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Revisions to Accreditation Standard and Procedure

Article 6.4 SBM 018

Bonn, Germany, 6 to 10 October 2025



Procedural background

- **SBM 008:** Adopted the *Standard: Article 6.4 Mechanism Accreditation* and the *Procedure: Article 6.4 Mechanism Accreditation*
- **SBM 008:** Requested implementation of the following:
 - Development of forms and IT workflow
 - Accreditation started **1 April 2024**
 - Revision of sectoral scopes (Appendix 2, Accreditation Standard) once CMA and SBM provide guidance on removals and CCS
- **AEP 002–004:**
 - Provided inputs for future revisions
 - Assessment team workshops (16–17 Sept 2024; 1–2 July 2025) and interactions with AEP
 - Experiences from initial accreditation assessments of 17 AEs
- **AEP 005:**
 - Considered draft revisions
 - Provided inputs, incorporating DOE/AE Coordination Forum feedback
 - Draft revisions annexed to SBM 018 annotations



Purpose

To propose changes to the “Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation” and the “Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation”, to improve the accreditation requirements and provide greater clarity based on AEP’s inputs and experience gained from conducting of initial accreditation assessments.



Part 1

Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation



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Key issues and proposed solutions (1/2)

- Risk-based approach:
 - ✓ Integration with “preventative actions” and “management review”.
- Management structure:
 - ✓ Inclusion of VVCs conducted by defined parts of the DOE.
- Types of legal proceeding:
 - ✓ Undermining a DOE’s capacity and disrepute to the DOE and/or UNFCCC.
- Impartiality committee meeting:
 - ✓ Assessment team to observe the impartiality committee meeting.
- Signing of VVC contract:
 - ✓ Not signing a contract with a project developer or consultant;
 - ✓ Ensuring the DOE personnel with full access to the A6.4 projects/PoAs.



Key issues and proposed solutions (2/2)

- Integrity, independence, impartiality
 - ✓ Principle of integrity as per ISO 14066;
 - ✓ In addition to act impartially, the DOE shall be perceived to be impartial;
 - ✓ The DOE shall be an independent body neither owned by nor linked to any entity that is engaged in prohibited activities (e.g. consultancy and development of A6.4 project and PoAs and any GHG activities from other GHG schemes).
- Sectoral scopes 16 and 17:
 - ✓ TA 16.1: Covering CCS, DACCS and BECCS;
 - ✓ TA 17.1: Covering the methods with technology readiness level 6 and above (i.e. biochar, improved forest management, peatland and coastal wetland restoration, soil carbon sequestration in croplands and grasslands).
- Legal review:
 - ✓ To consolidate requirements, align them with definitions, and improve consistency, clarity and completeness.



Part 2

Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation



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Key issues and proposed solutions (1/2)

- Pre-assessment:
 - ✓ To facilitate the readiness of AEs prior to conducting the on-site assessment.
- Major non-conformity:
 - ✓ DOEs' incompetence observed during performance assessment.
- Number of performance assessment:
 - ✓ Increasing number of the performance assessment by considering the number of sectoral scopes accredited.
- Completeness check:
 - ✓ To include the timelines for conducting completeness checks for performance assessments and regular assessments.



Key issues and proposed solutions (2/2)

- Spot check:
 - ✓ Request for renewal;
 - ✓ Request for post-registration change.
- Notification of changes:
 - ✓ Reporting unexpected changes of an AE/DOE.
- Fee and payment:
 - ✓ Including additional information on payment structure.
- Legal review:
 - ✓ To consolidate requirements, align them with definitions, and improve consistency, clarity and completeness.



The Article 6.4 mechanism **accreditation standard** and the Article 6.4 mechanism **accreditation procedure**, form the regulatory basis for operationalization of the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation process.



Recommendations to the Supervisory Body

- a) Consider and adopt the draft **accreditation standard** and draft **accreditation procedure**, and agree to make them effective as from 10 October 2025;
- b) For aspect related to application of the revised **accreditation standard**;
 - i. Request the AEs/DOEs to complete the transition of their management system to compliance with the revised accreditation standard by 10 October 2026;
 - ii. Request the secretariat to ensure that the compliance with the revised accreditation standard is re-assessed during the subsequent regular surveillance assessments;
- c) Request the secretariat to initiate related work, such as developing the necessary information technology infrastructure and updating accreditation forms based on the revised **accreditation standard** and revised **accreditation procedure**.



Subsequent work and timelines

Once the Supervisory Body adopts the draft **accreditation standard** and draft **accreditation procedure**, the secretariat will:

- a) Establish the Article 6.4 mechanism information technology workflow; and
- b) Update the forms referred to in the accreditation standard and accreditation procedure.



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