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## RULE UPDATE

# APPLICABILITY OF GOLD STANDARD APPROVED METHODOLOGIES - SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

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Related Documents – **Principle and Requirements**

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## BACKGROUND

In principle, Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) supports sustainable transportation solutions, however, for projects that involve fossil fuel switch situations, Gold Standard approved methodology requirements limit the eligible GHG emission reduction scope to energy efficiency improvement components only. This rule update introduces a change and extends the scope of approved methodologies for electricity-based transport solutions to include fossil fuel switch components, so project activities can now claim GHG emission reduction for both energy efficiency improvement AND fuel switch components with prescribed safeguards fulfilled by projects/programme of activities (PoAs).

## RULE UPDATE

### Scope and Applicability

This rule update (and requirements contained therein) applies to project activities applying [Gold Standard approved eligible impact quantification methodologies](#) relevant to the transport sector i.e. AMS.III.C., AMS.III.S., AMS.III.U., AMS.III.AA., AMS.III.BC., AMS.III.BM., AMS.III.BN., AM0031, AM0090, AM0101, AM0110 and AM0116.

### Requirements

Project activities introducing electric vehicles<sup>1</sup> and/or electricity-based transport solutions that involve energy efficiency and fossil fuel switch may claim emission reductions associated with both the components i.e., GHG emission reduction for energy efficiency and fossil fuel switch component.

Project activities that involve a Hybrid Vehicle– a vehicle that combines an internal combustion engine and one or more electric motor(s) is not eligible for claiming fuel switch GHG emission reduction under GS4GG.

As part of the project design, where applicable, the project developer must present a management plan for battery disposal at the end of its life.

### Additional information

Gold Standard is actively pursuing the development of new methodologies in this sector. Interested project/methodology developers may get in touch with the Gold Standard Secretariat by writing to [standards@goldstandard.org](mailto:standards@goldstandard.org).

Other means of sustainable transport may also be included in the future, if a suitable methodology is developed and released. Gold Standard encourages developers to propose new methodologies for other transport solutions, including, but not limited to, public transport and personal transport solutions such as mobility & zoning, cycling/walking etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Such initiatives will result in displacement of traditional, fossil-fuel (petrol/diesel) based transportation modes with electricity-based transportation modes, thereby reducing GHG emissions.