



The Qazaq Green Certification Program Qazaq Green Certificate

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Rules for the development and approval of a methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emission reductions

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1. Methodologies for calculating greenhouse gas emission reductions establish criteria for selecting appropriate greenhouse gas emission sources for regular monitoring and quantification of greenhouse gas emissions, criteria and procedures for quantifying greenhouse gas emissions for selected greenhouse gas emission sources.
2. The Qazaq Green Certification Program (QGCP) applies methodologies to calculate greenhouse gas emission reductions across the various sectors and project activities covered by it.
3. QGCP establishes a technical committee to develop and agree on a methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emission reductions (hereinafter referred to as the methodology) from among experts selected on a competitive basis in accordance with the qualification requirements determined by the QGCP.
4. The number of experts who are members of the technical committee cannot be less than three. If it is necessary to expand the number of experts, the QGCP organizes and conducts a competition for the selection of experts in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of these Rules.
5. The functions of the technical committee include the following:
 - advising QGCP on the development of methodologies, their scope and content;
 - participation in the formation of terms of reference for the development of methodologies commissioned by QGCP;
 - participation in preliminary consultations with project developers, external authors on the relevance of the development of the methodology;
 - Participation in the review of methodologies submitted for approval by the QGCP;
 - advising the QGCP on the selection of appropriate reviewers for methodologies submitted to the QGCP, methodological issues where there is disagreement between reviewers or between reviewers and authors of methodologies;
 - approval of methodologies submitted for consideration by the QGCP;
 - Monitoring methodologies, agreed methodologies of QGCP, providing advice to QGCP on the need to make adjustments and modifications to them.



6. The development of the methodology can be carried out by the authors:

- by order of the QGCP, formed on the basis of consultations with the technical committee;
- at the initiative of the project developers, implemented by modifying the methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emission reductions previously agreed by the QGCP;
- on their own initiative by external authors who were not involved in its development by order of QGCP.

7. The terms of development and requirements for the structure and content of the methodology developed by order of the QGCP are determined by the terms of reference formed on the basis of consultations with the technical committee.

8. Terms of development and requirements for the structure and content of the methodology developed on the initiative of project developers and / or external authors are not regulated by these Rules.

9. Developers and external authors may seek prior advice on these matters from the QGCP. To conduct such preliminary consultations, project developers and / or external authors (hereinafter referred to as the applicant) provide the following information:

- a brief description of the proposed types of project activities for which the development and agreement of the methodology is required, including, but not limited to the geographical scope of their implementation, approaches to quantifying greenhouse gas emissions, assessments for compliance with the additionality criterion, prevention of carbon leaks;
- a brief market analysis demonstrating the technical potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed project activity, as well as the possibility of identifying the associated risks, negative and positive impacts;
- an example of a project using the proposed methodology, including an economic analysis demonstrating the viability of the proposed project activity in Kazakhstan's market conditions;
- an indication of the intention and possibilities of developing a draft methodology.

10. Based on the study of the information specified in paragraph 9 of these Rules, and consultations on this issue with the technical committee, the QGCP sends the applicant a letter of interest in considering the proposed methodology with recommendations on the content and structure of the methodology, or on the lack of interest in considering and agreeing on the proposed methodology.

11. The developed draft methodology is submitted by the authors and/or project developers for consideration and approval to the QGCP (email address) by submitting the text of the draft



methodology with a cover letter from the author or initiator of its development, explaining the needs and/or grounds for consideration and approval of the proposed methodology.

12. The QGCP shall, based on consideration of the information provided under paragraph 11 of these Rules, make one of the following decisions:

- accept the proposed methodology for consideration;
- to accept the proposed methodology for consideration, provided that corrections or clarifications are made to it, indicating the deadline for their introduction;
- reject the proposed methodology from further consideration.

13. QGCP makes a decision in accordance with paragraph 12 of these Rules within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the documents specified in paragraph 11 of these Rules and provides a written response to the applicant within 15 calendar days from the date of the decision, indicating the term and amount of the fee for its consideration determined by the rates published on the QGCP Internet resource.

14. If a decision is made to consider the proposed methodology, the total period for its consideration from the date of the decision to the date of its approval by the QGCP is at least 100 calendar days from the date of the decision to consider the methodology developed by order of the QGCP and from the date of receipt of the fee for consideration in case development of methodology at the initiative of the applicant.

15. QGCP sends the text of the draft adopted methodology with the applicant's cover letter to the members of the technical committee for advice on the selection of the reviewer (reviewers).

16. QGCP ensures the involvement of a reviewer (reviewers) to review the methodology accepted for consideration and determines the deadlines for providing a review (reviews) and places the draft methodology and its cover letter on its Internet resource for public consultation for a period of at least 30 calendar days.

17. Upon receipt of the review and the end of the public consultation period, the QGCP forwards to the technical committee the text of the proposed methodology, finalized on the basis of peer review and public consultation, as well as the reviews received and a summary table of comments and comments received from the public.



18. The Technical Committee provides the QGCP with a decision on approval or disagreement of the methodology within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the information specified in paragraph 18 of these Rules.

19. If the proposed methodology is approved by the technical committee, QGCP publishes the agreed text of the methodology, indicating the date of approval by the technical committee on its website.