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APPLICATION OF POSITIVE LIST: LAND USE AND FORESTRY ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

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SUMMARY

The rule clarification provides guidance on how the 'positive list' of the Land Use and Forestry Activity Requirements shall be applied to demonstrate additionality for different activities—standalone projects, Programme of Activities, and regular or real-case Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs).

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This document explains how to apply the positive list, as outlined in the Land Use and Forestry (LUF) Activity Requirements, for demonstrating additionality.

Paragraph 3.1.16 (b) Option 2 - Positive List of [Land-use & Forests Activity Requirements](#) provides an option to demonstrate additionality by applying 'Positive List'. The positive list includes mandatory criteria and optional criteria for both Forestry and Agricultural activities applying this activity requirement.

It is hereby clarified that for optional criteria selected from the positive list (items d to g for LUF activities and c to f for AGR activities), the following requirements apply:

- a. The selected criteria from the list shall be directly relevant to the activity scope and applied methodology, and
- b. A detailed justification for each selected criterion shall be provided in the project design document, and
- c. The Validation and Verification Body (VVB) shall validate the relevance of selected criteria during activity validation.

As an illustration,

- a. When applying optional criteria from the positive list to a methane reduction from rice cultivation project, Criterion 3.1.16 (b) ii. (d) '*In the project area a minimum of five native crop species are being cultivated in a locally adapted agroforestry system*' would NOT be applicable because the project focuses on methane reduction techniques in rice paddies.
- b. Similarly, 3.1.16 (b) ii. (c) '*The mean annual precipitation in the project area is less than 600 mm.*' would NOT be applicable to a livestock methodology because the activity focuses on livestock management practices and precipitation levels do not directly impact the core project activities.

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