



Gold Standard
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RULE UPDATE

METHODOLOGY STATUS UPDATE

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Procedure for Development, Revision, and Certification of Methodologies and Methodological Tools v.2.0](#)
- [Gold Standard Eligible Impact Quantification Methodologies](#)

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SUMMARY

Following the publication of the [Procedure for Development, Revision, and Certification of Methodologies and Methodological Tools v.2.0](#), the Gold Standard has conducted a review of status of approved methodologies. Those listed in this document have been identified for retirement or revision. As noted in the rule update the project developer or VVB shall not submit a project/PoA for preliminary review, nor shall a project apply a methodology listed in the table for design certification or crediting period renewal.

1| METHODOLOGY RETIREMENT

- 1.1.1 | The methodologies listed in [Table 1](#) have been identified for retirement due to low or no adoption over 5+ consecutive years.
- 1.1.2 | The date of publication for V1.0 of this rule update (22/02/2024) shall be the date of retirement, with a grace period of 60 days.
- 1.1.3 | Following the retirement of a methodology:
- a. a project developer or CME shall not submit a request for preliminary review to list a new activity, and
 - b. a VVB shall not submit a design certification request or renewal of the crediting period for a Project or PoA.
- 1.1.4 | If a project has already been submitted for design certification or renewal of crediting the period using a retired methodology, the project may complete the certification. However, the developer shall inform the Secretariat as soon as possible by sending a notification at to methodology@goldstandard.org. The project shall then apply a new or revised methodology at the next renewal of the crediting period.
- 1.1.5 | If a project developer or CME wishes to use a methodology that has been listed for retirement and the project has not been submitted for design certification or renewal, then the developer can propose a new or revised concept with reference to the retired methodology document, in line with the [Procedure for Development, Revision, and Certification of Methodologies and Methodological Tools](#).

1.1.6 | **Table 1 – List of retired methodologies**

METHODOLOGY TITLE	VERSION NUMBER	DATE OF PUBLICATION
Methodology For Biodiesel from Waste Oil/Fat from Biogenic Origin for Use as Fuel	V1.0	06.08.2009
Programme, Baseline and Monitoring Methodology for The Introduction of An Alternative Ignition Technique as Measure to Improve the Energy Efficiency of Domestic Coal Fires	V1.0	14.06.2010
Installation Of Flow Improvement Equipment on Ships	V1.0	23.06.2015
Ecologically Sound Fuel Switch to Biomass with Reduced Energy Requirement	V1.0	14.06.2017
Thermal Energy from Plant Oil for The User of Cooking Stoves	V1.0	14.06.2017
Indicative Program, Baseline and Monitoring Methodology for the Large-Scale Supply & Distribution of Efficient Light Bulbs, Shower Heads and Other Water Saving Devices to Households	V2.0	14.06.2017
Gold Standard Methodology for Thermal Performance Improvements in Low-Income Dwelling Structure	V1.0	14.06.2017

Fuel Switch from Fossil Fuels to Biomass Residues in Boilers for Heat Generation	V1.0	14.06.2017
GHG Emission Reductions from Manure Management Systems and Municipal Solid Waste	V1.0	14.12.2013
Requirements To Apply CDM Methodology “AMS – III AU” For Gold Standard Certification	V1.0	22.10.2018

2| METHODOLOGIES UNDER REVISION

2.1.1 | The methodologies listed below in [Table 2](#) have been identified for revision (i.e., updates or integration within a newer methodology document) and have thus been put on hold until further notice.

2.1.2 | If a methodology is listed for revision:

- a. the PD or CME shall not submit a request for preliminary review to list a new activity, and
- b. the VVB may submit a design certification or renewal of the crediting period for a project, VPA or PoA if it has already achieved the listed status.

2.1.3 | If a project developer or CME wishes to use a methodology that has been listed for revision, then the developer shall inform the Secretariat by sending a notification at to methodology@goldstandard.org.

Table 2 - List of methodology under revision

METHODOLOGY TITLE	VERSION NUMBER	DATE OF PUBLICATION
Suppressed Demand Methodology Micro-Scale Electrification and Energization	V1.0	14.05.2013
Suppressed Demand Small-Scale Methodology for Low GHG Food Preservation	V1.0	14.05.2013
Suppressed Demand Small--Scale Methodology for Energy Use for The Processing of Agricultural Products	V1.0	14.06.2017
Reducing Methane Emissions from Enteric Fermentation In Dairy Cows Through Application of Feed Supplements	V0.9.1	28.03.2019
Gold Standard Agriculture Smallholder Dairy Methodology	V1.0	22.06.2017

3| DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

Version number	Release date	Description
1.1	31.05.2024	Increased clarity on the date of methodology retirement (1.1.2), the use of retired methodologies (1.1.4 and 1.1.5) and methodologies that are under revision (2.1.1. – 2.1.3).
1.0	22.02.2024	First version