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Acronyms and abbreviations

PDD	Project Design Document
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
VVB	Validation and Verification Bodies

1. INTRODUCTION

This guide establishes the guidelines for the transition of a mitigation initiative to the current version of the Program, either from a previous version or from another certification standard. Its purpose is to guide proponents in the transition and upgrade process, ensuring compliance with the technical and administrative requirements established by COLCX.

This guide has been developed based on the requirements established in the *COLCX Certification Program* document, which establishes the general reference framework that links the rules and requirements that apply to the certification of mitigation initiatives and their results.

2. TRANSITION TO THE PROGRAM

2.1. General Aspects

For the Program, the transition of a mitigation initiative must be made into consideration of the processes established in the *COLCX Procedure of the mitigation initiatives cycle*, and all the requirements stipulated by the *COLCX Carbon Certification Program*, the *COLCX Standard for the Accreditation of Mitigation Initiatives* and the *COLCX Standard for Validation and Verification Bodies*.

2.2. Update of the mitigation initiative registered in COLCX to the latest version of the Program.

Any mitigation initiative currently registered under a previous version of the program and/or certification standard must transition to the latest version at its next verification event. To do so, the owner and/or proponent of the initiative must update the corresponding technical documentation using the Program's current formats and ensuring compliance with the new requirements established. This updated documentation must be submitted for approval by the Validation and Verification Body (VVB) and COLCX, according to the guidelines described in the *COLCX Procedure of the Mitigation Initiatives Cycle*.

The transition of the initiative to the latest version will not require a new validation or other additional assessment of the updated documents, if there is a previously issued validation report or the equivalent document accepted by the Program.

In exceptional cases, the application of the previous version of the Program may be allowed, as long as one of the following criteria is met:

- The project owner and/or proponent has formally initiated the validation and/or verification process prior to the entry into force of the new version of the Program, and can demonstrate this with documented evidence (e.g., signed

contractual agreements with the Validation and Verification Body – VVB, official communications, work schedules, among others).

- The initiative is in its last verification corresponding to the credit period registered.

Once the updated documentation of the initiative is approved by the VVB and COLCX, it must be used in all subsequent verifications, until a new update is approved. Its application shall be mandatory according to the requirements established in the current version of the *COLCX Certification Program*.

2.3. Migration of a mitigation initiative from another carbon standard or program to the Program

Any mitigation initiative that is currently registered under a different carbon standard or program may migrate to the Program at any time, if it demonstrates compliance with the criteria and requirements established by the *Certification Program*.

For this purpose, the proponent must submit documentation with which the existing mitigation initiative achieved registration in the other carbon program, corresponding to the PDD, validation and/or verification report and effective notification of registration in the program of origin, which will be submitted for approval by the COLCX Technical Committee following the procedures described in the *COLCX Procedure of the Mitigation Initiatives Cycle*.

Although the migration of an initiative to the Program does not imply the obligation to conduct a new validation or equivalent evaluation of the previously approved documentation, the Program's technical team must carry out a review of such information to verify its alignment with the principles and requirements. If inconsistencies, gaps or incompatibility with the technical, environmental, or social framework are identified, adjustments and complementary information may be requested as a condition for the acceptance of the migration.

In all cases, the initiative must submit the Project Design Document (PDD) in the official Program format, which must be completed with the additional information necessary to ensure compliance with the established criteria. Once the initiative's documentation has been approved by the COLCX Technical Committee, any subsequent verification must be conducted using such technical documentation and in full and mandatory compliance with the requirements of the current version of the *COLCX Certification Program*. This includes the use of the corresponding formats and the application of the verification procedures established by the Program.

3 FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

All documents and information used by an owner and/or proponent to support the registration of a mitigation initiative, whether resulting from the transition from the

previous COLCX program to the new Program or the migration from another carbon program to COLCX, must be publicly available for evaluation by an VVB or the Program when required.

Aspects of methodologies related to transition from previous versions, update periods and adoption of new guidelines are described in the current version of the *COLCX standard for methodological adoption*.

History of the Document

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