

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative*—*Emissions Reduction Fund) Methodology Determination Variation 2015

I, Greg Hunt, Minister for the Environment, make the following legislative instrument.

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This instrument is the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Emissions Reduction Fund) Methodology Determination Variation 2015*.

Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 July 2015.

Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 114(1) of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*.

Amendment of methodology determinations

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or revoked as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments of methodology determinations

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Destruction of Methane Generated from Dairy Manure in Covered Anaerobic Ponds) Methodology Determination 2012

After section 1.2

Insert:

1.2A Duration

This Determination remains in force for the period that:

begins when the Determination commences; and

ends on the day before this Determination would otherwise be repealed under subsection 50 (1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Section 1.3

Omit all words after “project”, substitute:

that:

(a) proposes to capture biogas generated by the decomposition of dairy effluent in anaerobic ponds and to combust the methane component of the captured biogas; and

(b) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Section 1.4 (definition of *DGAS Calculator*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***DGAS Calculator*** means the version of the Dairy Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategies Calculator, produced by staff from the University of Tasmania, University of Melbourne and government of Victoria, that is referred to from time to time on the Department’s website with a statement that:

(a) it is the DGAS Calculator for this Determination; and

(b) if the version differs from version 1.4—the differences consist only of one or more of the following:

(i) updates to inputs and variables used by the DGAS Calculator which are consistent with the National Inventory Report;

(ii) updates which are of a minor nature;

(iii) updates which are necessary or incidental to updates referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Section 1.4 (definition of *DGAS Manual*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***DGAS Manual*** means the user manual as in force from time to time that is associated with the version of the DGAS Calculator referred to from time to time on the Department’s website.

Section 1.4 (definition of *Effluent and Manure Management Database*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***Effluent and Manure Management Database*** means the version of the Effluent and Manure Management Database for the Australian Dairy Industry published by Dairy Australia that is referred to from time to time on the Department’s website with a statement that:

(a) it is the Effluent and Manure Management Database for this Determination; and

(b) if the version differs from the version published by Dairy Australia in 2008—the differences consist only of one or more of the following:

(i) updates to inputs and variables used by the database which are consistent with the National Inventory Report;

(ii) updates which are of a minor nature;

(iii) updates which are necessary or incidental to updates referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Section 1.4 (National Inventory Report)

Insert in alphabetical position:

***National Inventory Report*** means the most recently published document that:

(a) is known as the National Inventory Report; and

(b) was prepared by the Department in fulfilment of obligations that Australia has under the Climate Change Convention.

Section 1.4 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Subsection 3.1(3)

Omit “time that the offsets report was required to be submitted”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

After subsection 3.1(4)

Insert:

(5) The use of the DGAS Calculator and Effluent and Manure Management Database in the calculations under this Part must be in accordance with any guidelines relating to the use of that calculator and database for the purposes of this Determination published from time to time on the Department’s website.

Subsection 3.3(1)

Omit “For paragraph 106 (4) (f) of the Act, the”, substitute “The”.

Subsection 3.12(2)

Repeal paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), substitute:

(a) determine the destruction efficiency of the internal combustion engine in accordance with section 3.10; and

(b) calculate the volume of methane combusted (Qcom,h), where h is the internal combustion engine, using Equation 2.3.

Paragraph 4.9(1)(b)

Repeal the paragraph.

After section 4.9

Insert:

Division 4.4 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

4.10 Division compatible with calculations

For subsection 77A (2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not be incompatible with the calculation of the carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement amount for a project for a reporting period under this Determination.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Destruction of Methane from Piggeries using Engineered Biodigesters) Methodology Determination 2013

After section 1.2

Insert:

1.2A Duration

This Determination remains in force for the period that:

begins when the Determination commences; and

ends on the day before this Determination would otherwise be repealed under subsection 50 (1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Section 1.3 (definition of *Effluent and Manure Management Database*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***Effluent and Manure Management Database*** means the version of the Effluent and Manure Management Database for the Australian Dairy Industry published by Dairy Australia that is referred to from time to time on the Department’s website with a statement that:

