

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-381
Date of decision	17/05/2026
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

The request is conditionally approved.

The project developer shall apply the most conservative usage rates for the missing annual usage survey by using the lowest usage rates from the previous and current monitoring survey.

Please note the deviation is limited to the specified monitoring period and will not be considered a precedent for future deviations

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

The Project Developer:

1. shall ensure that future monitoring surveys are conducted in accordance with the required frequency under the applicable methodology
2. is encouraged to strengthen systems to ensure complete and accurate household registration, in line with current Gold Standard requirements and to implement appropriate planning to ensure availability of age eligible samples for future monitoring

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

VVB shall :

1. confirm that the sampling approach remains statistically valid and representative
2. assess and confirm that the use of delayed survey data does not result in overestimation of emission reductions

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 :	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?	☒ Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☒ VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS 11673 GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Republic of Senegal		
Project Title	GS10789 VPA 81 Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Senegal		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3832		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	☐ Listed	☐ Certified design	☒ Certified project ☐ Other <i>If other, specify 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

date of latest status	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	25/07/2023	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	☐ 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	Insert Text here
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	Methodology: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption
	Version	Version number V 3.1
	Paragraph	Section 3.0 MONITORING METHODOLOGY

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation from Annual Monitoring Frequency for Senegal 81 Project
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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)																																																		
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Summarise the changes	Background and Context BURN successfully completed the MP1 usage and monitoring survey between 31 July 2023 and 23 November 2023, in accordance with Gold Standard requirements under TPDDTEC Version 3.1. The subsequent MP2 usage survey was conducted between 24 March 2025 and 18 March 2026, covering Monitoring Period 2 (August 2023 to December 2025). The interval between MP1 and MP2 surveys therefore exceeded the standard 12-month requirement by approximately 16 months from the close of MP1. Reason for Delay The delay arose from two distinct, sequential causes: 1. Insufficient age-eligible stoves in 2024 (survey postponement) Under TPDDTEC v3.1, usage surveys must be conducted on age-eligible stoves within each defined age group. At the time of database generation in September 2024, the 3–4 year age cohort contained only 63 registered stoves, none of which met the age-eligibility criteria required to constitute a statistically valid sample. Proceeding with a survey in 2024 would have produced a non-compliant dataset with no representation for this cohort. Fieldwork was accordingly postponed to March 2025, when sufficient households became age-eligible. 2. Incomplete household registration records (extended fieldwork duration) Prior to Gold Standard's June 2024 requirement for 100% end-user registration, a significant portion of stoves distributed between 2021 and 2023 were registered without complete household contact details. This resulted in multiple age cohorts having limited numbers of valid, contactable samples. Locating eligible households — particularly within older cohorts — proved operationally difficult and extended the fieldwork period from March 2025 through March 2026. See screenshots below: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Start Date of Monitor</th> <th colspan="2">16-Sep-24</th> <th colspan="2"></th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th>Age Group</th> <th>Start Date</th> <th>End Date</th> <th>Valid Registrations</th> <th>Total Distribute</th> <th></th> <th>Age Eligible stoves</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Age group 3-4</td> <td>19-Aug-21</td> <td>16-Sep-23</td> <td>63</td> <td>3,092</td> <td>Only 0% of registrations are older than 42 month</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age group 2-3</td> <td>17-Sep-21</td> <td>16-Sep-23</td> <td>453</td> <td>7,221</td> <td>Only 27% of registrations are older than 30 month</td> <td>326</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age group 1-2</td> <td>17-Sep-22</td> <td>16-Sep-23</td> <td>3,034</td> <td>7,646</td> <td>Only 91% of registrations are older than 18 month</td> <td>2,765</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age group 0-1</td> <td>17-Sep-23</td> <td>16-Sep-24</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">TOTALS</td> <td>3,550</td> <td>17,959</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Start Date of Monitor		16-Sep-24					Age Group	Start Date	End Date	Valid Registrations	Total Distribute		Age Eligible stoves	Age group 3-4	19-Aug-21	16-Sep-23	63	3,092	Only 0% of registrations are older than 42 month	-	Age group 2-3	17-Sep-21	16-Sep-23	453	7,221	Only 27% of registrations are older than 30 month	326	Age group 1-2	17-Sep-22	16-Sep-23	3,034	7,646	Only 91% of registrations are older than 18 month	2,765	Age group 0-1	17-Sep-23	16-Sep-24	-	-		-	TOTALS			3,550	17,959		
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Age group 3-4	19-Aug-2021	24-Mar-2022	190	5,947	81
Age group 2-3	25-Mar-2022	24-Mar-2023	3,234	10,515	439
Age group 1-2	25-Mar-2023	24-Mar-2024	106	1,497	106
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Deviation Basis

Applicable Provisions

TPDDTEC Version 3.1 requires usage surveys to be conducted on an annual basis. The MP2 survey was completed outside this window due to the circumstances described above.

Conservativeness of Monitoring Results

The delay does not introduce any risk of overestimation or over-crediting. On the contrary, it introduces a conservative bias, consistent with well-documented field trends in cookstove performance:

- Stove efficiency declines over time due to wear and tear of components
- Usage rates tend to decrease as novelty effects diminish and behavioural patterns shift
- Older cohorts surveyed at a later stage are expected to exhibit lower adoption and performance metrics

A survey conducted at a later point in a stove's lifecycle will therefore capture lower usage rates than an earlier survey would have, resulting in more conservative — not inflated — emission reduction estimates.

Proposed Deviation

BURN requests Gold Standard's approval to accept the MP2 usage survey (conducted 24 March 2025 – 18 March 2026) as the basis for Monitoring Period 2 (August 2023 – December 2025), notwithstanding the deviation from the annual survey timing requirement under TPDDTEC v3.1.

Safeguards and Integrity

The proposed deviation is consistent with Gold Standard principles across all material dimensions:

- **Environmental integrity:** The delayed survey timing introduces conservative bias; emission reductions are not overstated
- **Methodological compliance:** Survey design, sampling, and execution conform to TPDDTEC v3.1 requirements in all respects other than timing
- **Transparency:** The cause, timeline, and implications of the delay are fully disclosed
- **No over-crediting risk:** No aspect of the deviation results in inflated emission reduction estimates

BURN is implementing corrective measures for future monitoring cycles, including targeted registration drives to increase the number of

	households with complete and contactable records, in line with the Gold Standard's June 2024 registration requirements. Conclusion BURN requests approval for a deviation from the annual survey timing requirement under TPDDTEC v3.1 for Monitoring Period 2. The delay was caused by objective constraints — insufficient age-eligible stoves and incomplete registration records — neither of which was within BURN's control at the time. The resulting monitoring data remains conservative, methodologically sound, and fully transparent, with no risk of over-crediting.						
Reason for deviation	The deviation is due to the following constraints: • Incomplete registration data from earlier sales cohorts • Age eligibility limitations within required strata • Household traceability challenges over time • Extremely small valid sample pools These factors made monitoring in 2024 operationally and statistically infeasible						
Proposed resolution	To seek approval to accept the delayed MP2 usage survey and allow the use of the collected data for emission reduction calculations for the period from August 2023 to end os December 2025.						
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☒ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i> <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> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	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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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

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

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.*)

N/A

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