the project activity is forest then, in absence of the project activity, it will be converted to non-forested land through final harvesting within [5] years of starting date of the project activity. If the land at the starting date of the project activity is non-forested land then, in absence of the project activity, it is expected to remain as non-forested land.
3. The Board further agreed that the legal implication of the above definition is revision of annex to Decision 16/CMP.1 Land use, land-use change and forestry section D, Article 12, in order to introduce the draft new paragraph 13 (bis) as follows: For the first commitment period, reforestation activities will be limited to reforestation occurring on those lands that did not contain forest or contained forest in exhaustion on 31 December 1989.
4. The Board noted that if the above mentioned revision is applied then reforestation of lands with forests in exhaustion follows all requirements contained in the Decision 5/CMP.1 “Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol”.

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