



TEMPLATE

# DEVIATION REQUEST FORM

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## **A. To be completed by Gold Standard**

### **1| Decision**

**1.1 | Date** – 10/09/2021

#### **1.2 | Decision**

The deviation is approved. The conservative cap on usage rate of 90% shall be apply.

The usage rate can be above 90% only under following conditions:

- the monitoring can be done retrospectively; and
- the correctness of the retrospectively monitoring is confirmed by the VVB in the verification report.

**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** (Submit deviation request form in Microsoft Word format)

## 2| Background information

Deviation Reference Number	SC-32	
Date of decision	10/09/2021	
Precedent (YES/NO)	NO	
Precedent details	[to be completed by Gold Standard]	
Date of submission	26/08/2021	
Project/PoA/VPA	Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GS10987
Project/PoA/VPA title	GivePower Kenya Solar Water Farms	
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies) Republic of Kenya	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA	<a href="https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2946">https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2946</a>	
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	
Title/subject of deviation	Deviation of Usage Survey	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology and version number	TPDDTEC v3.1 3.C.b "Usage Survey - Completed annually, or more frequently, and in all cases on time for any request of issuance. The usage survey provides a single usage parameter that is weighted based on drop off rates that are representative of the age distribution for project technologies in the total sales record."	
Specify the monitoring period for which the request is valid (if applicable)	Start date 01/09/2020	End date End of Interim Measures
Submitted by	Contact person name: Thomas Devesa	
	Email ID: <a href="mailto:thomas.devesa@co2balance.com">thomas.devesa@co2balance.com</a>	
	Organisation: CO2balance UK Ltd	
	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	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>  If yes; VVB name:	

rules/requirements or request is submitted by the VVB).	Auditor name:
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### 3| Deviation detail

#### 3.1 | 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](#).*

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

TPDDTEC v3.1 Section 3.C.b states “Usage Survey - Completed annually, or more frequently, and in all cases on time for any request of issuance. The usage survey provides a single usage parameter that is weighted based on drop off rates that are representative of the age distribution for project technologies in the total sales record”.

Covid-19 has disrupted the monitoring plan of the draft VPA-DD. Kenya has experienced an increase in infections during the month of August<sup>1</sup>. On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the President of Kenya extended ongoing nationwide curfews and physical public gatherings and meetings for an additional 60 days<sup>2</sup>. Section B.7.2 of the VPA-DD states:

“The project will therefore collect user lists via the WASH gatherings implemented once Covid-19 situation in the host country enables. WASH gatherings will be implemented in communities that are actively served by the project, i.e., in the immediate vicinity of the project technologies and in communities where project technology-associated water sellers travel to. At each gathering, attendees will be asked if they are project users. If so, they will be asked if they agree to be included in

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<sup>1</sup> <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ke>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/news/east-africa/kenya-extends-curfew-as-covid-infections-rise-3516684>  
[Accessed 08/09/2021]

the project user list and agree to be contacted for the duration of the crediting period for annual monitoring”.

Given that the usage surveys are required annually, the end date to complete is 30/08/2021. Covid-19 regulations on holding large gatherings are still enforced in the Host Country and Project Area meaning that PD cannot follow the monitoring plan and methodology.

PD requests that Covid-19 Interim Measure 3.1.1 b is applied, and the usage survey is postponed until the end of the validity period of the Interim Measures. The project shall complete the usage survey at a later stage, following which a conservative cap on usage rate of 90% will be applied to ensure that GHG emission reductions are not overestimated. The ex ante usage rate of 90% is set as a conservative estimate ahead of monitored data. It is likely ex post figures will change once monitoring is conducted.

VVB opinion will be sought at Verification regarding the deviation.

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

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### 3.2 | 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.*

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

The deviation complies with Covid-19 Interim Measures Section 3.1.1 b.

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

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### 3.3 | 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.*

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

Project Design: No change. Postponement to the implementation of the usage survey will occur.

SDG assessment: No change.

Emissions reductions: Usage rate is a key parameter in emissions reductions calculations. A conservative cap of 90% will be applied to the usage rate.

Monitoring Frequency: The deviation will postpone usage survey monitoring, deviating from the TPDDTEC v3.1 Section 3.C.b requirement on annual surveying.

Data Quality: No change, QA/QC procedures in the VPA-DD will still be implemented.

Potential risk: Risk is related to length of Covid-19 Interim Measures validity. Current validity is until 31/12/2021 but there is a risk of this being extended further.

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

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**3.4 | 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.)*

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