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1 | THE IMPACT REGISTRY

The [Gold Standard Impact Registry](#) is a public online database that tracks the status of climate and development projects engaged in the Gold Standard certification process. It provides key project information, including location, size, and type, and the certified Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) impacts that demonstrate the real-world contributions of Gold Standard-certified projects. It also provides access to technical project documentation to provide relevant stakeholders, including funders/buyers, with the information and knowledge needed to make informed decisions and to track a project's progress.

The Impact Registry is also where products for Gold Standard projects, such as carbon credits, are issued, held, transferred, and retired. It can be considered the 'source of truth' for information related to Gold Standard products, with unique serial numbers generated for every issued credit, allowing full traceability through the lifecycle of the credit from generation to sale to retirement, providing the necessary transparency and confidence in the carbon credits.

The registry is used by a range of stakeholders including project developers, academics, credit purchasers, brokers and exchanges, marketplaces, and the wider public.

Key links and documents :

- [Gold Standard Impact Registry](#)
- [Gold Standard Registry Terms of Use](#)

For help please [visit our FAQs](#) or contact us at registry@goldstandard.org

2 | HOW TO ACCESS THE REGISTRY

Information on projects and both issued and retired credits is available publicly in the [Gold Standard Impact Registry](#). **You do not need an account to access this information.**

As part of the [Gold Standard project certification process](#), project developers must open an account on the Impact Registry. This account gives the ability to transfer issued credits to other accounts and retire credits.

Other parties involved in the lifecycle of issued products will also require an account to be able to initiate and accept transfers and retire credits.

2.1 HOW TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

To open an account on the Impact Registry organisations are required to:

1. Supply the following documentation by email to registry@goldstandard.org. Please send all documents and information in one batch:
 - > Company Name
 - > Company Address
 - > Company Number
 - > Company website URL
 - > Account Manager Full Name and Email Address
 - > Billing Contact Full Name and Billing Contact Email Address
 - > A link to your company's entry on the country's commercial registry, or equivalent (if applicable)
 - > A copy of your organisation's Certificate of Incorporation.
 - > Your company or organisation's registration number, registered office address, names of all directors (preferably an official extract from the registry) and your organisation's website URL.
 - > A link to your company's entry on the country's commercial registry, or equivalent, if applicable.
 - > A bank statement less than 90 days old from your organisation's bank showing the address of the organisation.

- > A letter on your organisation's letterhead stating that the proposed account manager has been duly appointed and is authorised, on behalf of your organisation, to accept The Gold Standard Foundation's Terms of Use and any modification. There must be satisfactory evidence that the individual who has signed the letter is authorised to do so on behalf of your organisation (e.g. director or other senior officer).
 - > A statement setting out the nature of your organisation's business, your reason for applying for a Gold Standard registry account and how you intend to use the account.
 - > A copy of ID for the account manager, and any users who require access to the account, along with their email addresses.
 - > Signed copies of the [Terms of Use](#) and [Terms and Conditions](#).
2. Documentation will be reviewed as part of Gold Standard's Know Your Customer (KYC) process.
 3. Once checks are complete and the application is approved we will send an invoice for the [annual registry fee](#) – this is pro-rated in the first year.
 4. Upon receipt of the fee, you will be prompted to set up log-in details to access the account.

Additional information for project developers:

For certification to Gold Standard for the Global Goals, a project developer must have an open Impact Registry account. Project Developers only require one Impact Registry account per organisation and can have multiple projects within their account.

After the successful opening of the account, Gold Standard will inform the certification body, who will provide information on accessing the platform, where project developers can submit their documentation and schedule reviews.

2.2 ACCOUNT STRUCTURE

A registry 'account holder' is a company or organisation with a nominated account manager. 'Users', are staff members at the 'account holder' company who have access to the account.

Accounts can contain projects or products (e.g. carbon credits). Projects and their respective documentation are submitted via an external platform and are linked to the relevant registry

account. Products such as, Gold Standard Verified Emission Reductions (GS VERs), are issued directly into the linked registry account. Products can then be transferred to other accounts.

2.3 ADDING USERS

A Gold Standard Impact Registry account may have multiple users. All users have the same permissions and functionality to initiate and accept transfers and to retire credits. Gold Standard currently does not offer a read-only user option on the Impact Registry.

