



DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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Version **5.0**

A. To be completed by Gold Standard

1 | Decision

1.1 | Date – 14/03/2024

1.2 | Decision

The deviation is not approved. The Project Developer can claim credits for 2 years prior to the Design Certification date of 07 September 2023. The 2-year retroactive period from the date of design certification is a core requirement of the GS4GG and no deviations can be granted on this.

The project developer shall comply with the requirements of GHG emissions reductions & sequestration product requirements. Project developer shall document the deviation request, its implications, and the decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP). The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification Report.

To clarify the background of the timelines mentioned in the request, please see the dates of interest below.

1) *"Submitted for the listing to the SC on 15/04/2022 & listed on 19/07/2022"*

- This timeline does not affect the two-year retroactive requirement as these review dates are surrounding **project listing** which falls before Design Certification.
- **For Preliminary Review of GS11644:** Several Documents were submitted on 15 Apr 2022 & Preliminary Review form in Word version submitted on 15 Jul 2022.

2) *"Internal validation requested on 29/09/2022 (documents provided and invoice paid) & first round of validation findings received on 11/03/2023"*

- **For Validation:** The Validation Report for GS11644 was approved on Feb 14, 2023, and 1st Verification report for GS11644 was approved on Feb 09, 2024.
- The Validated documents were submitted on 18 Aug 2023 for Design Review, the review was initiated on 24 Aug 2023 after a completeness check. The Design Certification date is fixed on a **two-week end date**. This would make the Design Certification date 7th Sep 2023 regardless of when the design review is closed.

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_632	
Date of decision	14 March 2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	No	
Precedent details	-	
Date of submission	23/02/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GS1729
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS11644]
Project/PoA/VPA title	GS1729 Myanmar Stoves Campaign	
Date of listing	NA	
GS Standard version applicable	2.0	
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)	NA	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Republic of the Union of Myanmar	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1498	
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	Seeking extension from the two years retroactive VERs claim.	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number	The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Efficient Cookstoves, Version 01.1, February 2013.	

Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 29/07/2021 End date 28/07/2022
Submitted by	Contact person name: Shailendra Kewat
	Email ID: shail.kewat06@gmail.com
	Organisation: Soneva Foundation
	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:

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

During performance assessment a finding has been raised on the crediting period start date as per the “The Gold standard requirements version-2.2” para Va.2.1 *“For VER project activities proceeding under the regular project cycle, the start date of the Gold Standard Crediting Period shall be the date of start of operation or a maximum of two years prior to Gold Standard registration”*. Soneva Foundation, the CME of the Myanmar Stoves Campaign request extension in the crediting period.

The project has been submitted to the SC a long time ago and here is the chronology of the events:

Listing:

1. Submitted for the listing to the SC on 15/04/2022.
2. Listed on 19/07/2022.

It took more than three months for the listing.

Validation:

1. Internal validation requested on 29/09/2022 (documents provided and invoice paid).
2. First round of validation findings received on 11/03/2023.

Again there was a gap of six months to raise the first round of findings.

Internal validation was approved on 28/06/2023 but design review was not approved until 07/11/2023, which creates a gap of 5 months.

With the above chronology it is quite evident that despite our continuous efforts there were time gaps from the SC's side. CME feels that reducing the crediting period to fall under the guidelines will potentially impact the financial feasibility of the project without any fault from their end. This is a micro scale project which benefits the marginalized community of the Myanmar, even a small reduction in the VERs will impact the beneficiaries. CME would like to request the SC that they should be allowed to claim credits from the actual crediting period start date (e.g. 29/07/2021) due to above justification.

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

NA

3.2 | Assessment of the deviation:

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

CME strongly feels that delay from the listing to design review of the project potentially impacting the amount of VERs claimed.

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

NA

3.3 | Impact of the deviation:

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

NA

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

NA

3.4 | Documents:

List of documents provided

N.A.

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