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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-384
Date of decision	02/04/2026
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 has been approved as per paragraph 3.3.2 of the P&R: Requirements for Paris Agreement Alignment, Version 1.0, a grant period of six months from the publication date of the PA-aligned versions of the concerned methodologies is provided for projects, PoAs, and VPAs to renew their current crediting period.

VPAs may claim emission reductions and SDG impacts for the period of delay in their renewal, provided that the CME successfully submits the design certification renewal within six months of the PA-aligned methodology becoming available.

The project shall comply with all other requirements apart from the one specified in the deviation request and this decision.

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

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

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
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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.

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>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> :	PETER SCOTT
Email ID <sup>4</sup> :	<a href="mailto:peter.scott@burnmfg.com">peter.scott@burnmfg.com</a>
Organisation: <sup>5</sup> :	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	GS11603 GS11606
Host country(ies)	Kenya, Mozambique		
Project Title	GS11603: GS10789 GS10790 RVPA-8: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Kenya GS11606: GS10789 GS10790 RVPA-10: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Mozambique		
Registry link	<a href="https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS11603">https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS11603</a> <a href="https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS11606">https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/project-documents/GS11606</a>		
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>		

<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

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
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		<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	Principles and Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	

## 6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title											
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	Dd/mm/yyyy									
	End date	Dd/mm/yyyy									
Summarise the changes	<p>We are writing to formally request your approval to delay in submission of projects to Renewal of Crediting Period (RCP) reviews for the following VPAs: GS11603, GS11606.</p> <p>Crediting period of VPAs</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>GS Id</th> <th>CP1</th> <th>Start date of CP2/due date for submission for RCP</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>GS11603</td> <td>31/03/2021 - 30/03/2026</td> <td>31/03/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GS11606</td> <td>02/04/2021 - 01/04/2026</td> <td>02/04/2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The VPAs are currently under CP1, with the start date of Crediting Period 2 (CP2) set as 31/03/2026 and 02/04/2026 respectively for the VPAs GS11603 and GS11606.</p> <p>We would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your guidance and approval.</p>		GS Id	CP1	Start date of CP2/due date for submission for RCP	GS11603	31/03/2021 - 30/03/2026	31/03/2026	GS11606	02/04/2021 - 01/04/2026	02/04/2026
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	GS11603	31/03/2021 - 30/03/2026	31/03/2026								
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	Reason for deviation		<p>All the projects are under CP1 with version 4 of the methodology. As per Gold Standard requirements, projects seeking issuance for emission reductions generated from 2026 (i.e. CP2) onwards must undergo revalidation or complete a design change in line with the revised version of TPDDTEC methodology prior to verification. Accordingly, these VPAs will be required to complete a design change to update the applied methodology version before any issuance under CP2 can take place. However, the revised version of the methodology has not yet been published.</p> <p>Given that emission reductions under CP2 will only be generated under CP2, proceeding with RCP approval under the current methodology would likely result in duplicative work and</p>								

	avoidable costs, as a subsequent design change will be mandatory prior to issuance.				
Proposed resolution	In light of the above, we kindly request your approval to delay in submission of RCP beyond the deadline until the revised methodology is published. Upon its release, CME will promptly update the project documentation accordingly and submit the RCP documentation.				
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" style="width: 100%; background-color: #00a6c9; color: white;"> <thead> <tr> <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> </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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Summary of the impact	<p>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.</p> <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>				

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 <a href="#">Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures</a> 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.
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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"> <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