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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	DEVREQ-297
Date of decision	27/01/2026
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input checked="" 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 conditionally approved.

This approval applies only to the requirements outlined in:

- Principles & Requirements, Section 5.1.37 (retroactive certification limit), and
- Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirement Procedures, Sections 3.1.1–3.1.2 (minimum site visit timelines).

The CME may claim credits for each of the mentioned VPAs for a period starting up to three (3) years prior to the date of the relevant VVB site visit, provided that the complete documentation for the affected VPAs is submitted to Gold Standard no later than 31 March 2026.

If the required submissions are not made by 31 March 2026, the project shall revert to the standard retroactive eligibility limits defined in the Principles & Requirements.

This deviation applies only to the VPAs listed in this request and does not set a precedent for other projects unless otherwise specified by Gold Standard.

The project shall continue to comply with all other applicable GS4GG requirements without exception.

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

The project developer shall report the deviation and its implications in the relevant project documentation.

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

The VVB shall:

- Verify that the submission is made by 31 March 2026 as required by this deviation.
- Confirm and document:
 - o The actual dates of site visits for each VPA.

- The appropriateness of applying the extended retroactive claim window based on those dates.
- The project’s compliance with all other relevant GS4GG requirements.
- Explicitly include an assessment of this deviation and its implications in the VVB opinion.
- Highlight any compliance risks arising from the deviation or its application.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The GS reviewer shall cross-check PD and VVB’s reporting and shall provide their opinion on the appropriateness and compliance.

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 :	Greg Cesare
Email ID ⁴ :	gcesare@climeco.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	ClimeCo Blue LLC.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS 12070 GS XXXX	GS 12071 GS 12303
Host country(ies)	International		
Project Title	GS12070 - Marsoft/ClimeCo Programme for Retrofit Energy Efficiency Measures in Shipping GS12070 VPA-1 Marsoft/ClimeCo Energy Efficiency Shipping Retrofits GS12070 VPA-2 Marsoft/ClimeCo Energy Efficiency Shipping Retrofits		
Registry link	GSF Registry , GSF Registry , GSF Registry		
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		

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

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	12/07/2023	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy
	13/07/2023			
	12/09/2023			
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	DEV763, DEVRQ_234
Status of the deviation	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Summary of the findings

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

Title	Principles and Requirements; Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirements and Procedures
Version	Version 2.1; 3.1

Standard document reference	Paragraph	Section 5.1.37; Section 3.1
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6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	<i>Extension of Design Certification, Performance Review and Site Visit Deadlines</i>	
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)
	<i>This is a deviation prior to submission to Gold Standard for certification, therefore we select "Permanent"</i>	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	16/04/2021
	End date	31/12/2023
Summarise the changes	<p>The relevant requirement being deviated from is found in Gold Standard Document – Principles and Requirements, Section 5.1.37 which states:</p> <p><i>"The maximum period for Retroactive Certification is two years prior to the date of Project Design Certification unless otherwise stated in a specific Methodology or Product Requirements."</i></p> <p>Associated with this, the other requirement being deviated from is found in Gold Standard Document – Site Visit and Remote Audit Requirement Procedures which states:</p> <p><i>"3.1.1 At minimum, the VVB shall conduct physical site visit within two years of project start date; and 3.1.2 Once within every three years after the first physical site visit date"</i></p> <p>We request a deviation from these timelines.</p>	
Reason for deviation	<p><i>The program has experienced significant delays in the validation and verification process including having to change the lead verifier part way through the process and required updates to the approach to additionality to comply with the new requirements of Gold Standard's "Requirements for Additionality Demonstration".</i></p> <p><i>The expectation was that GS12071 would have been approved as the first VPA in the GS12070 POA. Once these were approved, GS12303 would proceed with verification under the POA. However, delays in the certification of the POA and 1st VPA compounded the ability to move forward with GS12303 along the timeline requirements.</i></p> <p><i>The site visit and certification requirements were thus deviated from due to the delays in getting GS12071 approved by Gold Standard prior to these timelines being missed. A verification site visit for GS12303</i></p>	

	<i>was held on October 14th, 2025 with the VVB. A site visit for GS12070 and GS12071 was completed on December 19, 2023.</i>						
Proposed resolution	<p>We propose to extend the period for completion of validation and verification and submittal of the projects to Gold Standard by March 31, 2026.</p> <p>This deviation does not impact the accuracy, completeness, or conservativeness of the emission reductions being created by the project. The deviation allows for sufficient time to complete the validation and verification of the project.</p>						
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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project design <input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles <input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Additionality <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #00a6c9; color: white;"> <th style="width: 50%;">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> <td style="text-align: center;">XYZ tCO_{2e}</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO _{2e}	XYZ tCO _{2e}	<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...	
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<input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...							
Summary of the impact	<p>There is no impact to the project.</p> <p>This deviation does not impact the any aspect of the project.</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 Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.*)

Document 1.

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: <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