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REGULAR VPAs – DEFINITION OF THE FIRST SUBMISSION

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SUMMARY

The document clarifies the definition of the first submission date for the regular VPAs submitted for inclusion in a design certified PoA via regular or fast track inclusion pathways.

RULE CLARIFICATION

- 1.1.1 | This document clarifies the definition of the first submission date for the regular VPAs submitted for inclusion.
- 1.1.2 | According to the [Programme of Activity Requirements and Procedures](#) (V2.1), the inclusion of regular VPAs (those corresponding to a design-certified real case VPA) doesn't require a preliminary review. They can be submitted for inclusion following one of the VPA inclusion pathways - Regular or Fast Track, as applicable (refer to para 8.1.1 b.).
- 1.1.3 | Regardless of the VPA inclusion pathway chosen, regular VPAs shall demonstrate compliance with GS4GG eligibility requirement i.e., the time of the first submission shall be within one year of the regular VPA start date. If a regular VPA is submitted later than one year from the VPA start date, it shall not be eligible for Gold Standard certification.
- 1.1.4 | If the regular VPA doesn't undergo a preliminary review, it shall be submitted within one year of its start date to:
 - a. VVB, if the regular inclusion pathway is chosen.
 - b. Gold Standard, if the fast track inclusion pathway is chosen.

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