



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **14.1.2021**

Version **4.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 06/12/2021

1.2 | Decision

The applied deviation request is **not approved**. The Gold Standard requirements are that the projects that were under the listing or validation process at the time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017) can request for registration/design review with the applied version of the standard before 23/11/2021. The project developer failed to meet this deadline. The GS Secretariat and TAC do not consider reasons provided by the PD sufficient justification for granting an extension to the submission deadline.

1.3 | Is this decision applicable to other project activities under similar circumstances?

No

B. To be completed by the Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB requesting deviation (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

2 | Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_208	
Date of decision	06/12/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	22/11/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID - GS1168
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Afyon 4.2 MW Biogas Power Plant Project	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Turkey	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Request for exemption, since project is not able to meet the submission deadline which stipulates that "Projects that were under the listing or validation process at time of launch of GS4GG (01/07/2017) can request for registration/design review with applied version of the standard before 23/11/2021"	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	Revised Consolidated baseline methodology for GHG emission reductions from manure management systems and municipal solid waste" (Ver. 07.0.0)	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date	End date
Submitted by	Contact person name: Bayram Gebes	
	Email ID: bayram.gebes@afyonenerji.com.tr	
	Organisation: Afyon Enerji ve Gübre Üretim Ticaret ve Sanayi A.Ş.	
	Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<p>or request is submitted by the VVB).</p>	<p>If yes; VVB name: Auditor name:</p>
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3 | Deviation detail

3.1 | Description of the deviation:

3.1.1 | Deviation detail (to be completed by Project developer):

Afyon Enerji ve Gübre Üretim Ticaret ve Sanayi A.Ş. , the project developer, in the light of recent COVID events and movement restrictions, requests the following exemption for not meeting the project transition deadline of November 23rd, 2021:

The project was under validation and was initial submitted for the design certification on **29/01/2015** and we have received the first round of the review comments from the GS, however project developer went into deep financial trouble and could not proceed with GS registration. After finding the financial normalcy due to unexpected and abrupt lockdowns and other forms of disruption caused by the impact of Covid-19 in Turkey, our offices have been intermittently closed, and travel to and from the office and the field has been halted and therefore the registration have been significantly delayed.

Our GS account which was managed by the independent consultant have gone incognito. To reactive the GS registration procedure we have appointed a new consultant on **03/09/2021**.

The PP would like to register that it has not casually pursued qualification for Gold Standard carbon credits and in fact has always considered them a major factor in the success or failure of the projects. This is borne out by the fact that the PP contracted a VVB and appointed a new consultant for the project. Furthermore, the PP has held local stakeholder consultation meetings in line with the Gold Standard requirements in order to facilitate successful qualification for Gold Standard carbon credits.

3.1.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

Not Applicable

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

3.2.1 | Deviation assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

Timeline of dates relevant to submission for preliminary review.

1. Afyon Enerji ve Gübre Üretim Ticaret ve Sanayi A.Ş. Board Meeting where Directors agree to register the projects to Gold Standard – 17/06/2011
2. Date of signing the contract with VVB – 06/03/2013 & 17/02/2014
3. Movement of persons and machinery have been restricted; hence some work has been delayed and some has been halted due to covid.
4. Stakeholder meetings – 09/03/2012
5. Submitted for the GS listing - 03/02/2021
6. Submitted for the first design review - - 29/01/2015

With all above listed justifications for delay and owing to the current world pandemic situation, PP would like to reaffirm that registering the project with the GS was always on the top priority and in spite of many barriers PP is still committed to GS registration of the project.

3.2.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

Not Applicable

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

3.3.1 | Impact assessment (to be completed by Project developer):

In the current situation of restriction across the world, PP feels that providing exemption from the deadline will be a better option. This will not have any impact on the quality of credits it will generate. Also, it will give an opportunity to the PP, to fulfill their commitment towards registration of the project with GS.

3.3.2 | VVB opinion (to be completed by VVB, if applicable):

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3.4 | Documents: