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**FORM**

## **FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION**

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### **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

– [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

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## 1 | General Guidelines

### 1.1 | Applicability

- 1.1.1 | This form is to be completed for projects (project activities/PoAs/VPAs) seeking deviation or is/are at a risk of deviating from any applicable requirements, GS4GG-specific requirements listed in the applicable Methodologies or any other deviations occurring in any of the various aspects of the project.
- 1.1.2 | Refer to the latest version of Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures for detailed information on the procedures and requirements.
- 1.1.3 | This form can be used in the following instances i.e.,
- a. Deviation from GS4GG requirements and/or applicable methodologies prior to submission for certification with GS4GG.
  - b. Temporary changes to a certified project - which include changes from the registered monitoring plan, the applied methodologies or other standard documents - that are expected **not** to occur beyond a given monitoring period.
- 1.1.4 | For any permanent changes to a design certified project, the requirements set in Design Change Approval Requirements and Procedures shall be followed.

## 2 | Submission of deviation form

- 2.1.1 | This form shall be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc) format to Gold Standard at deviations@goldstandard.org
- 2.1.2 | Forms with incomplete/inaccurate information shall not be considered for review and shall be returned to the applicant.

## 3 | Implementation of deviation decision

- 3.1.1 | The decision prescribed in this form shall be considered by the entity applying for deviation for further course of action.

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## 4 | Decision summary

*To be completed by Gold Standard*

### 4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVRQ-168
Date of decision	18/07/2025
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved</b> [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conditionally approved</b> [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Not approved</b> [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

### 4.2 | Decision

#### 4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation request is not approved. The project developer must follow the Rule update **fNRB application for GS4GG certification.**

#### 4.2.2 | Directions for the project developer/CME, if applicable

N/A

#### 4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

N/A

#### 4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

N/A

### 4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
NA	

<sup>1</sup> If this is marked yes, this means that any other project (PoA/VPA/PA) in similar situation may apply the decision of this deviation to their project as well. The project developer/VVB may quote this deviation decision in the relevant certification documents. This is relevant to only the projects which have already entered the certification cycle with GS4GG.

<sup>2</sup> If this is marked yes, it means the decision is valid to all the future projects which will enter the certification cycle with the similar situation. This is relevant to all the projects which are not yet design certified with GS4GG or have not submitted their documents for preliminary review yet.

## 5| Deviation Request Details

*To be completed by the entity requesting deviation - (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)*

### 5.1 | Submitted by

- Project developer  
 CME  
 VVB  
 Other (specify...)

### 5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name <sup>3</sup> :	GIRAUD Bernard
Email ID <sup>4</sup> :	contact@livelihoods.eu
Organisation: <sup>5</sup> :	Livelihoods Carbon Fund SICAV RAIF
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### 5.3 | Background information

Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	
GS ID	GS12435 GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	
Host country(ies)	Senegal			
Project Title	FANS: Foyers Améliorés au Nord du Sénégal			
Registry link	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4401">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4401</a>			
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>			
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed  10/01/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design  dd/mm/yyyy	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project  dd/mm/yyyy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>  dd/mm/yyyy

<sup>3</sup> Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

<sup>4</sup> Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

<sup>5</sup> The name of the entity requesting the deviation

Applied version of Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	From another standard to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	Name of another standard	<input type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Other Insert name here			

**5.4 | Project deviation history**

Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	Insert Text here
Status of the deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Under review
Were there any findings (CL, CAR, FAR) raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>Summary of the findings</b> Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number

**6 | Deviation detail**

*To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)*

**6.1 | Standard document reference**

Standard document reference	Title	Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable Biomass – tool30
	Version	v.4
	Paragraph	

**6.2 | Description of the deviation**

Title	Request for extension of the validity period of tool 30 for fNRB calculation by 30 days	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	This application will only affect vintages until 30 December 2025, no further	
	<p>The project proponent is aware of the expiration of the use of tool30 v.4.0 as of 30 June 2025 for new activities, as explained in the webinar GS held on 20 May 2025, such as design certification or renewal of crediting period.</p> <p>The project developer is requesting an extension for the applicability of tool30 v.4 by 30 days in the project activity, because the official communication regarding the validity of tool30 itself was given on 24 April 2025, while the project was already engaged in VVB review for Design Certification.</p>	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	10/11/2023
	End date	31/12/2025
Summarise the changes	<p>As per occurred communication dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 on the GS website <a href="https://www.goldstandard.org/news/gold-standard-strengthens-certification-framework-with-new-rules-supporting-paris-agreement-alignment-and-biomass-accounting-updates">https://www.goldstandard.org/news/gold-standard-strengthens-certification-framework-with-new-rules-supporting-paris-agreement-alignment-and-biomass-accounting-updates</a></p> <p>There's no possibility for new activity to start with fNRB calculated through tool30.</p> <p>However the communication occurred during the already initiated validation with VVB with tool30 calculated values, even if not yet closed.</p> <p>VVB hired at the beginning of 2025 and first documentation sent on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2025.(see document 1)</p> <p>Refer to latest version of <a href="#">Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures for requirements and guidelines</a></p>	
Reason for deviation	Reason for deviation We are requesting only 30 days more of validity of tool30 calculated values to be aligned with expected investment for local population based on estimated revenues.	
Proposed resolution	We are proposing to keep tool30 calculated fNRB value till 1 <sup>st</sup> of August 2025, no further. No additional request will be performed about vintages generated after 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025 so the Project proponent is able to submit to Design Certification a project activity including the values from "Senegal_fNRB Report_26 July 2023 v1.0"	
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project design</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Additionality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i></li> </ul>	

	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation
	45 475 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	49 668 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
	First Issuance only will be affected with lasting of fNRB calculated values with tool30	
	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...	
Summary of the impact	Only the vintages generated between 2024 and 2025 will apply calculated tool30 fNRB values.	
<p><i>During the period between the project start date (10/11/2023) and 31/12/2025 (end of Tool30 V.4 validity) the project would expect a decrease of 8% (4 193 tCO<sub>2</sub>e) of the total credits based on adjustments made by Using the MoFuSS Model value for the project area . The calculations are provided in the ER Ex-Ante excel.</i></p>		

**6.3 | VVB information**

<p>Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?  <i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under <u>Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures</u> or request is submitted by the VVB.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i></p>
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**6.4 | VVB’s assessment**

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.

VVB’s assessment of deviation request	Please confirm the nature of deviation.	
VVB’s assessment of impact of deviation request		
VVB recommendation		
VVB details	VVB name:	
	Auditor name(s):	
	Email (s):	

**6.5 | Documents:**

6.5.1 | List of documents provided (*note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form will be made public on the Gold Standard website. Kindly refrain from including any confidential information in the form.*)

Document 1. Email exchange : "Fwd: Validation Material - COOKSTOVES PROJECT IN SENEGAL FANS with GS" (Confidential)

Document 2. ER's ex Ante v1.7 - 24062025 (Confidential)

Document 3. Senegal\_fNRB Report\_26 July 2023 v1.0

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION
6.0	12.11.2024	Editorial and structural changes to the template
5.0	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> <li>- Guidance on VVB opinion</li> </ul>
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