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-196
Date of decision	22/09/2025
Decision	☒ **Approved** [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] ☐ **Conditionally approved** [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] ☐ **Not approved** [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

Approve this deviation for the Project Year 2 usage survey, with conditions to uphold environmental integrity and avoid setting an unwarranted precedent. This recommendation is based on the following considerations:

Exceptional Circumstances: The delay was due to external, exceptional circumstances, rather than negligence. The developer took responsible action by completing the survey at the earliest feasible time.

Coverage of the Required Period: The usage survey conducted in July 2025 must clearly correspond to Project Year 2. The project developer has adjusted the survey to cover 31/01/2024–30/01/2025, and this must be confirmed during verification.

One-Time Deviation: This approval should be treated as a one-time exception. The project developer should demonstrate to the VVB and GS that they have instituted measures to prevent future delays in usage monitoring. For example, improved contingency planning with the new implementing partner should be in place so that Year 3 and future surveys occur within the required timeframe. GS rules on annual monitoring and reporting must be strictly followed going forward.

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

NA

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

Verification: The VVB shall pay special attention during the upcoming verification to ensure all conditions are met:

VVB must verify that the survey methodology and questionnaire is designed appropriately and targeted the Year 2 period (as noted in point 2 above).

VVB should validate the reasons for the delay and confirm that this deviation was indeed unavoidable and temporary, and that the project is now back on schedule for future monitoring.

VVB must confirm that the emission reduction calculations using this survey data are not inflated. Any increase in non-usage rate captured by the late survey should result in a proportionate reduction of credits claimed, per the usage rate findings, thus keeping the emission claims conservative.

The deviation itself and these conditions should be documented in the project's Monitoring Report and reflected in the Verification Report for transparency.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

NA

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances?[1]	☐ Yes ☒ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances?[2]	☐ Yes ☒ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities) NA	

[1] 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.

[2] 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[3] :	Amie Nevin
Email ID[4] :	Amie.nevin@se.com
Organisation:[5]:	EcoAct, a Schneider Electric Company
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	☒ Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☐ VPA
GS ID	*GS11790*	*GS11253*	*GS11790*

Host country(ies)	Republic of Kenya
Project Title	Dziva Cookstoves Project
Registry link	**https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3771**
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below *Insert text here*

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☒ Certified design	☐ Certified project	☐ Other *If other, specify here*
	16/10/2022	*30/05/2025*	*dd/mm/yyyy*	*dd/mm/yyyy*

[3] Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation
[4] Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request
[5] The name of the entity requesting the deviation

Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG				
	☐ Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.			
		☒ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☐ 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	☐ CDM			
		☐ Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here			
Applicable activity requirement	☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements ☒ Community Services Activity Requirements ☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements ☐ 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.			☒ Yes ☐ No
Reference number	DEV2024-39		
Status of the deviation	☒ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ 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?	☐ Yes ☒ No **Summary of the findings** *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	GS TPDDTEC v4.0 Requirements and Guidelines: Usage Rate Monitoring v2.0
	Version	V4.0 V2.0
	Paragraph	TPDDTEC - D4.2 Data and parameters monitored; Parameter ICS 26 Usage Rate R+G – 2.3 Good Practice Monitoring Requirements, v. Field team training and supervision , 2.3.2- 2.3.6

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Late Usage Survey for Project Year 2		
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)		☐ Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection		
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	*31/01/2024*	
	End date	30/01/2025	
Summarise the changes	The usage survey was conducted 03/07 – 11/07/2025.		
Reason for deviation	We have issues with the original implementing partner who implemented the project, which delayed the usage survey taking place within the timeframe of Project Year 2. EcoAct was acquired by Schneider Electric early 2025, in light of the contract in place with the original implementing partner, we had to adhere to new internal procedures to formally change the project to a new implementing partner (this has been successfully done). During this period stove maintenance took place, however the team was unavailable to conduct the usage survey. Upon the successful transition, integration and training of the new field team within the implementing partners operations, the usage survey was conducted early July 2025. The survey questions were adjusted to ensure it was clear to the beneficiaries were questions related to cooking practices 2024-2025, the dates of Project Year 2. This meant that the field staff training required under the Good Practice Usage Rate Guidelines and Requirements took place outside of Project Year 2 too, to meet the requirements, they were conducted just before the activity was to take place.		
Proposed resolution	The surveys took place as soon they could be executed ensuring high quality data collection, in early July 2025. Field training, in line with the Good Practice Usage Rate Guidelines and Requirements, took place before the main activity took place. The Kobo questions were amended to reflect the questions related to previous times.		
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation		

deviation on other aspects of the project?	☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume *(if yes, fill the table below)* Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation — *XYZ* tCO_2e Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation — *XYZ* tCO_2e ☐ any other matrix, please specify…
Summary of the impact	*This is not expected to have a negative implication on the project, beneficiaries or reporting of the project impact for Project Year 2.* *PD strongly believes waiting for a team who was skillful and competent to conduct the surveys to a high standard was the best option for the integrity of the project and confidence in the outcomes drawn from the data collected.*
Insert text here	

Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation
XYZ tCO_2e	*XYZ* tCO_2e

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? *VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under [Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures]() or request is submitted by the VVB.*	Yes ☐ No ☒ *If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.*

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. N/A. The usage survey will be used within the next verification review.

Document 2.

Document n.

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: - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved - Guidance on VVB opinion
4.0	14.01.2021	Editorial changes
3.0	16.07.2020	Editorial changes
2.0	03.05.2018	Editorial changes
1.0	01.07.2017	Initial adoption