

## RULE CLARIFICATION

# CLARIFICATION ON APPLICABILITY OF POA VERSION FOR NEW VPAS INCLUSION (RU 2020 – P&R - POA)

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## BACKGROUND

This rule clarification is applicable to Programme of Activities (PoA) version for inclusion of Verified Project Activities (VPAs) after PoA renewal.

### 1| Rule clarification

The Programme of Activity Requirement states that *a CPA/VPA may be submitted for inclusion to the PoA at any time during the duration of the PoA by the CME* (paragraph 3.1.7.).

All new VPAs submitted for inclusion after end date of a crediting period of PoA shall follow the latest version of the PoA available at the time of submission for inclusion. For example, if a new VPA was listed before the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Crediting period of PoA, but submitted for inclusion after the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period of PoA, the VPA must be designed and included as per PoA Design Document version registered for 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period.

If the crediting period start date of new VPA is before start date of 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period of PoA, the VPA can submit retroactive issuance up to maximum 2 years before date of inclusion. Such VPAs will not be required to renew their next crediting period before end of 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period of PoA. It would allow such VPAs to claim maximum up to 7 years for crediting years under 2<sup>nd</sup> crediting period of PoA. However, under no circumstances will such VPAs be allowed to claim more than the maximum crediting period allowed as per applicable activity and/or product requirements.

Also note that this flexibility is allowed to only VPAs that have been listed under a registered PoA before the publication of this clarification. Gold Standard will release a rule update related to this issue in the future; future VPAs may be subject to new limitation(s) introduced via such rule update(s).