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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_90 |
| Date of decision | 18/03/2025 |
| Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary] |

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The request for deviation is approved. The CME shall continue with the preliminary review 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

N/A

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4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

N/A

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

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| Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ² | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Precedent details (if applicable to other activities) | |
| N/A | |

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 : | Gérald Baiwir |
| Email ID ⁴ : | g.baiwir@aderco.com |
| Organisation: ⁵ | Aderco International SA |
| Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

5.3 | Background information

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| Type | <input type="checkbox"/> Project activity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX | <input type="checkbox"/> VPA |
| GS ID | | GS 12375 | GS 13097 |
| Host country(ies) | No host country as ships are travelling internationally | | |
| Project Title | Enhanced fuel combustion and engine efficiency project, vegetal organic fuel treatment | | |
| Registry link | https://platform.sustain-cert.com/certification/projects/3622 | | |
| 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> | | |
| Certification Status and corresponding | <input type="checkbox"/> Listed | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Preliminary Review</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

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| date of latest status | dd/mm/yyyy | dd/mm/yyyy | dd/mm/yyyy | 02.01.2025 (findings report) |
| 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 | | dd/mm/yyyy | |
| | From another standard to GS4GG | | dd/mm/yyyy | |
| | 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 type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Energy Efficiency – transport sector</i> | | | |

5.4 | Project deviation history

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Reference number | DEV 530 |
| Status of the deviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Summary of the findings PD was requested to explain in the PoA DD how the methodology is applicable to the PoA further to the rejection of the Deviation Request (PoA DD section A1) |

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

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| Standard document reference | Title | Rule update on Revision to Preliminary Requirements and Procedure |
| | Version | V 2.0 |
| | Paragraph | Paragraph 2.2.1 |

6.2 | Description of the deviation

| Title | <i>Preliminary review start date extension</i> | | | | | | | |
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| Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period) | <input checked="" 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 | | | | | | | |
| | End date | | | | | | | |
| Summarise the changes | <p>The PD initiated the Preliminary review on 04.12.2024 while the Project start date is 28.11.2023, therefore the one year period for the start of the Preliminary Review is not met by 7 calendar days. Unfortunately the PD was not timely aware of the revision of the Rule update on Revision to Preliminary Requirements and Procedure which was published on 12.11.2024.</p> <p>As this is a new requirement that was enforced less than a month from the Preliminary Start, the PD ask for an extension of the maximum period between the Project start date and the Preliminary Review start date of 10 calendar days.</p> <p>Refer to latest version of Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures for requirements and guidelines</p> | | | | | | | |
| Reason for deviation | The deviation is requested because the PD was not timely aware of the rule and acted in good faith. | | | | | | | |
| Proposed resolution | <p>The extension of the period between the Start of the Project and the start of the Preliminary review by 10 calendar days would allow the PD to start the Preliminary Review within the authorized time frame.</p> <p>This proposal would not impact the integrity of the project and any methodology requirements.</p> | | | | | | | |
| 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 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"> <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> <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 ₂ e | XYZ tCO ₂ e | | |
| Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation | Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation | | | | | | | |
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| Summary of the impact | The Deviation Request won't have any impact on the project validation, verification and any other actual or future impact on the project . |
| Insert text here | |

6.3 | VVB information

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| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <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.

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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.*)

No supporting documents are provided for this deviation request

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"> - 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 |