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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	DEVREQ-325
Date of decision	28/01/2026
Decision	<input checked="" 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 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 for combined verification of the following VPAs with their monitoring periods is approved given that this is the last verification and the end dates are slightly different:

- GS2456 (VPA-01): 01/01/2024 – 04/02/2025
- GS3516 (VPA-02): 01/01/2024 – 07/02/2025
- GS3517 (VPA-03): 01/01/2024 – 02/02/2025
- GS3518 (VPA-04): 01/01/2024 – 05/02/2025
- GS3519 (VPA-05): 01/01/2024 – 01/02/2025
- GS3520 (VPA-06): 01/01/2024 – 10/02/2025
- GS3521 (VPA-07): 01/01/2024 – 13/02/2025
- GS3522 (VPA-08): 01/01/2024 – 01/02/2025
- GS3523 (VPA-09): 01/01/2024 – 01/02/2025
- GS3524 (VPA-10): 01/01/2024 – 02/02/2025

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

The CME shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the CME. The CME shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The CME shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the project document.

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

The validating VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide VVB opinion in the validation 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? <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	

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<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> :	Alexia Timmermans
Email ID <sup>4</sup> :	<a href="mailto:a.timmermans@southpole.com">a.timmermans@southpole.com</a>
Organisation: <sup>5</sup> :	South Pole (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	GS2456 GS3516 GS3517 GS3518 GS3519 GS3520 GS3521 GS3522 GS3523 GS3524
Host country(ies)	Burkina Faso		
Project Title	GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-01 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-02 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum		

<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

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-03 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-04 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-05 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-06 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-07 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-08 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

GS1340 Efficient cookstoves in Burkina Faso - VPA-09 - tiipaalga F3PA cookstoves in Bam and Loroum

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Registry link

<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1398>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1399>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/615>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/616>  
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<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/618>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/619>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1432>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/636>  
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/637>

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*

*dd/mm/yyyy*

*dd/mm/yyyy*

*dd/mm/yyyy*

*dd/mm/yyyy*

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	<input type="checkbox"/> CDM
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<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	Program of activities
	Version	3.0
	Paragraph	8.5.8

### 6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Combined verification of VPA's with different end dates	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<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)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2024
	End date	13/02/2025
Summarise the changes	For the last verification of this project, the VPA's included in the batched request don't have the same end of crediting period, so not the same end date of monitoring period. The start date of the 10 VPA's	

	<p>is slightly different (ranging from 01/02/2015 – 13/02/2015). Here is a summary of the proposed end dates of the monitoring periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GS2456 (VPA-01): 01/01/2024 – 04/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3516 (VPA-02): 01/01/2024 – 07/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3517 (VPA-03): 01/01/2024 – 02/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3518 (VPA-04): 01/01/2024 – 05/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3519 (VPA-05): 01/01/2024 – 01/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3520 (VPA-06): 01/01/2024 – 10/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3521 (VPA-07): 01/01/2024 – 13/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3522 (VPA-08): 01/01/2024 – 01/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3523 (VPA-09): 01/01/2024 – 01/02/2025</li> <li>- GS3524 (VPA-10): 01/01/2024 – 02/02/2025</li> </ul> <p>These end dates are slightly different, because it depends on the installation of the first improved cookstove per VPA.</p>						
Reason for deviation	<p>Since this is the last monitoring period for this project, we would like to request to be allowed to verify all these 10 VPA's together in one monitoring report. The PD will make sure to make precise calculations to respect the different end dates for each VPA.</p>						
Proposed resolution	<p>Following a clarification request that was submitted to Gold Standard, the PD would like to request the approval to have a batched verification of these 10 VPA's of GS1340, even if the end date of each VPA is slightly different.</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"> <li><input 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 type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i></li> </ul> <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>XYZ tCO<sub>2e</sub></td> <td>XYZ tCO<sub>2e</sub></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 <sub>2e</sub>	XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>		
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XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>	XYZ tCO <sub>2e</sub>						
Summary of the impact	<p>Describe the impact of the deviation on each relevant aspect of the project as selected above. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.</p>						
<p>Insert text here</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</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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<a href="#"><u>Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures</u></a> or request is submitted by the VVB.	
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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. CLRQ-266
- 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"> <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