(a) it is the Effluent and Manure Management Database for this Determination; and

(b) if the version differs from the version published by Dairy Australia in 2008—the differences consist only of one or more of the following:

(i) updates to inputs and variables used by the database which are consistent with the National Inventory Report;

(ii) updates which are of a minor nature;

(iii) updates which are necessary or incidental to updates referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Section 1.3 (*GWPN2O*)

Insert in alphabetical position:

***GWPN2O*** means the global warming potential of nitrous oxide, as prescribed in the NGER Regulations.

Section 1.3 (definition of *PigBal model*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***PigBal model*** means the version of the PigBal Manual and PigBal workbook, produced by the government of Queensland and Australian Pork Limited (ABN 83 092 783 278) to calculate nutrient and salt content in the waste from a piggery, that is referred to from time to time on the Department’s website with a statement that:

(a) it is the PigBal model for this Determination; and

(b) if the version differs from version 2.14—the differences consist only of one or more of the following:

(i) updates to inputs and variables used by the PigBal model which are consistent with the National Inventory Report;

(ii) updates which are of a minor nature;

(iii) updates which are necessary or incidental to updates referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Paragraph 1.4(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(b) proposes to capture and combust biogas generated by the anaerobic decomposition of piggery manure by directing a piggery manure stream into an engineered biodigester; and

(c) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Part 2 (note under heading)

Omit “and regulations 1.12 and 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Part 3 (note under heading)

Omit “and regulation 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Section 4.2 (note)

Repeal the note.

Section 4.6

Repeal the section, substitute:

4.6 General

In this Part:

(a) all calculations are in respect of activities undertaken, or outcomes achieved, during the reporting period for the eligible offsets project;

(b) unless otherwise specified:

(i) a reference to a project is a reference to an eligible offsets project that meets the requirements of Part 2;

(ii) a reference to a biodigester or combustion device is a reference to a biodigester or combustion device used in the project; and

(iii) all references to Parts, Divisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs and Equations are references to corresponding parts of this Determination;

(c) for all equations, unless otherwise specified:

(i) n is the number of combustion devices; and

(ii) h denotes a combustion device;

(d) a reference to a factor or parameter prescribed in the NGER (Measurement) Determination or the NGER Regulations that is to be used in a calculation relating to a reporting period is a reference to the factor or parameter in the NGER (Measurement) Determination or NGER Regulations as in force at the end of the reporting period; and

(e) the use of the PigBal model and Effluent and Manure Management Database in the calculations under this Part must be in accordance with any guidelines relating to the use of that model and database for the purposes of this Determination published from time to time on the Department’s website.

Subsection 4.20(3) (definition of *EFLF*)

Omit “0.3”, substitute “0.015 × GWPCH4”.

Paragraph 5.13(2)(c)

Repeal the paragraph.

After section 5.13

Insert:

Division 5.6 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.14 Division compatible with calculations

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not be incompatible with the calculation of the carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement amount for a project for a reporting period under this Determination.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Destruction of Methane Generated from Manure in Piggeries—1.1) Methodology Determination 2013

After section 1.2

Insert:

1.2A Duration

This Determination remains in force for the period that:

begins when the Determination commences; and

ends on the day before this Determination would otherwise be repealed under subsection 50(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Section 1.3 (definition of *PigBal model*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***PigBal model*** means the version of the PigBal Manual and PigBal workbook, produced by the government of Queensland and Australian Pork Limited (ABN 83 092 783 278) to calculate nutrient and salt content in the waste from a piggery, that is referred to from time to time on the Department’s website with a statement that:

(a) it is the PigBal modelfor this Determination; and

(b) if the version differs from version 2.14—the differences consist only of one or more of the following:

(i) updates to inputs and variables used by the PigBal model which are consistent with the National Inventory Report;

(ii) updates which are of a minor nature;

(iii) updates which are necessary or incidental to updates referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Section 1.3 (notes at the end of the section)

Repeal the two notes.

