

FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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– [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	DEVREQ-241
Date of decision	27/10/2025
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The Deviation Request is approved. The CME may postpone the usage/monitoring/KPT surveys and resume field activities from November 2025 depending on the stabilization of national security and freedom of movement.

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

The Deviation Request is approved for this Monitoring period only. The CME shall ensure that the next monitoring surveys conducted shall be annual and in line with the methodology requirements.

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

The VVB shall:

- Include a FAR to check the compliance for the next monitoring period.
- Validate the reasons for this temporary deviation on the annual monitoring of the usage surveys.
- Validate that the CME has ensured and demonstrated in its monitoring report that GHG emission reductions are not overcalculated because of the deviation and that the conservative assumptions are applied.
- Ensure that the monitoring report documents this deviation request conclusion, its implications, and the GS decision.
- Include in its verification report the means of evaluation of Project's compliance with the above conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification Report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the CME and the VVB for appropriateness, accuracy and consistency.

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
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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 :	PETER SCOTT
Email ID ⁴ :	peter.scott@burnmfg.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	BURN Manufacturing Co.
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 type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS 11434 GS XXXX	
Host country(ies)	Republic of Cote d'Ivoire			
Project Title	GS10789 VPA 6: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Cote d'Ivoire			
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3455			
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 type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	20/08/2025	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	<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
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 <i>Insert name here</i>			

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		
	Summary of the findings <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i>		

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	Principles and Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	Paragraph 2.1.1 of Annex B

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Request for Deviation from Planned On-Site Monitoring due to Conflict Zone Risks – VPA GS11434	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	Monitoring period will be determined before conducting the monitoring survey	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	Dd/mm/yyyy
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy
Summarise the changes	<p>Background and Context</p> <p>Given the current political instability and security concerns in Côte d'Ivoire in the lead-up to and following the presidential elections scheduled for 25 October 2025, it is not currently feasible to ensure safe and reliable field operations for the scheduled ex-post monitoring and Kitchen Performance Test (KPT) campaigns for 3rd monitoring period.</p> <p>BURN successfully conducted the previous usage/monitoring survey between 23 August 2024 and 20 October 2024. As per usage survey requirements, the current dataset will remain valid until 19 October 2025. However, conducting new field surveys during the immediate pre- and post-election period poses significant operational and security risks.</p> <p>BURN therefore respectfully requests Gold Standard's approval to temporarily suspend the planned ex-post monitoring and KPT campaigns and resume these activities no earlier than November 2025, subject to stabilization of the security situation.</p> <p>Deviation Basis</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicable Gold Standard Provisions: Paragraph 2.1.1 of Annex B of the Gold Standard Principles and Requirements, Version 2.1, provides for deviations where projects are located in conflict zones or areas that pose high risks to personnel. These provisions allow flexibility where developers face barriers in conducting on-site activities, including monitoring and verification, due to security risks. Although the Principles and Requirements do not provide explicit provisions for temporary postponement of ex-post monitoring in politically unstable situations, the underlying intent—to prioritize safety while safeguarding environmental integrity—clearly applies in the present case. 2. Alignment with CDM Guidelines: Under standard monitoring requirements, ex-post monitoring must be completed within the validity period of the previous dataset. However, in situations where monitoring is temporarily infeasible due to external factors, deviations may be requested to extend or postpone the campaign, provided data integrity is preserved. <p>BURN's existing monitoring data remains valid until 19 October 2025, which allows for a temporary deferral without compromising data reliability or project integrity.</p> <p>Political and Security Situation in Côte d'Ivoire</p>	

The political climate in Côte d'Ivoire has grown increasingly tense in anticipation of the upcoming presidential elections on 25 October 2025. Historically, electoral periods have been accompanied by civil unrest, mobility restrictions, and local security incidents, particularly in urban centers.

- **Pre-election Period:** Security forces have increased their presence in major cities, with reports of sporadic protests and roadblocks.
- **Election Day (25 October 2025):** High likelihood of large gatherings and demonstrations, which may escalate into violence.
- **Post-election Period:** Potential for political disputes, contested results, and further unrest, as seen in previous elections.

These developments pose direct risks to enumerators, field teams, and local communities, and may also restrict movement, communication, and transportation, making monitoring logistically unfeasible during this period.

Proposed Deviation

BURN respectfully requests Gold Standard's authorization to:

- Postpone the scheduled ex-post usage/monitoring survey and KPT campaigns for Côte d'Ivoire VPA;
- Resume field activities no earlier than November 2025 or later depending on the stabilization of national security and freedom of movement.

Safeguards and Integrity

The proposed deviation upholds Gold Standard principles:

- **Environmental Integrity:** Conservative use of existing valid monitoring data prevents over-crediting.
- **Methodological Rigor:** Monitoring will resume as soon as conditions allow, ensuring data quality is maintained.
- **SDG Contributions:** The project continues to deliver health, environmental, and socio-economic benefits.

Host Country Compliance: The deviation is aligned with national security protocols and does not conflict with Ivorian regulations.

Conclusion

In view of the above, BURN requests Gold Standard's approval for a temporary deviation to suspend ex-post monitoring and KPT campaigns for Côte d'Ivoire VPA until at least November 2025. This deviation ensures personnel safety, adheres to international best practices in volatile contexts, and safeguards the integrity of monitoring and verification processes.

