

2. Operational entities shall certify the emission reductions resulting from a validated project activity upon request of a project participant. Operational entities shall be institutionally and economically independent from, and not entitled to participate in, the identification, project development or project financing of any CDM project.
3. Additional emission reductions resulting from a project activity shall be calculated on the basis of the baselines set up according to Para 4 (2c) above. They shall be certified after they have occurred, only if
 - a) a participant of the project activity applies for the certification of the emission reductions resulting from the project activity during a specific period of time,
 - b) the project activity has been validated and continues to meet the requirements under Para 4 above,
 - c) all Parties involved are entitled to participate in the CDM according to Para 2 above,
 - d) the applicant submits the necessary monitored data proving that
 - the project activity has resulted in emission reductions that are additional to any that would have occurred in the absence of the project activity,
 - these emission reductions are real, measurable and long-term.
4. Issued certificates shall contain the following information and data:
 - the project activity and the project participants, including the Parties involved;
 - the number of certified emission reduction units that have resulted from the project activity and their serial numbers.
5. Emission reductions shall be denominated in emission reduction units. One certified emission reduction unit shall be equal to one metric ton of CO₂ equivalent emissions calculated using the global warming potentials defined by Decision 2/CP.3 or as subsequently revised in accordance with Art.5.3 KP.
6. Each certified emission reduction unit shall have a unique serial number that reflects the project activity, country of origin, the year of certification and the certifying operational entity.
7. Operational entities shall inform the applicant on their decision in writing immediately after the completion of the certification process.
8. Operational entities publish their decisions on the certification of emission reductions in a suitable manner.