At the end of section 1.4

Omit all words after “project”, substitute:

that:

(a) proposes to capture biogas generated by the decomposition of piggery manure waste in anaerobic lagoons and to combust the methane component of the captured biogas; and

(b) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Section 2.3

Omit “that, on or after 1 July 2007, has equipment installed”, substitute “and involve the installation of equipment”.

Subsection 2.4(2)

Omit “installed prior to 1 July 2007.”, substitute:

installed:

(a) if the eligible offsets project applied to be eligible under section 22 of the Act before 1 July 2015—prior to 1 July 2007; or

(b) if the eligible offsets project applied to be eligible under section 22 of the Act on or after 1 July 2015*—*prior to the declaration of that project under section 27 of the Act as an eligible offsets project.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulation 3.26 of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Regulations 2011*”.

Paragraphs 4.2(c) and (d)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

(c) unless otherwise specified, a reference to a project is a reference to an eligible offsets project that meets the requirements of Part 2;

(d) if a calculation in this Division refers to a factor or parameter prescribed in the NGER Measurement Determination or the NGER Regulations, the person carrying out the calculations must apply, to the entire offsets reporting period, the NGER Measurement Determination or NGER Regulations in force at the end of the reporting period; and

(e) the use of the PigBal model in the calculations under this Part must be in accordance with any guidelines relating to the use of that model for the purposes of this Determination published from time to time on the Department’s website.

Subsection 4.3(1)

Omit “For paragraph 106(4)(f) of the Act, the”, substitute “The”.

Subsection 4.10(1) (definition of *Qbiogas,h*)

Insert “standard” before “conditions”.

Subsection 4.16(2) (definition of *Eelec*)

Omit “landfill”.

Paragraph 5.12(2)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(b) pig numbers by class;

Paragraph 5.13(2)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(b) pig numbers by class;

After section 5.13

Insert:

Division 5.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.14 Division compatible with calculations

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not be incompatible with the calculation of the carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement amount for a project for a reporting period under this Determination.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Feeding Dietary Additives to Milking Cows) Methodology Determination 2013

After section 1.2

Insert:

1.2A Duration

This Determination remains in force for the period that:

begins when the Determination commences; and

ends on the day before this Determination would otherwise be repealed under subsection 50(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Section 1.3 (definition of *carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-e)*)

Repeal the definition.

Section 1.3 (definition of *Dietary Fats Calculator*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***Dietary Fats Calculator*** means the tool developed by the Department to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement amount in accordance with this Determination that is published from time to time on the Department’s website with a statement that:

(a) it is the Dietary Fats Calculator for this Determination; and

(b) if it differs from the version that was on the website at the time of commencement of this Determination —the differences consist only of one or more of the following:

(i) updates to inputs and variables used by the tool which are consistent with:

(A) the National Inventory Report; and

(B) the carbon dioxide equivalence and applicable methods under subsection 10(3) of the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*;

(ii) updates which are of a minor nature;

(iii) updates which are necessary or incidental to updates referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Section 1.3 (definition of *National Inventory Report*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***National Inventory Report*** means the most recently published document that:

1. is known as the National Inventory Report; and
2. was prepared by the Department in fulfilment of obligations that Australia has under the Climate Change Convention.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.4 (note)

Omit “and regulation 3.28 of the Regulations”.

Section 1.4

Omit all words after “projects”, substitute:

that:

(a) reduce emissions by feeding fats or oils, or both, to dairy cattle that are pasture grazed for at least 9 months of the year; and

(b) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulation 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Subsection 4.5(1)

Omit “For the purposes of paragraph 106(4)(f) of the Act, the”, substitute “The”.

Division 5.4 (note)

Omit.