Reason for deviation	The upcoming presidential elections in Côte d'Ivoire on 25 October 2025 have created a volatile security situation with potential unrest and mobility restrictions. This makes it unsafe and logistically unfeasible to conduct ex-post monitoring and KPT campaigns during this period.						
Proposed resolution	Postpone field monitoring and KPT activities until security stabilizes and resumes no earlier than November 2025. This deviation would not alter any monitoring parameters, sampling strata, or emission-reduction calculations. Only the timing of fieldwork would shift to protect enumerators and households and ensure data integrity.						
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project design</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additionality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td><td>XYZ tCO₂e</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</p>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e		
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XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e						
Summary of the impact	There is no impact on the project design, safeguarding principles, SDG assessment, data quality, potential risk or any other aspects of the project due to this deviation. The VPA will abide by all Gold Standard requirements.						
Insert text here							

6.3 | VVB information

<p>Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?</p> <p><i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><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.*)

June 2025

- **APAnews (2025-06-14).** *Marche de milliers de militants du PDCI à Abidjan.* Agence de Presse Africaine (APAnews).
URL: <https://fr.apanews.net/cote-divoire/marche-de-milliers-de-militants-du-pdci-a-abidjan/>
Description: Reports that thousands of PDCI supporters marched in Abidjan on 14 June to protest the removal of opposition leader Tidjane Thiam from the electoral roll.

July 2025

- **news.abidjan.net (2025-07-24).** *Le Front Commun (PDCI-RDA & PPA-CI) annonce une grande marche pacifique prévue le 2 août.*
URL: <https://news.abidjan.net/articles/729881-le-front-commun-annonce-une-grande-marche-pacifique-prevue-le-2-aout>
Description: Opposition alliance comprising PDCI-RDA and PPA-CI announces a nationwide peaceful march scheduled for 2 August 2025 in Abidjan to demand electoral inclusion.
- **APAnews (2025-07-29).** *La marche pacifique du 2 août annulée par le préfet d'Abidjan.*
URL: <https://fr.apanews.net/cote-divoire/la-marche-pacifique-du-2-aout-annulee-par-le-prefet-dabidjan/>
Description: The Abidjan Prefecture issues a notice canceling the planned 2 August opposition march, citing administrative and public-order concerns.

August 2025

- **Le Monde (2025-08-09).** *Côte d'Ivoire : des milliers d'opposants défilent à Abidjan pour dire « Non à un quatrième mandat ! »*

URL: https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2025/08/09/cote-d-ivoire-des-milliers-d-opposants-defilent-a-abidjan-pour-dire-non-a-un-quatrieme-mandat-d-alassane-ouattara_6627628_3212.html

Description: Coverage of mass opposition rallies in Yopougon, Abidjan, where thousands protested peacefully against a fourth term for President Ouattara and the exclusion of Laurent Gbagbo and Tidjane Thiam from the race.

September 2025 (context setting)

- **France 24 (2025-09-05).** Côte d'Ivoire : le Conseil constitutionnel écarte Laurent Gbagbo et Tidjane Thiam de la présidentielle du 25 octobre.

URL: <https://www.france24.com/fr/afrique/20250905-cote-d-ivoire-le-conseil-constitutionnel-ecarte-laurent-gbagbo-et-tidjane-thiam-de-la-presidentielle-du-25-octobre>

Description: Reports the official exclusion of Gbagbo and Thiam from the October 2025 presidential race by the Constitutional Council, intensifying political tensions and public discontent.

October 2025

- **RFI (2025-10-03).** Présidentielle ivoirienne : les manifestations contre l'exclusion de candidats de l'opposition interdites.

URL: <https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20251003-pr%C3%A9sidentielle-ivoirienne-les-manifestations-contre-l-exclusion-de-candidats-de-l-opposition-interdites>

Description: Reports that the National Security Council (CNS) announced a total ban on protest gatherings challenging the exclusion of opposition candidates ahead of the October 25 elections.

- **Africanews (2025-10-02).** Ivory Coast bans all protests over opposition exclusions ahead of presidential vote.

URL: <https://www.africanews.com/2025/10/02/ivory-coast-bans-all-protests-over-opposition-exclusions-ahead-of-presidential-vote/>

Description: Confirms government prohibition on all demonstrations following heightened tensions and opposition mobilizations.

- **Le Monde (2025-10-03).** Présidentielle ivoirienne : le gouvernement interdit les manifestations contre l'exclusion de candidats d'opposition.

URL: https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2025/10/03/presidentielle-ivoirienne-du-25-octobre-le-gouvernement-interdit-les-manifestations-contre-l-exclusion-de-candidats-d-opposition_6644248_3212.html

Description: Summarizes the CNS ban and recounts the August 9 opposition march as part of a growing climate of restriction and political tension.

- **WADR (2025-10-04).** Côte d'Ivoire : la marche de l'opposition reportée au 11 octobre.

URL: <https://wadr.org/cote-divoire-la-marche-de-lopposition-reportee-au-11-octobre>

[octobre/](#)

Description: Reports that after the government forbade the 4 October opposition march, organizers postponed it to 11 October 2025.

- **RFI (2025-10-06).** Côte d'Ivoire : le PDCI dénonce l'arrestation arbitraire de huit militants à Abidjan.

URL: <https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20251006-cote-d-ivoire-le-pdci-denonce-l-arrestation-arbitraire-de-huit-militants-a-abidjan>

Description: Covers new arrests of eight PDCI members accused of violating protest restrictions, with opposition parties alleging arbitrary detentions in Abidjan.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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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"> - 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