



TEMPLATE

1| Deviation request form

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

2| Decision

2.1 | Date – dd/mm/yyyy

29/10/2024

2.2 | Decision

The Deviation Request is Approved.

The PD has been granted exemption from the requirements of p. 5.1.46 of Principle and Requirements and they can claim the issuance from starting from 12/06/2023 without any loss of credits.

The project developer shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the developer. The project developer shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision.

2.3 | 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)

3| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	DEV_788	
Date of decision	29/10/2024	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	NA	
Date of submission	05/08/2024	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID - 12065
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID - GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID - GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title	Cabo Leones Wind Farm	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Chile	
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	GSF Registry (goldstandard.org)	
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	Opportunity to issuance GSVERs generated between the beginning of the crediting period and the date of the submission request for design renewal	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	Optional Requirement GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements v2.2 PAR_Principles & Requirements. v1.2	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	12/06/2023- 30/06/2024	
Submitted by	Contact person name: Mercedes García Madero	
	Email ID: mgm@allcot.com	
	Organisation: ALLCOT AG	
	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: Auditor name:	

4| Deviation detail

4.1 | 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](#).*

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

According to the section 6.5 of Annex B of the document "Optional Requirement- GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements V2.2" transition project, PoA/CPAs shall follow GS4GG certification cycle for crediting period renewal (e.g. 5 years) to issue or convert issued emission reductions to GSVERs under GS4GG. Therefore, the end of the first crediting period of the project under GS4GG shall be 11/06/2023.

Also, in paragraph 5.1.46 of the document "PAR_Principles & Requirements. V1.2" the following is stated:

Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay)

Anticipating that the project could not end the transition process before the end of the first crediting period under GS4GG (11/06/2023), the PP sent on 28/02/2023 a Clarification Request with ID CL_153 asking the following:

"We initiated the transition from CDM, but the crediting period will end in June 2023. We need to perform the renewal of the CP as well. Can we start renewal in parallel?"

15 days after, on 15/03/2023 the PP received the answer that follows:

"Project Developer may perform Crediting Period renewal in parallel while transitioning the project from CDM to GS, project developer may also perform combined submission if required. However, the outcome of the design certification renewal shall be confirmed only after successful completion of transition. "

Based on the answer received the PP has not prioritized the renewal of the crediting period since it would not be reviewed until the finalization of the Combined Design Review and the Performance Review which were developing together with the transition. Finally, the design review for the renewal of the crediting period was submitted on 27/09/2023. After the conversation with the SustainCERT Help Desk, the PP was informed that the GSVERs generated between the end of the first crediting period and the submission of the design review for renewal of the crediting period could not be claimed. This means that no GSVERs can be claimed between 12/06/2023 and 27/09/2023, almost 50,000 GSVERs already generated by the project would be lost due to an unclear answer to a clarification requested early in February. This situation

impacts directly in the compliance of the ERPA signed between the PP and the GSVER's buyer.

Therefore, the PP is requesting a deviation from the requirement established in paragraph 5.1.46 of the document "PAR_Principles-Requirements. V1.2" since the submission of the request for the design review was delayed based on the responses received under ID_153.

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

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4.2 | 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.*

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

The PP considers that an unclear response delayed the submission of the design review for the renewal of the crediting period, and requests the abovementioned deviation to have the opportunity of issuing GSVERs corresponding to the second crediting period from the start date of it (12/06/2023). This request does not impact the accuracy, completeness, and conservativeness of the project which will request the issuance of real, accurate, and verified emission reduction throughout an independent third-party verification following the procedures and requirements of GS4GG.

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

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4.3 | 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.*

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

The requested deviation represents only an administrative deviation. No deviation for technical requirements is requested. This request has no impact on the design of the project.

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

4.4 | 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.)*