After section 5.11

Insert:

Division 5.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.12 Division compatible with calculations

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not be incompatible with the calculation of the carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement amount for a project for a reporting period under this Determination.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Feeding Nitrates to Beef Cattle) Methodology Determination 2014

Section 1.3 (definition of *carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-e)*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***carbon dioxide equivalence (CO2-e)*** has the meaning given by the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*.

Section 1.3 (definition of *National Inventory Report*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***National Inventory Report*** means the most recently published document that:

(a) is known as the National Inventory Report; and

(b) was prepared by the Department in fulfilment of obligations that Australia has under the Climate Change Convention.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.4 (note)

Omit “and regulation 3.28 of the Regulations”.

At the end of section 1.4

Omit all words after “projects”, substitute:

that:

(a) reduce emissions by feeding nitrate supplements to livestock; and

(b) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulation 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Subsection 4.5(1)

Omit “For the purposes of paragraph 106(4)(f) of the Act, the”, substitute “The”.

Heading to Division 5.4 (note)

Repeal the note.

After section 5.11

Insert:

Division 5.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.12 Division compatible with calculations

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not be incompatible with the calculation of the carbon dioxide equivalent net abatement amount for a project for a reporting period under this Determination.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Native Forest from Managed Regrowth) Methodology Determination 2013

Section 1.3 (definition of *conservation land*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***conservation land*** means an area that is owned and managed by the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory Government for biodiversity conservation.

Section 1.3 (definition of *forest*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***forest*** means land of a minimum area of 0.2 of a hectare on which trees:

(a) have attained, or have the potential to attain, a crown cover of at least 20% across the area of land; and

(b) have reached, or have the potential to reach, a height of at least 2 metres.

Section 1.3

Insert in the appropriate alphabetical position:

***native forest*** means an area of land that:

(a) is dominated by trees that:

(i) are located within their natural range; and

(ii) have attained, or have the potential to attain, a crown cover of at least 20% of the area of land; and

(iii) have reached, or have the potential to reach, a height of at least 2 metres; and

(b) is not a plantation.

Section 1.3 (at the end of the definition of *project commencement*)

Add:

Note: Eligible offsets projects applying after 30 June 2015 are required to comply with the newness requirement in subparagraph 27(4A)(a)(i) of the Act so that the project must not have begun to be implemented when it is declared eligible.

Section 1.3 (definition of *tree*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***tree*** means a perennial plant that has primary supporting structures consisting of secondary xylem.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.4 (note)

Omit “and paragraph 3.28(1)(c) of the Regulations”.

Subsection 1.4(1)

Omit all words after “project”, substitute:

that:

(a) consists of human–induced regeneration of native vegetation, on land that is not conservation land; and

(b) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Section 2.1 (note)

Omit “(regulation 3.1)”.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulations 1.12 and 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Section 4.2

Omit “time that the offsets report is submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever is earlier”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Subsection 4.5(1)

Omit “For the purposes of paragraph 106(4)(f) of the Act, the”, substitute “The”.

After section 5.8

Insert:

Division 5.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.9 No division of carbon estimation area

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not result in the division of a carbon estimation area.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Human-Induced Regeneration of a Permanent Even-Aged Native Forest—1.1) Methodology Determination 2013

After section 1.2

Insert:

1.2A Duration

This Determination remains in force for the period that:

begins when the Determination commences; and

ends on the day before this Determination would otherwise be repealed under subsection 50(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Section 1.3

Insert:

***conservation land*** means an area that is owned and managed by the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory Government for biodiversity conservation.

Section 1.3 (definition of *forest*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***forest*** means land on which trees:

(a) have attained, or have the potential to attain, a crown cover of at least 20% across the area of land; and

(b) have reached, or have the potential to reach, a height of at least 2 metres.

Section 1.3

Insert in the appropriate alphabetical position:

***native forest*** means an area of land that:

(a) is dominated by trees that:

(i) are located within their natural range; and

(ii) have attained, or have the potential to attain, a crown cover of at least 20% of the area of land; and

(iii) have reached, or have the potential to reach, a height of at least 2 metres; and

(b) is not a plantation.