To add users to your account:

1. The account manager should email registry@goldstandard.org stating the name and number of the account, the new user's name and email address, and confirmation that authorisation is given to access the account. They should also specify if the new user should have access to any/all associated subaccounts.
2. The new user should email separately quoting the name and number of the account, and providing a copy of photographic id, e.g. passport, driving licence or national ID card. This should also be sent to registry@goldstandard.org

2.4 SUBACCOUNTS

Subaccounts may be created to hold credits on behalf of a third party, or to store credits separately from the main account as required by the account holder's operational structure. An account holder who holds credits on behalf of a third party is permitted to do so **only if** such credits are held in a subaccount – see [Registry Terms of Use](#).

There is no requirement to open a subaccount for the third party if the credits are being retired on behalf of the third party – this can be done in the main account. See more details on Retirements in section [4.4 How to Retire Credits](#).

To open a subaccount:

- The account manager of the main account will need to email registry@goldstandard.org with details on how the sub account should be named and which users to grant access.

2.5 MAKING CHANGES TO ACCOUNT DETAILS

2.5.1 Change Account Manager

To appoint a new account manager:

1. Provide a letter on your organisation's letterhead stating that the proposed account manager has been duly appointed and is authorised, on behalf of your organisation, to accept The Gold Standard Foundation's Terms of Use and any modification. There must be satisfactory evidence that the individual who has signed the letter is authorised to do so on behalf of your organisation (e.g. director or other senior officer). This should be sent to registry@goldstandard.org
2. The new account manager should also provide a copy of photographic id, e.g. passport, driving licence, national ID card, or company ID card, by email to registry@goldstandard.org

2.5.2 Change Account Name

To change the company name on the account:

- Send a copy of the legal document of the company name change to registry@goldstandard.org

2.6 LOGGING IN

To log in:

- Visit registry.goldstandard.org and click on 'login'.

Log in details are set during the account opening process outlined in section [2.1 Instructions to Open an Account](#). You will be prompted to set up log in details during the last stage in the process, after documentation is checked and fees paid.

2.7 FEES AND INVOICING

The annual fee for Gold Standard registry accounts is detailed in the [Gold Standard fee schedule](#).

Invoices for the annual fees are sent out in the first few months of the year to the email address which has been registered as the billing contact on account opening.

3 | IMPACT REGISTRY CONTENTS

3.1 PROJECTS

Project details are displayed in the registry after the project has achieved 'Listed' status i.e. it have passed the Preliminary Design review¹. You can narrow the display of projects using the filters function in the [ALL PROJECTS](#) page or find a specific project by using the search function. Once your project has 'Certified Project' status, and when credits are issued to the project, it will appear in the list of your projects in the [MY PROJECTS](#) section.

Filters along the top of the page allow you to select projects based on the project status, project type, country and attributes, or you can use the search function to find a specific project by GSID, name and other relevant criteria. Clicking on VIEW takes you to the individual Project page.

[Figure 1](#) below shows a screenshot of the My Projects page and [Table 1](#) contains a description of the fields contained on the page.

Figure 1- Screenshot of My Projects page

IMPACT REGISTRY

CREDITS

PROJECTS

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account (1090178)

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LOGOUT

MY PROJECTS

ALL PROJECTS

Project Status

Country

Project Type

Attributes

Hide Subaccounts

Search...

GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	ACCOUNT	STATUS	SDGS	PROJECT TYPE	COUNTRY	ACTIONS
GS20017	Test Project 18 by Test Project Developer	Test Gold Standard Demo Account		Certified	A/R	Philippines	VIEW
GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer	Test Gold Standard Demo Account		Certified	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	Philippines	VIEW
GS20015	Test Project 16 by Test Project Developer	Test Gold Standard Demo Account		Certified	Solar Thermal Electricity	Philippines	VIEW
GS20014	Test Project 15 by Test Project Developer	Test Gold Standard Demo Account		Certified	Biogas Heat	Philippines	VIEW
GS132456243	Test Electricity Project 3 by John	Test Gold Standard Demo Account		Certified	Small, Low Impact Hydro	Argentina	VIEW
GS132456241	Test Electricity Project 1 by John	Test Gold Standard Demo Account		Certified	Small, Low Impact Hydro	Argentina	VIEW

