

TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Decision

**1.1 | Date – 19/07/2022**

**1.2 | Decision**

The deviation request is not approved since the application of the SDG Impact tool has been made mandatory for all the projects being submitted for design certification after 14/03/2022. The SDG Impacts of the project will not be efficiently monitored, quantified, verified and tracked due to non-application of SDG Impacts which is mandatorily required as per para [4.1.12 of Principles and Requirements](#).

**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**

**2 | Background information**

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_279	
Date of decision	18/07/2022	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	N/A	
Date of submission	25/05/2022	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GS11209
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Production and sale of efficient cookstoves in the urban areas of Maputo Province	
Date of listing	07/09/2021	
GS Standard version applicable	TPDDTEC ver 3.1.	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	N/A	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	N/A	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Mozambique	
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	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3198">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/3198</a>	
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	Deviation for extending with 2 days of the grace period to apply the SDG Impact Tool for the project GS11209	

Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>The Rule Update "THE SDG IMPACT TOOL", published on 14/03/2022, version 2,0, para 2.1.3:</p> <p>"The SDG Impact Tool application is mandatory for all new projects submitted for Preliminary Review after 14.03.2022 and projects (including new PoAs and their VPAs) submitted for design certification review and renewal after 14.03.2022."</p>
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	<p>Start date 01/08/2020      End date 01/08/2021</p>
Submitted by	<p>Contact person name: Viola Stefanizzi</p> <p>Email ID: viola.stefanizzi@carbonsink.it</p> <p>Organisation: Carbonsink Group Srl</p> <p>Project participant: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Validation and Verification body (VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the applicable rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes; VVB name:  VVB Staff name(s):</p>
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>(Please note the GS approved the previous deviation request (30/01/20221) with the conclusion that there actually was no need to request deviation as the activity was in line with GS guidelines and requirements)</i></p>

### 3 | Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the deviation:

*\*Guidance\* Use the space below to describe the deviation and substantiate the reason for requesting deviation from applicable rules/requirements. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. You are requested to follow the principles for requesting deviations, given in the [Deviation Approval Procedure/Design Change Requirements](#).*

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

We are seeking deviation for the project GS11209 regarding the application of the new SDG Impact tool which become mandatory for the project submitted for design certification review after 14.03.2022 as per the para 2.1.3 of the Rule Update "SDG Impact Tool".

We are seeking this deviation because the reasons causing the submission of the project documents for the combined Design and Performance Review on 16.03.2022 (i.e. two days after the deadline of 14.03.2022 indicated within the para 2.1.3. of the Rule Update "SDG Impact Tool") were out of the control of Carbonsink.

After the listing the project with GS (September 2021) DOE has performed the combined validation and verification for this project. This process was basically completed already in January 2022 as evident from the attached email received from the DOE on 17/01/2022 which is reporting that the only open finding to close the validation and verification reports was related to the applied methodology version.

As a consequence of this last finding, Carbonsink proceeded to request deviation for applying the version 3.1 of TPDDTEC for GS11209. However, as per the conclusion of the "Approval of Deviation Request" released by GS on 31/01/2022 there would not have been any reason for the deviation request as the TPDDTEC ver 3.1 was directly applicable for GS11209 without any need for deviation. Thus, the deviation request had been actually totally unnecessary.

After the official statement of GS was received on 31/02/2022, DOE released the final validation and verification reports only on 15/03/2022. The delay from January to March was completely out of the control of Carbonsink and it was only the technical time that DOE took for approving the final open issue.

For the above mentioned reasons, Carbonsink was not able to make the submission for the combined Design Review and Performance Review earlier than 16.03.2022 i.e. two days after the deadline of 14.03.2022.

The request to apply the new SDG tool at this stage of the process would mean that Carbonsink would need to bear additional time and economic resources for updating both the PDD and the MR in line with the new SDG Tool and, moreover, to commission a DOE to remake the combined validation and verification for the project.

Therefore, Carbonsink considers reasonable to request two days deviation of the submission deadline of 14.03.2022

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

*\*Guidance\* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

### 3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

*\*Guidance\* Use the space below to describe how the deviation complies with the requirements, and, where applicable, the accuracy, completeness and conservativeness is ensured. Please include all relevant information in support of the request.*

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

The deviation request is about to extend the grace period of Rule Update "THE SDG IMPACT TOOL", version 2.0, dated 14.03.2022, for one project which is very advanced stage of the validation and verification process, and which would have been able to make the submission to combined validation/verification within the grace period deadline of 14/03 if there would not been delays caused from the previous deviation request for the extension for the grace period to apply TPDDTEC version 3.1 which turned to be completely not necessary. Thus, no significant impacts on accuracy, completeness or conservativeness are in place (please refer Section 3.3. for more detailed assessment).

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

*\*Guidance\* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

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### 3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

***\*Guidance\*** Use the space below to describe the impact of the deviation on project design, safeguarding principles assessment, SDG assessment, emissions reductions, monitoring frequency, data quality, potential risk or any other relevant aspect of the project. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.*

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

Below is presented an assessment of the impacts of the deviation on the GS rule update.

Environmental integrity:

- The project environmental integrity is guaranteed in line with the applied methodology. Gold Standard certified products e.g. GS VERs and/or statements are thus not overestimated as a result of the deviation.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG contributions are quantified and described in PDD and MR in complete transparency according to the best practices reported in the guidelines available at the time of PDD development.

Safeguarding principles and requirements:

- The deviation request is not having impacts on safeguarding principles and requirements. The project is line with Safeguarding principles and requirements of GS4GG.

Compliance with host country regulations:

- The deviation request is not having impacts on compliance with the host country regulations. Project is not in conflict with host country regulations.

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

*\*Guidance\* If required by SustainCERT or Gold Standard for this particular deviation, please add here the VVB's opinion.*

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### 3.4 | Documents:

*\*Guidance\* List of documents provided (note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form along with supporting documents will be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)*

- Screenshot of the email sent by DOE on 17/01/2022 reporting that the only open finding to close the validation and verification reports was related to the applicable version of methodology.
- Approval of the deviation request for the extension for the grace period to apply TPDDTEC version 3.1 (31/01/2022)

Version number	Release date	Description
5	11.04.2022	Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date of listing, design certification, transition</li> <li>- standard version</li> <li>- specific reference to a requirement deviated from</li> <li>- any previous deviations/design changes approved</li> </ul> Guidance on VVB opinion
4	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption