

Resolution 1447/2018

Regulation of the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System for mitigation actions at the national level according to the Article 175 of Law 1753 of 2015, and other provisions

The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

RESOLVES

TITLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Resolution is to regulate the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification System of mitigation actions at the national level, in those issues related to the Accounting System for the Reduction and Removal of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the National Registry of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction (GHG), which includes the National Registry of Programs and Projects of actions for the Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation of Colombia (REDD+).

Article 2. Scope of application. This Resolution applies to any natural or legal person, public or private, who intends to register their GHG mitigation initiative and opt for payments for results or other similar compensations, derived from actions that generate reductions of emissions and greenhouse gas removals. It also applies to the one that intends to register its GHG mitigation initiative to demonstrate its mitigation results as a consequence of the implementation of the mentioned actions, within the framework of the fulfillment of the national climate change goals established under the UNFCCC.

Additionally, it applies to both, the public entities in charge of coordinating and administering the MRV System of mitigation actions at the national level, and to the Validation and Verification Organizations for greenhouse gases - OVV.

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CHAPTER 2.

National Registry of Reduction of GHG Emissions - RENARE

Article 10. National Registry of Reduction of GHG Emissions. The National Registry of Reduction of GHG Emissions -RENARE- is a technological platform of the MRV System developed as part of the National Information System on Climate Change to manage information at the national level of GHG mitigation initiatives. The National Registry of Programs and Projects of actions for the Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation of Colombia - REDD+ is also part of the RENARE.

Any holder of a GHG mitigation initiative in the national territory that intends to opt for payments for results or similar compensations, and/or demonstrate compliance with national climate change goals established under the UNFCCC, must register their mitigation initiative in the RENARE from its feasibility phase.

The types of GHG mitigation initiatives to be registered in the RENARE are:

1. GHG mitigation programs of the type: Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), Low Carbon Development Programs (LCDP), and REDD+ Programs.
2. GHG mitigation projects of the type: Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Projects and Activity Programs, Low Carbon Development Projects (LCDP) and REDD+ Projects.
3. Other mitigation initiatives defined by the UNFCCC within the framework of its GHG mitigation mechanisms, or the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.

Paragraph 1. The registration of GHG mitigation initiatives in the RENARE does not exempt the holder of the initiative from obtaining the permits, authorizations, concessions, licenses, and/or any other requirement established by the regulations in force to implement the initiative.

Paragraph 2. The holders of the GHG mitigation initiatives would be responsible for the veracity of the information provided to the RENARE, and must apply the principles of the MRV System. The registration of the information in the RENARE does not imply any responsibility of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development vis-à-vis the owner of the initiative or third parties.

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Article 14. States of one initiative in the RENARE. According to the information provided by the holder of the GHG mitigation initiative, the RENARE would assign to the initiative one of the following states:

1. Non-Active Registration. Corresponds to the GHG mitigation initiative that is in the feasibility phase or the formulation phase within the deadlines established in number 1 of Article 15 of this Resolution.
2. Active Registration. Corresponds to the GHG mitigation initiative under the implementation phase and keeps its information updated in the RENARE, following the provisions of Article 15 of this Resolution.
3. Overlapping registration not supported. Corresponds to the GHG mitigation initiative that intends to register in the feasibility phase and presents an

incompatible overlap or the initiative that is in the formulation phase and, when updating its implementation area, presents an overlap not compatible with another pre-existing initiative as established in Article 18 of this Resolution. It also applies to REDD+ Projects that intend to apply to the status of executing partner or exclusion of area after having started its implementation phase.

4. Registration without reporting information. Corresponds to the GHG mitigation initiative in the implementation phase that has not reported and updated the information under the deadlines established in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 15 of this resolution.

5. Registration closed. Corresponds to the GHG mitigation initiative that is in any of the following situations:

a. That initiative that has canceled all emissions reductions and GHG removals in the RENARE, does not intend to accredit new emissions reductions or GHG removals, and the holder reports completion of the initiative.

b. That initiative, whose owner is an executing partner of a REDD+ Program.

6. Filed Record. Corresponds to the GHG mitigation initiative that is in any of the following situations:

a. The initiative that is under the feasibility or formulation phases, which remains in the same phase after two (2) years, and the holder has not finalized to register all the information for the respective phase.

b. The initiative that is in the feasibility or formulation phase and that presents an overlap not compatible remains unsolved for more than one (1) year from the moment of identification of the overlap.

c. The initiative in the implementation phase, whose holder persists for more than three (3) months without reporting and updating the information once the deadlines established in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 15 of this resolution expired or that does not apply the principles of the MRV System established in Article 9 of this resolution.

d. The GHG mitigation initiative that does not apply the accounting rules established in Title II of this Resolution.

Paragraph 1. The GHG mitigation initiative that is in an archived registration status will no longer be subject to overlap analysis.

Paragraph 2. The holder of the GHG mitigation initiative that is in the filed status and requires reactivating its registration may again request its registration in the RENARE from the feasibility phase.

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CHAPTER 3.

GHG removal and emissions reduction accounting system

Article 19. The Accounting System for Reducing Emissions and GHG Removal. It is a set of processes, technologies, protocols, and accounting rules that determine the emissions, emission reductions, and GHG removals accounted for generating reports and demonstrating progress in meeting national climate change goals established under the UNFCCC. For its operation, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and IDEAM would have the necessary technological tools and instruments to carry out the accounting for emissions reduction and GHG removal.

The Accounting System is part of the MRV System of GHG mitigation actions and is administered by the National Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies - IDEAM and coordinated under the guidelines of the Direction of Climate Change and Risk Management of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development or whoever takes its place.

To establish and demonstrate progress in meeting national climate change goals established under the UNFCCC, the Accounting System would process GHG emissions information, including national GHG inventories, baselines, and the results of GHG mitigation.

The accounting of the GHG mitigation results obtained from the implementation of GHG mitigation initiatives may be carried out at the national, sub-national and sectoral levels, including the aggregation of the results that each initiative reports in the RENARE, among other information.

Paragraph. The Accounting System may interoperate with the SIAC information systems and subsystems, as well as with other sectoral or territorial information subsystems that provide, generate, or process information necessary for accounting for the GHG mitigation results.

Article 20. Scope of accounting rules for GHG emissions reductions and removals. The accounting rules established in Title II of this resolution for each type of initiative seek to define:

1. The characteristics of the methodologies used to formulate GHG mitigation initiatives.
2. The parameters for the construction of baselines for GHG mitigation initiatives.
3. The maximum GHG mitigation potential for REDD+ projects that are subject to national accounting.

4. The guidelines to establish the GHG mitigation goals of the initiatives.
5. Validation and verification criteria for GHG mitigation initiatives.
6. The additionality criteria of GHG mitigation initiatives.

Article 21. National Forest Reference Emissions Level (NFREL). The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development would formally submit to the UNFCCC the NFREL of national coverage, including at least the REDD+ activity to reduce deforestation, and the carbon deposits from aboveground biomass and underground biomass. In line with the provisions of Article 29 and Article 40 of this Resolution, the NFREL would be used to account for the mitigation results of REDD+ Programs and Projects from 2018 onwards.

The NFREL would be based on historical deforestation data, would consider the regional dynamics of deforestation, would have a validity period of not less than five (5) years, and would be updated by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development for subsequent periods that may incorporate REDD+ activities and additional carbon deposits.

The NFREL would be built on the information provided by the SMByC (Forests and Carbon Monitoring System managed by IDEAM) and would serve as a point of reference in the implementation of REDD+ initiatives.

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