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¹ The different stages of the Gold Standard certification process are outlined in this [step-by-step guide](#)

Table 1 - Description of fields on Projects page

Field	Description
GSID	Unique identifier for each Gold Standard project
PROJECT DETAILS	Short description of project and name of project developer
STATUS	 Listed – project has passed the Preliminary Design review by SustainCERT
	 Gold Standard Certified Design – project has passed Design Certification
	 Gold Standard Certified Project – project has passed Performance Review
SDGs	These are the sustainable development goals that the project impacts deliver on. They show as planned, estimated or certified depending on the project status. Full details of the SDGs can be found at https://sdgs.un.org/goals
PROJECT TYPE	This shows the type of project e.g. Energy Efficiency, Solar Thermal, A/R
COUNTRY	The country in which the project is based
ACTIONS	VIEW shows further project information

Project Page

Full project information can be found on the project page in the Gold Standard Impact Registry including project details, issuances and retirements and a link to project documentation.

[Figure 2](#) shows the screenshot of the Project page. [Tables 2, 3](#) and [4](#) provide descriptions of the fields in the Project page as well as the Issuance List and Retirements sections of the page.

Figure 2 - Screenshot of individual Project page

IMPACT REGISTRY CREDITS PROJECTS Test | Gold Standard Demo Account (090178) X LOGOUT

TEST PROJECT 18

GS ID: 20017

REGION: Philippines

PROJECT DEVELOPER: Test Project Developer

METHODOLOGY: Afforestation/Reforestation GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Methodology

STANDARDS VERSION: Gold Standard for the Global Goals

PROJECT SCALE: Small Scale

PRODUCT:

- PER: 72000 ISSUED
- VER: 100000 ISSUED

ASSIGNED: 0

RETIRED: 0

CERTIFIED SDG IMPACTS: 8, 13, 15

PROJECT TYPE: A/R

STATUS: Gold Standard Certified Project

DESCRIPTION: Sample Project description Sample Project description Sample Project description Sample Project description Sample Project description

CREDITING PERIOD: Aug 01, 2015 – Jul 31, 2045

ANNUAL ESTIMATED CREDITS: 16,107

PROJECT TYPE: A/R

ISSUANCE LIST

VINTAGE	QUANTITY	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	ACTIONS
2020	20000	VER	Jul 26, 2024	VIEW
2019	20000	VER	Jul 26, 2024	VIEW
2018	20000	VER	Jul 26, 2024	VIEW
2017	20000	VER	Jul 26, 2024	VIEW
2016	20000	VER	Jul 26, 2024	VIEW
2027	72000	PER	May 31, 2024	VIEW

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CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

[VIEW CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS IN SUSTAINCERT](#)

This is a link to the project documentation held on the certification platform

RETIREMENTS

DATE	VINTAGE	SERIAL NUMBER	QUANTITY	PRODUCT	STATUS	NOTE	ACTIONS
There are no credits.							

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Table 2 - Description of fields on individual Project page

Field	Description
GSID	Unique identifier for a Gold Standard project
POA GSID	Unique identifier for a Gold Standard Programme of Activity
REGION	Region or country in which the project is based
PRODUCT	Product issued by the project - CER – certified emission reduction - VER – verified emission reduction - PER – planned emission reduction (land use)

ISSUED	Number of credits issued
RETIRED	Number of credits retired
PROJECT DEVELOPER	Name of the project developer
METHODOLOGY	Title of the methodology used by the project
STANDARDS VERSION	
PROJECT SCALE	Scale of the project determined by criteria set out in Gold Standard for the Global Goals standards documentation
CREDITING PERIOD	The crediting period for the project
ANNUAL ESTIMATED CREDITS	Estimated credits based on estimated annual emission reduction / removal for project
PROJECT TYPE	This shows the type of project e.g. Energy Efficiency, A/R
DESCRIPTION	Details of the project and description of the methodology used and impacts delivered

Table 3 - Description of fields in Issuance List section of Project page

Field	Description
VINTAGE	The year the verified emission reduction was achieved
QUANTITY	Quantity of issued credits
PRODUCT	Type of credit issued by the project CER – certified emission reduction VER – verified emission reduction PER – planned emission reduction (land use)
ISSUANCE DATE	Date credits were issued
ACTIONS	Clicking on VIEW allows you to view more detailed credits history Clicking on ACTION allows you to initiate transfers or retirements

