

Summary of Changes from ACR Standard v5.0 to 5.1

The following is a summary of a significant change from v5.0 of the *ACR Standard* published February 2018 to v5.1 posted for public comment May 16, 2018 through July 18, 2018.

Topic	Revision	Section
Eligible Scopes	Clarifies eligible project-level scopes as defined by ANSI.	1.E Scope
Eligibility of project-level REDD crediting	All references to REDD as an eligible AFOLU project activity on ACR have been removed to reflect that ACR will no longer accept international forestry projects from REDD+ countries. The growing international implementation of land-based sectoral GHG accounting and crediting and/or results-based finance (REDD+) greatly increases the risk of double claiming project-based offset credits within a sectoral crediting scheme.	1.E Scope, Definitions section and throughout Appendix A
Uncertainty, accuracy, precision	A cap is set on the confidence deduction such that if the sampling error is equal to or greater than 20%, the confidence deduction for the monitoring period must be 100%.	2.B.3
Methodology approval process	A step is added before the internal methodology review to require specific analyses for delivering impact. Based on review of this information, ACR will determine whether to move forward with the methodology review and approval process.	7.B
Compensation for over-issuance	Clarification added to confirm that ACR's materiality threshold also applies in the event that an overstated GHG emission reduction/removal assertion is discovered during a subsequent verification after it has been credited.	9.B
Requirements for Validation and Verification Bodies	Clarification added that all VVBs must be approved by ACR and be accredited under ISO 14065 by an accreditation body that is a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and with which ACR has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in place, as detailed in the ACR Verification Standard.	9.D