

Global Artisan C-Sink - Clarification for retrospective issuance of C-sinks

Preamble

This document outlines the existing practice regarding the issuance of retrospective credits under the Global Artisan C-Sink program. This initiative is a voluntary concession from Carbon Standards International (CSI) to Artisan C-Sink Managers, aimed at alleviating financial challenges at the project's inception.

1. Criterias

Under certain conditions, CSI permits Artisan C-Sink Managers who have already produced and documented biochar application, tracked by an endorsed dMRV, to submit their data for verification. The retrospective issuance is assessed individually for each project, differentiated by its unique project ID and Project Design Document (PDD).

The following criteria must be met:

- The Artisan C-Sink Manager must possess a valid endorsement from CSI.
- The project managed by the Artisan C-Sink Manager must have undergone initial validation and verification by a Validation and Verification Body (VVB).
- Verification statements must be issued by the VVB.
- Retroactive submission for verification is allowed for complete data from the last three months, starting from the date of the verification statement issuance, provided the Artisan C-Sink Manager was endorsed during that period and the PDD was in public consultation.
- Only biochar produced within this three-month timeframe is eligible.
- Only Artisan Biochar Producers recognized by the VVB during this period are eligible for retrospective issuance.

1.1. Example

If Artisan C-Sink Manager X received their endorsement on October 15, 2024, and the public consultation for the PDD commenced on October 16, 2024, with the VVB issuing the verification statement on December 31, 2024, then biochar production and application would be authorized between October 15, 2024, and December 31, 2024, provided that the corresponding Artisan Biochar Producers were recognized by the VVB on December 31, 2024.

2. Further guidance for existing projects

For Artisan Biochar Producers added after the initial publication of the verification statement, retrospective issuance of C-Sinks is possible. Please review our [clarification document](#) for adding more Artisan Biochar Producers to an existing project.