Table 4 - Description of fields in Retirements section of Project page

Field	Description
DATE	Date retirement is made
VINTAGE	The year the emission was achieved

SERIAL NUMBER	Unique serial number attributed to credit retirements
QUANTITY	Quantity of retired credits
PRODUCT	VER – verified emission reduction PER – planned emission reduction
STATUS	Retired – the VERs have been retired Assigned – the PERs have been assigned
NOTE	This is the note showing the attribution for the retirement – usually contains the name of the third party that the retirement has been made on behalf of
ACTIONS	Clicking on VIEW gives more information on the retired credits and provides the logged in account holder's user a link to the retirement certificate

3.2 CREDITS

This section of the registry contains details of all credits that have been issued by projects held within the Gold Standard Impact Registry.

Figure 3 - Screenshot of My Credits page

IMPACT REGISTRY

CREDITS

PROJECTS

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account (1090178)

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MY CREDITS

TRANSFERS

PENDING USER REVIEW

MY ISSUANCES

PUBLIC RETIREMENTS

PUBLIC ISSUANCES

Vintage

Status

Quantity

Projects

Country

Project Type

Product Type

Issuance Date

Retirement Date

Corresponding Adjustment

Article 6 | Authorisations

Use Case

Eligibilities

Attributes

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☐	VINTAGE	STATUS	QUANTITY	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	ACTIONS
☐	2020	↑↑ Issued	500	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS132456243	Test Electricity Project 3 by John		Argentina	Small, Low Impact Hy	VIEW ACTIONS
	2020	↓↓ Retired	300	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS132456243	Test Electricity Project 3 by John		Argentina	Small, Low Impact Hy	VIEW ACTIONS
	2020	↓↓ Retired	200	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS132456243	Test Electricity Project 3 by John		Argentina	Small, Low Impact Hy	VIEW ACTIONS
☐	2017	↑↑ Issued	100	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS132456241	Test Electricity Project 1 by John		Argentina	Small, Low Impact Hy	VIEW ACTIONS
	2017	↓↓ Retired	100	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS132456241	Test Electricity Project 1 by John		Argentina	Small, Low Impact Hy	VIEW ACTIONS

Total Quantity: 1,599,754

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Pages available in the Credits section of the Gold Standard Impact Registry are:

- **MY CREDITS** – credits (both issued and retired) that are currently in your Impact Registry account. This is where transactions can be initiated.
- **TRANSFERS** – a record of transfers to and from your account, and where incoming transfers may be accepted

- **PENDING USER REVIEW** – transactions which require review
- **MY ISSUANCES** - a record of all credits issued by your projects
- **PUBLIC ISSUANCES** – a record of all issued credits for Gold Standard projects
- **PUBLIC RETIREMENTS** – a record of all credits for Gold Standard projects that have been retired. The fields 'Note' and 'Using Entity' (see [Figure 4](#)) are used to record details of the organisation or individual who uses the retirement for sustainability claims. These can be displayed publicly or kept private and only visible to users of your account.

Figure 4 - Screenshot highlighting Note and Using Entity in Public Retirements

ID	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	RETIREMENT DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	NOTE	USING ENTITY	ACTIONS
I.D. Grid acted /able icity ation	VER	May 31, 2024	Jun 18, 2024	GSI-1-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-1600	Note: Retirement on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability strategy (This note is private. Only you can see it.)	Test Company	VIEW ACTIONS
I.D. Grid acted /able icity ation	VER	May 31, 2024	Jun 12, 2024	GSI-1-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-1-500	Note: Retired on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability scheme	Test Company	VIEW ACTIONS

3.3 EXPORTING DATA

To export project or credit data from the Impact Registry:

1. Use the filters to select only the data that you wish to export
2. Click the export button located at the bottom of the screen
3. If you are not logged in, you will be prompted to enter your email address
4. Click initiate export
5. You will receive an email from support@goldstandard.org containing a link to download your data (delivered in csv format, or .xlsx for a transfer export)

4 | TRANSFERS / RETIREMENTS

4.1 HOW TO TRANSFER CREDITS

To transfer credits to a counterparty:

