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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](mailto: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-242
Date of decision	18/11/2025
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.

In all cases, the total sample size of all age groups shall be 100 samples as minimum.

#### 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> :	Carlotta Zini
Email ID <sup>4</sup> :	c.zini@southpole.com
Organisation: <sup>5</sup> :	CO2Logic
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	- GS10778 - GS10779 - GS10780 - GS10781 - GS11074

Host country(ies)	Burkina Faso
Project Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-14 – Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10778)</li> <li>- GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-15 – Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10779)</li> <li>- GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-16 – Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10780)</li> <li>- GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-17 – Improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS10781)</li> <li>- GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso- VPA-29- improved cookstove F3PA project in Nahouri (GS11074)</li> </ul>

<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

Registry link	- <a href="#">GS10778</a> - <a href="#">GS10779</a> - <a href="#">GS10780</a> - <a href="#">GS10781</a> - <a href="#">GS11074</a>											
Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input 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  <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design  <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project  <i>GS10778 : 12/03/2021</i> <i>GS10779 : 12/03/2021</i> <i>GS10780 : 12/03/2021</i> <i>GS10781 : 12/03/2021</i> <i>GS11074: 26/07/2021</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>  <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>								
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Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>									
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>									
	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 <b>Summary of the findings</b> <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	The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves
	Version	V. 1.0 (February 2013)
	Paragraph	4.2.b

**6.2 | Description of the deviation**

Title	Minimum sample size requirements for usage survey		
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	The sample size selection will be affected each year of the CP, this is due to continue poor security conditions in the country		
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2024	
	End date	31/12/2024	
Summarise the changes	<p>As per methodology applied : The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves v1.0</p> <p>This are the requirements in terms of sampling for usage/monitoring surveys (guidelines are the same of baseline survey):</p> <p>For option b, a survey is to be carried out amongst the end users to determine baseline fire wood consumption prior to implementation of the project activity. The survey should be conducted following simple random sampling approach and the minimum sample size should be determined as per the guidelines below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project target population &lt; 300: Minimum sample size 30</li> <li>Project target population 300 to 1000: Minimum sample size 10% of group size</li> <li>Project target population &gt; 1000 Minimum sample size 100</li> </ul> <p>However, due to every year problems related to safety in the country we ask for deviation in applying the requirements preview by same methodology but version 3, as per SMEC 16 parameter:</p>		

	<p>for the purpose of this methodology,</p> <p><b>a. Usage survey:</b> An in-person usage survey shall be conducted in a randomly selected minimum of 30 households per each age group. The usage survey may be combined with other annual monitoring activities as long as the minimum sample size requirement i.e., 30 households per each age group is complied with. The usage rate estimated for a particular age group may be</p> <p>age cohort being credited, except where the age cohort comprises fewer than 30 units, in which case all units shall be sampled.</p> <p><b>Gold Standard</b> 25</p> <hr/> <p><b>SIMPLIFIED METHODOLOGY FOR CLEAN AND EFFICIENT COOKSTOVES V3.0</b></p> <p>applied to the stove of the same age group in subsequent years<sup>15</sup> of the crediting period.</p> <p>In dangerous contexts, the main advantage of a reduced sample is the ability to conduct the research more quickly and discreetly:</p> <p>Reduced Exposure Time: A smaller sample requires less time for data collection. Less time spent in the field or in public places reduces the likelihood that the research team or participants will be identified by hostile elements or involved in security incidents.</p> <p>Greater Discretion and Operational Security: Conducting interviews to a limited number of people can be managed with greater secrecy and in safer locations. Attracting less attention is crucial.</p> <p>Protection of Participants: In areas where survey participation may lead to social or political repercussions (e.g., interviewing minorities or people on sensitive topics), a reduced sample and a quicker, more confidential data collection process are essential to protect the anonymity and physical safety of those interviewed.</p> <p>Refer to latest version of <a href="#">Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures</a> for requirements and guidelines</p>
Reason for deviation	<p><i>Safety issue still ongoing :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://www.acaps.org/en/countries/burkina-faso">https://www.acaps.org/en/countries/burkina-faso</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://africacenter.org/spotlight/security-narratives-burkina-faso/">https://africacenter.org/spotlight/security-narratives-burkina-faso/</a></li> </ul>
Proposed resolution	<p>Reducing the sample size and adjusting it on the basis of a minimum 30 per age-group as per parameter SMEC 16 of version 3 of <b>"The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Clean and Efficient Cookstoves"</b> will help in minimizing the exposure to security issue in the project area.</p>
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project design</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</p>



aspects of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Additionality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i>						
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	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...						
Summary of the impact	In the registered VPA-DDs the guidelines mentioned for sampling were the ones of the applied methodology "Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient cookstoves, February 2013 v1.0", we are asking to apply the guidelines for sampling mentioned in the v.3.0						
Insert text here							

### 6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? <i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under <a href="#">Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures</a> or request is submitted by the VVB.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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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. 408\_V1.0\_EE\_ICS\_Simplified-Methodology-for-Efficient-Cookstoves.pdf

Document 2. 408\_V3.0\_EE\_ICS\_Simplified-methodology-for-efficient-cookstove (7).pdf

**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>
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