

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	DEVREQ-398
Date of decision	15/04/2026
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 Gold Standard Secretariat, having reviewed the request from China Certification Centre Inc. (CCCI) for an extension of the current approval period in order to conclude the re-approval process, and taking into account the precedent set by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on similar cases has decided to grant an extension of three months to the existing approval period.

Accordingly, the current approval, originally valid until 27 April 2026, is hereby extended and will now remain valid until 27 July 2026. This extension allows for sufficient time for the completion of the re-approval process.

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

In accordance with the VVB requirements (section 7.4.5) if the VVB does not close its application within the period granted, until 27 July 2026:

- Projects submitted for design certification and performance certification before the end of the approval period, shall be reviewed as usual
- Validation and verification services contracted before the end of the approval period, can be performed as usual. However, should the validation/verification report be submitted after the end of the approval period, the design/performance certification may only commence after the VVB's re-approval is confirmed by Gold Standard.
- The VVB may not sign new validation/verification contracts without valid approval (i.e. in the period between the end of the approval period and the date of re approval confirmation)

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? 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)	

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 :	Hong Dandan
Email ID ⁴ :	ccci_ghg@126.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	China Certification Center, Inc.
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 XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)			
Project Title			
Registry link			
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☐ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed dd/mm/yyyy	☐ Certified design dd/mm/yyyy	☐ Certified project dd/mm/yyyy
			☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> dd/mm/yyyy

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

Applied version of Standard	☐ GS4GG			
	☐ Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
		☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2
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 <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.			☐ 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 <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	Validation-Verification-Body-Requirements
	Version	V3.0
	Paragraph	9.2.2

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	A deviation request for 3-month extension of Approval	
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)

	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	CCCI's GS VVB accreditation is set to expire on 27 of April 2026. CCCI made the decision of application for re-approval at the beginning of this year and finished the payment of application fee on 16 Jan 2026. And the re-approval application form with relevant document have been submitted this Monday. In the consideration of the duration of re-approval assessment process, CCCI submit this deviation request for 3-month extension of Approval to keep the continuity of authorization.	
Reason for deviation	Due to the long holiday of Chinese Spring Festival and healthy problem of the person in charge of documents, the re-approval application form and relevant supporting documents were delivered later than a proper expectation date, which might cause a gap between the present approval and the re-approval. To ensure the submission of existing projects, CCCI applies for a deviation request.	
Proposed resolution	In terms of quality management system, the entire quality management system continues to operate smoothly. CCCI maintained its 15-scope verification and validation accreditation through a regular assessment by EB in November 2024. And got the re-accreditation approval with a validity from 20 March 2025 to 17 April 2030. In terms of personnel, the 5 auditors responsible for GS projects complete CDM or VCS projects every year and participate in relevant internal and external training programs to familiarize themselves with verification and validation methodologies. These auditors have studied the GS Study Guide and relevant documents and have passed the GS online exam, their capabilities will not have any negative impact on the validation and verification projects. Five auditors (HONG DANDAN, GUO JIAYUAN, LI YING, LI YITING, STEFAN LIANG) have completed online exams and are now carrying out the verification and validation work for the signed projects. CCCI also plans to sign new GS projects in 2026, and negotiations for these projects are currently underway.	
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>)	

	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation XYZ tCO_{2e} XYZ tCO_{2e} ☐ any other matrix, please specify...
Summary of the impact	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.
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 Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i>	Yes ☐ No ☒ <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.

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: - 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