1. Locate the relevant block of credits on the 'My Credits' page
2. Click the 'Actions' button and select the 'Transfer' option (see [Figure 5](#))
3. The Transfer Credits dialogue box will open (see [Figure 6](#))
4. Amend the quantity of credits to be transferred at the bottom of the box
5. Enter account details:
 - a. To transfer to a third party, click 'External Transfer' and enter their account number. Their account details will appear for selection.
 - b. To transfer to one of your own accounts select the 'Internal Transfer' option.
6. Click 'Initiate Transfer'
7. If you would like to transfer credits from more than one credit block, you can select the checkmark next to the relevant credit blocks, and then click the 'Actions' button that appears at the bottom of the page and continue in the same manner as described above.
8. You will receive a notification email from support@goldstandard.org of the transfer request including a link showing the pending transfer in the registry.
9. The recipient will receive an email notification from support@goldstandard.org of a pending transfer to their account.
10. To complete the transfer the recipient will need to access the registry and accept the transfer.
11. Once the transfer has been accepted you will receive a confirmation notification.

Figure 5 - Screenshot highlighting the Transfer action

The screenshot shows the 'IMPACT REGISTRY' interface with the 'CREDITS' tab selected. A table lists credits with columns: VINTAGE, STATUS, QUANTITY, ACCOUNT, GS ID, PROJECT DETAILS, POA GS ID, COUNTRY, PROJECT TYPE, and ACTIONS. The 'ACTIONS' column for the second row (Retired status) has a dropdown menu open, showing 'Retire' and 'Transfer' options. The 'Transfer' option is highlighted with a red box.

VINTAGE	STATUS	QUANTITY	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	ACTIONS
2023	Issued	31510	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW ACTIONS
2023	Retired	1000	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW Retire Transfer
2023	Issued	25	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW ACTIONS

Figure 6 - Screenshot of the Transfer Credits dialogue box

The 'Transfer Credits' dialogue box is open, showing the 'Internal Transfer' tab. It contains a form for 'Recipient Account Name or Number' with the value 'Send to Account: 1091144'. Below the form is a table of credits with columns: QUANTITY, VINTAGE, ACCOUNT, GS ID, PROJECT DETAILS, POA GS ID, COUNTRY, PROJECT TYPE, METHODOLOGY, and ACTIONS. The first row of the table has the quantity '100' highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the dialogue box, there are 'CANCEL' and 'INITIATE TRANSFER' buttons.

Transfer Credits

Internal Transfer External Transfer

You're transferring to someone else.

Recipient Account Name or Number
Send to Account: 1091144

Account name can be used if you have transferred with the recipient before or if they have initiated a transfer to you.

☐ Include Price

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	ACTIONS
100	of 32610 2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-I.D. Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VIEW

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External transfers must be manually accepted by the recipient.

CANCEL INITIATE TRANSFER

4.2 ACCEPTING A TRANSFER

You will receive an email notification from support@goldstandard.org when a transfer is made to your account.

To accept the transfer:

1. Access the transfer by clicking on the link in the email to the transfer screen
2. Click on 'Actions' then 'Accept' (see [Figure 7](#))
3. You will be prompted to confirm acceptance
4. You will receive an email notification confirming the acceptance
5. The credits will now appear under 'My Credits'.

Figure 7 - Screenshot highlighting the Accept Transfer action

The screenshot shows the 'IMPACT REGISTRY' interface with a 'TRANSFERS' tab selected. A table lists several transfers, all with a status of 'Pending'. The 'ACTIONS' column for each row contains a 'VIEW' button and an 'ACTIONS' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu for the first 'Pending' transfer is open, showing 'Accept' and 'Reject' options. A red box highlights the 'Accept' button.

VINTAGE	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	QUANTITY	PRODUCT	PRICE	ACCOUNT INITIATOR	ACCOUNT RECIPIENT	STATUS	TRANSFER INITIATED DATE	TRAN	ACTIONS
2027	Test Project 18 by Test Project Developer	25	PER	-	Test 2024 Demo Recipient Account	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	Pending	Jun 18, 2024		VIEW	ACTIONS
2027	Test Project 18 by Test Project Developer	75	PER	-	Test 2024 Demo Recipient Account 2	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	Pending	Jun 18, 2024		VIEW	Accept
Various	Test Electricity Project 1 by John	1500	VER	-	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	1091038	Pending	Jun 11, 2024		VIEW	Reject

4.3 SECOND USER APPROVAL

Account holders can choose to have second user approval enabled on their account. This functionality requires that any transfer or retirement transaction initiated by a user of the account must be approved by a second user on the account. When the transaction is initiated by the first user, a notification is sent to all other users on the account requesting second user approval. The transaction requiring approval can be found in the Pending User Review section of the registry.

