

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-425
Date of decision	16/05/2026
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 has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual report for the 2023 verification period.

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

The project developer shall establish and implement a process/procedure to ensure that Annual Reports are submitted annually, no later than the end of the year.

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

The verifying VVB shall verify compliance with the requirement, as stipulated in the applicable version of Principles & Requirements and report its opinion in the report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the project developer and the VVB for appropriateness, accuracy and consistency.

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
Email ID ⁴ :	mehmet.gultekin@itcturkiye.com
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 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	Principles and Requirements
	Version	Version number V2.1
	Paragraph	para 5.1.39

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Request for Deviation – Delayed Submission of FY2023 Annual Report
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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)
	This deviation is temporary and limited to FY2023 only. It is a one-time occurrence, and the submission of Annual Reports for subsequent years will continue to be conducted in a timely manner in accordance with the applicable requirements.	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2023
	End date	31/12/2023
Summarise the changes	A deviation is requested for the delayed and inconsistent submission of the FY2023 Annual Report. The report was initially submitted on 11/12/2023 with a monitoring period covering the full 2023 calendar year, which was not aligned with the requirement that Annual Reports should be submitted after the completion of the reporting year. Subsequently, the Annual Report was uploaded again; however, in this case, the monitoring period reflected the previous verification dates rather than the full 2023 calendar year. As a result, both submissions contained inconsistencies in terms of monitoring period definition. No clarification or correction request was received from Gold Standard at the time of these submissions. During the current performance certification review, this issue has been identified, and therefore a deviation is requested to allow submission of a corrected Annual Report for FY2023 covering the appropriate monitoring period.	
Reason for deviation	The deviation is required due to errors in the monitoring period definition in the previously submitted FY2023 Annual Reports. The first submission incorrectly covered the full 2023 year despite being submitted before year-end, while the second submission reflected previous verification period dates instead of the full reporting year. Although both submissions were accepted without any comments or requests for revision from Gold Standard at the time, it has now been identified that neither submission fully complies with the applicable reporting requirements. As a result, the FY2023 Annual Report is now considered delayed. Since retrospective correction of previously submitted reports is not feasible, a deviation is required to regularize the situation by allowing a corrected submission. This is a one-time issue specific to FY2023. Measures have been put in place to ensure that future Annual Reports will be prepared and submitted correctly and within the required timelines.	
Proposed resolution	A corrected Annual Report for FY2023, covering the full period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023, will be prepared and submitted.	
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>				
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	☐ 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.				

A deviation is requested for the FY2023 Annual Report of the Bursa-Hamitler Landfill Gas Collection and Energy Utilization Project due to inconsistencies identified in the previously submitted reports. The Annual Report was uploaded twice. In the first submission (dated 11/12/2023), the monitoring period was incorrectly defined as covering the full 2023 calendar year, despite the reporting year not yet being completed. In the second submission, the report was uploaded in line with the expectation that Annual Reports should be submitted in the following year; however, in this case, the monitoring period was incorrectly aligned with the previous verification dates rather than the full 2023 reporting period. Consequently, both submissions contained errors in the definition of the monitoring period.

At the time of these submissions, no clarification or correction request was received from Gold Standard, and it was therefore reasonably assumed that the reports were acceptable. However, during the current review process, it has been identified that the 2023 Annual Report does not fully comply with GS4GG Principles and Requirements (V2.1, Para 5.1.39) and CL 4.8.1. As a result, the submission of the correct Annual Report is now considered delayed.

It is important to note that this issue is limited solely to the definition of the monitoring period and does not affect the project design, monitoring data, emission reductions, or any project design/monitoring parameters. The data reported across previous submissions has remained consistent, complete, and verifiable. Therefore, the environmental integrity, accuracy, and conservativeness of the project have not been impacted.

As a proposed resolution, a revised and fully compliant Annual Report for 2023, covering the complete period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023, has been prepared and submitted along with this deviation form.

Through this deviation request, approval is requested to allow the delayed re-submission of the corrected FY2023 Annual Report. This is a one-time issue specific to FY2023, and due attention will be given to ensure that future reports are submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the applicable requirements.

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</i>	Yes ☐ No ☒ <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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<u>Procedures</u> 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.	
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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