

TEMPLATE

DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

PUBLICATION DATE **11.04.2021**

Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 29/06/2023

1.2 | Decision

The deviation request seeks exemption from a requirement introduced in V4.0 of the methodology TPDDTEC. This requirement mandates projects to maintain complete total sales records for all stoves distributed in the project.

Under TPDDTEC version 3.1, projects were allowed to maintain sufficient sales records to ensure that surveys and tests can be conducted on representative, purely randomly selected samples. This option was available where it was not feasible to maintain name and contact details of all users. For projects that opted for this option, all stove user details distributed in the crediting period registered with V3.1 are not expected to be maintained and produced in retrospect.

The project developer may continue monitoring as per the registered monitoring plan until the end of the ongoing crediting period. However, the project must maintain all sales records with end-user details from the start date of the next crediting period or 1/06/2024, whichever is earlier.

For projects undergoing or submitted for verification and/or performance review (as applicable) before this date, the verifying VVB and/or certification body shall raise the FAR to ensure compliance with the V4.0 of TPDDTEC requirements.

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

Yes.

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_430	
Date of decision	29/06/2023	
Precedent (YES/NO)	Yes	
Precedent details	Applicable to all projects/ VPAs that apply TPDDTEC version 4 while seeking to renew crediting period	
Date of submission	16/05/2023	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS10790
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS10789 VPA1: Efficient and Clean Cooking for households in Somalia	
Date of listing	05/10/2020	
GS Standard version applicable	GS4GG	
Date of transition to GS4GG (if applicable)	NA	
Date of transition to Gold Standard from another standard (e.g. CDM) (if applicable)	NA	
Date of design certification/inclusion (if applicable)	01/10/2021	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Somalia	
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	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2747	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Total Sales Record	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	<p>TPDDTEC methodology v3.1, page 29/30, Section 3.0 Monitoring Methodology, Total Sales Record and;</p> <p>Reducing emissions from cooking and heating, page 30/31, Section 4.1.2 Total sales or dissemination record</p>	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date NA End date NA
Submitted by	Contact person name: Natasha Otolo
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	Organisation: Burn Manufacturing Co.
	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 or request is submitted by the VVB).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes; VVB name: VVB Staff name(s):
Any previous deviations approved for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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):

The above-mentioned GS VPA is currently design certified and undergone 2 successful issuance requests. The VPA involves distribution of charcoal based stoves in Somalia. The VPA involves distribution of stoves through retail channels and hence follows the GS TPDDTEC v3.1 requirement on sales record which states that the complete end user information must be mandatorily captures for sales equivalent to 10 times the monitoring survey sample size.

The VPA will undergo a renewal of Crediting Period in 2024 and will be required to switch to the latest version of the methodology which does not provide the flexibility on maintenance of total sales record and requires all end user information to be captured for all stoves in the VPA.

The CME is unable to retrospectively collect this information for sales already made and hence requests GS to allow it to use the above-mentioned provisions provided in GS TPDDTEC v3.1 for all stoves distributed until the end of first crediting cycle i.e. 01/10/2024. Any sales made after this date under this VPA will capture all end-user information in line with the requirements of the latest version of the methodology.

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.*

N/A

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 complies with the requirements of TPDDTEC v3.1 for stoves already distributed until the end of the first crediting cycle. For sales made post that as per the new version of the methodology, the requirements of the new methodology version shall be followed.

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.*

N/A

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):

The deviation does not impact any of the above mentioned aspects.

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.)*

Version number	Release date	Description
5	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	14.01.2021	
3	16.07.2020	
2	03.05.2018	
1	01.07.2017	Initial adoption