Section 1.3 (definition of *project commencement*)

Omit “, occurring on or after 1 July 2007,”.

Section 1.3 (note after the definition of *project commencement*)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: Eligible offsets projects applying after 30 June 2015 are required to comply with the newness requirement in subparagraph 27(4A)(a)(i) of the Act so that the project must not have begun to be implemented when it is declared eligible.

Section 1.3 (definition of *tree*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***tree*** means a perennial plant that has primary supporting structures consisting of secondary xylem.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Paragraphs 1.4(c) and (d)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

(c) there is a documented commencement of a human-assisted regeneration activity;

(d) there is regeneration which is a direct result of a human-assisted regeneration activity;

(e) the project could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement; and

(f) the project is not on conservation land.

Section 2.6 (note)

Repeal the note.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulations 1.12 and 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Paragraph 4.2(b)

Omit “time that the offsets report was submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever is earlier”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Section 4.4

Omit “For the purposes of paragraph 106(4)(f) of the Act the”, substitute “The”.

Misnumbered Division heading after section 5.6

Repeal the heading, substitute:

Division 5.4 Offsets report requirements

After section 5.8

Insert:

Division 5.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.9 No division of carbon estimation area

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not result in the division of a carbon estimation area.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Measurement Based Methods for New Farm Forestry Plantations) Methodology Determination 2014

Section 1.3 (CFI rainfall map)

Insert in the appropriate alphabetical position:

***CFI rainfall map*** means the map:

(a) that shows long‑term average annual rainfall; and

(b) that uses data that is:

(i) collected by the Bureau of Meteorology; and

(ii) processed by the Department; and

(c) published on the Department’s website; and

(d) as in force:

(i) in relation to a project area or part of a project area the subject of an application under regulations or legislative rules made for the purposes of section 29 of the Act—at the time of that application; or

(ii) otherwise—at the time of the application under section 22 of the Act in relation to the project.

Section 1.3 (definition of *Greenhouse FriendlyTM initiative*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***Greenhouse FriendlyTM initiative*** means the program known by that name and previously administered by the Commonwealth Government.

Section 1.3 (definition of *Greenhouse FriendlyTM forestry project*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***Greenhouse FriendlyTM forestry project*** means an existing project that was accredited under the Greenhouse FriendlyTM initiative immediately before the initiative ceased to operate.

Section 1.3 (definition of )

Omit “time that the offsets report was submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever occurs first”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Section 1.3 (definition of )

Omit “time that the offsets report was submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever occurs first”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Section 1.3

Insert in appropriate alphabetical position:

***native forest*** means an area of land that:

(a) is dominated by trees that:

(i) are located within their natural range; and

(ii) have attained, or have the potential to attain, a crown cover of at least 20% of the area of land; and

(iii) have reached, or have the potential to reach, a height of at least 2 metres; and

(b) is not a plantation.

Section 1.3 (definition of *new farm forestry plantation*)

Omit “on or after 1 July 2010”.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.4

Repeal the section, substitute:

1.4 Kind of project to which this Determination applies

For paragraph 106(1)(a) of the Act, this Determination applies to an offsets project that is:

the establishment of a permanent planting that could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement; or

the establishment of a new farm forestry plantation that could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement; or

an offsets project that applied under section 22 of the Act before 1 July 2015 that is of a kind covered by section 1.4 of this Determination as in force on 12 December 2014.

Paragraph 2.4(1)(c)

Before “a forestry”, insert “if paragraph 1.4(c) applies—”.

Section 2.6 (note)

Repeal the note.

Heading to Part 4 (note)

Repeal the note.

Section 6.3 (note)

Repeal the note.

Section 6.42 (definitions of and )

In each definition, omit “time that the offsets report was submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever occurs first”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Heading to Division 7.3 (note)

Repeal the note.

Section 7.3

Omit “For paragraph 17.1(2)(b) of the Regulations”, substitute “For paragraph 106(3)(c) of the Act”.

Subsection 7.11(1)

Omit “For the purposes of paragraph 6.2(j) of the Regulations”, substitute “For paragraph 106(3)(a) of the Act”.

Section 7.16

Omit “For paragraph 6.2(j) of the Regulations”, substitute “For paragraph 106(3)(a) of the Act”.

After section 7.28

Insert:

Division 7.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

7.29 No division of stratum area

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not result in the division of a stratum area.

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) (Sequestering Carbon in Soils in Grazing Systems) Methodology Determination 2014

Section 1.3 (note to definition of *activity start date*)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.3 (definition of *carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-e)*)

Repeal the definition.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.4 (note)

Omit “and paragraph 3.28(1)(t) of the Regulations”.

Section 1.4

Omit all words after “projects”, substitute:

that:

(a) aim to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by sequestering carbon in soil in a grazing system; and

(b) could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement.

Section 2.1 (note)

Repeal the note.

Paragraph 2.3(b)

Omit “final”.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulations 1.12 and 3.26 of the Regulations”.

After section 3.9

Insert:

3.10 Restricted activities after start of baseline sampling round

Management actions described in paragraph 3.7(5)(c), (d) or (e) must not be, or have been, undertaken between the first day of the baseline sampling round and the activity start date.

Subsection 4.8(1)

Omit “commence until after the project start date”, substitute “end more than 2 years before the activity start date”.

Subsection 4.8(1) (note)

Repeal the note.

Paragraph 4.10(4)(b) (note)

Omit “soon as is practicable after”, substitute “close as is practicable to”.

Subsection 5.2(1)

Omit “time that the offsets report is submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever is earlier”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Heading to Division 5.3 (note)

Repeal the note.

After section 7.15

Insert:

Division 7.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

7.16 No division of carbon estimation area

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not result in the division of a carbon estimation area.

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Section 1.3 (definition of *forest*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***forest*** means land of a minimum area of 0.2 of a hectare on which trees:

(a) have attained, or have the potential to attain, a crown cover of at least 20% across the area of land; and

(b) have reached, or have the potential to reach, a height of at least 2 metres.

Section 1.3 (note at the end of the section)

Repeal the note.

Section 1.4

Repeal the section, substitute:

1.4 Kind of project to which this Determination applies

For paragraph 106(1)(a) of the Act, this Determination applies to an offsets project that is:

(a) the establishment of a permanent planting that could reasonably be expected to result in eligible carbon abatement; or

(b) an offsets project that applied under section 22 of the Act before 1 July 2015 that is of a kind covered by section 1.4 of this Determination as in force on 12 December 2014.

Section 2.1 (note)

Omit “(regulation 3.1)”.

Subsection 2.3(4)

Omit “project commencement”, substitute “the date of the application under section 22 of the Act in relation to the project”.

Section 2.4 (note)

Repeal the note.

Heading to Part 3 (note)

Omit “and regulations 1.12 and 3.26 of the Regulations”.

Section 4.2

Omit “time that the offsets report is submitted or was required to be submitted, whichever is earlier”, substitute “end of the reporting period”.

Paragraph 5.4(a)

Omit “before project commencement”, substitute “in the 5 years before the date of the application under section 22 of the Act in relation to the project”.

After section 5.9

Insert:

Division 5.5 Reporting under section 77A of the Act

5.10 No division of carbon estimation area

For subsection 77A(2) of the Act, the division of the overall project must not result in the division of a carbon estimation area.

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Section 5

Insert in appropriate alphabetical position:

***GWPCH4*** means the global warming potential value for methane, set out in regulation 2.02 of the NGER Regulations.

Section 40 (definition of *EFDig,n*)

Omit “0.3”, substitute “0.015 × GWPCH4”.

Section 41 (definition of *GWPCH4*)

Repeal the definition.