

FORWARD CREDITING POLICY REVISION

EMISSION REDUCTION MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING METHODOLOGY FOR THE TRANSITION TO ADVANCED FORMULATION BLOWING AGENTS IN FOAM MANUFACTURING AND USE

Version 4 of the ACR Standard contains the following forward crediting prohibition (Chapter 3, Table2):

Real	A real offset is the result of a project action that yields after-the-fact, quantifiable and verifiable GHG emissions reductions and/or removals.	GHG reductions and removals shall exist prior to issuance. ACR will not forward issue nor forward register a projected stream of future offsets.
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A foam blowing agent transition project must result from an action that has already occurred (the transition to an advanced formulation blowing agent) and that action must be verifiable. In order to quantify avoided emissions associated with the transition to an advanced formulation blowing agent, it is necessary to utilize modeled emission rates over a 10-year crediting period. These avoided emissions are quantified during the project’s reporting period and, pending a successful verification, Emission Reduction Tonnes (ERTs) are granted for the full 10 years of avoided emissions. The emission rates found in the Methodology are derived from IPCC sources and were accepted for use in the ACR methodology development process. For purposes of conservatism, end of life emissions associated with foam disposal were not included in emission reduction quantification due to the uncertainty regarding future disposal practices, among other concerns.

ACR’s forward crediting prohibition shall not apply to foam blowing agent transition projects utilizing ACR’s *Emission Reduction Measurement and Monitoring Methodology for the Transition to Advanced Formulation Blowing Agents in Foam Manufacturing and Use*.