

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-408
Date of decision	07/05/2026
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 deviation request is approved, subject to the condition that the project developer implements a design change to modify the start of the crediting period. The duration of the third crediting period shall remain unchanged as originally approved.

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

The VVB shall assess whether any issues arise from the revision to the crediting period start date and provide their opinion in the design change validation report.

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)	
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 :	Mehmet Gültekin
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Organisation: ⁵	ITC-KA Enerji Üretim Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş.
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	GS 1068	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Turkey		
Project Title	Bursa-Hamitler Landfill Gas Collection and Energy Utilization Project		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/53		
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	30/01/2026	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		31/08/2022	
	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	DEV_228		
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 There were no findings raised during any certification step that are relevant to this deviation request.		

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	Version number V2.1
	Paragraph	para 5.1.45

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Request for Deviation – Adjustment of 3 rd Crediting Period Start Date
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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)	
	<i>The requested deviation is of a permanent nature, as it relates to a structural adjustment of the crediting period start date for the third crediting period. The revised start date will apply to the entire crediting period and is not limited to a single monitoring period or temporary circumstance.</i>			
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	N/A		
	End date	N/A		
Summarise the changes	The start date of the third crediting period is proposed to be revised from 19/05/2026 to 01/01/2026 in order to align the entire 2026 vintage period with the Paris Agreement-aligned methodology A6.4-AMM-001.			
Reason for deviation	A clarification was previously sought from the Secretariat regarding this matter, and it was confirmed that a deviation request should be submitted to allow the adjustment of the crediting period start date. The deviation is requested to ensure that all emission reductions generated in 2026 are eligible under the Paris Agreement-aligned framework for 2026+ vintages.			
Proposed resolution	Approval is requested to allow the third crediting period to commence on 01/01/2026, while maintaining the maximum crediting period duration of 7 years, with the understanding that issuance beyond 31/12/2032 will be forgone.			
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 (if yes, fill the table below)			
	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation		Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	
	XYZ tCO ₂ e		XYZ tCO ₂ e	
	☐ any other matrix, please specify...			
Summary of the impact	The requested deviation does not impact the project design, monitoring plan, emission reduction calculation, or environmental integrity of the project. The monitoring system has remained unchanged since registration, and necessary data have been properly recorded and archived and will be made available to the VVB during verification.			
Regarding the crediting period renewal of the GS1068: Bursa-Hamitler Landfill Gas Collection and Energy Utilization Project, a deviation request is hereby submitted concerning the start date of the third crediting period.				

The current second crediting period is scheduled to end on 18/05/2026. In line with the transition to the Paris Agreement-aligned methodology A6.4-AMM-001, it is intended to initiate the third crediting period on 01/01/2026, instead of 19/05/2026.

This request is made to ensure that emission reductions generated throughout the entirety of the 2026 calendar year are accounted for under the Paris Agreement-aligned framework, thereby avoiding a split application of methodologies within the same year.

It is acknowledged that the crediting period duration will remain limited to 7 years, and that this adjustment would result in foregoing potential issuance beyond 31/12/2032.

It is also noted that the CP3 renewal request has not yet been submitted to GS; however, the VVB review process for the renewal is currently ongoing. In line with Gold Standard requirements, submission is planned to be completed by 18/05/2026, corresponding to the end of the second crediting period.

The proposed deviation does not impact the project design, monitoring approach, or baseline assumptions. It is limited to the alignment of the crediting period start date with the requirements for Paris Agreement-aligned methodologies and vintages.

Approval is kindly requested to allow the third crediting period to commence on 01/01/2026.

Thank you for your consideration.

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?

VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under [Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures](#) or request is submitted by the VVB.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.

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