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RULE UPDATE

REVISIONS TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

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SUMMARY

The rule update outlines:

- Revisions to Paragraph 2.1.7 in the Renewable Energy Activity Requirements (V1.4), which pertain to the pre-approved exception for eligibility of grid-connected renewable energy projects with distributed installations.
- Eligibility criteria for grid-connected projects that feature a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

RULE UPDATE

1.1 | Eligibility of project involving distributed renewable technology

1.1.1 | The pre-approved exception for distributed installations of renewable technologies as outlined in para 2.1.7 of [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements \(V1.4\)](#) has been extended to 31/12/2016. The revisions to the current requirements are highlighted in yellow below.

1.1.2 | Para 2.1.7 of [Renewable Energy Activity Requirement \(V1.4\)](#) shall be read as below -

“2.1.7| An exception to paragraph ~~2.13~~ **2.1.3** is pre-approved for distributed installations of renewable technologies, as outlined below;

- a. Grid connected Renewable Energy projects/VPAs that involve distributed installation of Renewable technology, where individual unit size is up to a maximum 500 kW of installed capacity, are eligible for the issuance of GSVERs **or GS-CERs**.
- b. Projects/ VPAs **must-shall** be submitted to Gold Standard for preliminary review on or before ~~31/12/2023~~ **31/12/2026**.
- c. Projects/ VPAs **must-shall** still demonstrate additionality at the time of design certification or inclusion, as applicable.

1.2 | Eligibility of project involving Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

1.2.1 | Grid connected renewable energy project/VPA involving the installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) are eligible for GS4GG certification and have been exempted from eligibility criteria as outlined under para 2.1.3 of [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements \(V1.4\)](#).

1.2.2 | The following applicability conditions apply to projects involving installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS):

- a. BESS shall be located in close vicinity of the renewable energy-based power plants, and
- b. BESS shall not consume grid power or fossil fuel-based captive power for auxiliary load associated with its operation, and
- c. BESS shall not employ cooling and/or fire suppression systems based on refrigerants or clean agents with a high global warming potential (e.g., Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) or Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)).
- d. The project shall include a management plan for battery disposal at the end of its life following circular economy principles. This plan shall comply with the pertinent regulation of the host country, if exists. The management plan shall be included in the project’s design document.

DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

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