If you wish to have second user approval set up on your registry account

- The account manager will need to email registry@goldstandard.org requesting that second user approval is set up on the account

4.4 HOW TO RETIRE CREDITS

To retire credits:

1. Locate the relevant block of credits on the 'My Credits' page.
2. Click 'Actions' button and select the 'Retire' option (see [Figure 8](#))
3. The Retire Credits dialogue box will appear (see [Figure 9](#))
4. Select the number of credits to retire
5. If you would like to retire credits from more than one credit block, you can select the checkmark next to the relevant credit blocks on the 'My Credits' page, and then click the 'Actions' button that appears at the bottom of the page and continue in the same manner as described above.
6. Populate the **Use Case** from the drop down box to select whether the credits are being retired for use in the Voluntary or Compliance markets or Other (see [Figure 10](#))

Note: the process for retiring credits authorised for use under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including retirement towards Phases 1 or 2 of CORSIA, differs between steps 6-8 of this guidance. Further guidance is provided in [Section 4.5](#)

7. Populate the **Retirement Attribution** fields – these are fields which can be used to record the details of retirements made on behalf of a third party (see [Figure 11](#) and [12](#))
 - **Using Entity** - This field is mandatory to complete. You can choose to display the contents publicly or keep them private. It should contain the name of the organisation on behalf of whom the retirement is being made. If the retirement is being made on behalf of an individual person please insert the words Individual or Private Person.
 - **Optional Note** – This field is optional to complete. You can choose to display the contents publicly or keep them private. It is a free text field which can be used to include further details on the retirement e.g. the name of the individual on whose behalf the retirement has been made, the purpose of the retirement.
8. Use the toggles to choose whether to display the Using Entity and Note information publicly or keep the information private and available only to users of your account.
9. Once you have populated all relevant information click 'Review Retirement'
10. The retirement confirmation screen prompts you to confirm all retirement details.
Once a retirement has been made it cannot be changed so it is important to check all details before confirming by clicking on 'Initiate Retire' (see [Figure 13](#))
11. If your account has second user approval enabled, a notification will be sent to users on the account to approve the transaction. See [4.3 Second User Approval](#).
12. Once you have completed the retirement you can click on 'View Retirement Details' to view the public retirement record in the registry (see [Figure 14](#) and [15](#))
13. The retirement details contain a link to download the certificate of the retirement. The certificate for the retirement is generated instantly and is available to download. It contains details of the volume of credits retired, the project name and the retirement attributions that have been entered, including the link to the retirement on the Impact Registry (see [Figure 16 – Example Retirement Certificate](#))

Screenshots of the process to retire credits are shown below in Figure 8 – 16.

Figure 8 - Screenshot highlighting Retire action

IMPACT REGISTRY

CREDITSPROJECTS

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account (1090178)JU X LOGOUT

MY CREDITS

TRANSFERS

PENDING USER REVIEW

MY ISSUANCES

PUBLIC RETIREMENTS

PUBLIC ISSUANCES

Vintage

Status

Quantity

Projects: 1

Country

Project Type

Product Type

Issuance Date

Retirement Date

Corresponding Adjustment

Article 6 | Authorisations

Use Case

Eligibilities

Attributes

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Hide Subaccounts

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☐	VINTAGE	STATUS	QUANTITY	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	ACTIONS
☐	2023	↑↑ Issued	31510	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW ACTIONS
	2023	↓↓ Retired	1000	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW Retire Transfer
☐	2023	↑↑ Issued	25	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW ACTIONS
☐	2023	↑↑ Issued	75	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or L Cogeneration	VIEW ACTIONS

Figure 9 - Screenshot of Retire Credits dialogue box

IMPACT REGISTRY

CREDITSPROJECTS

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account (1090178)JU X LOGOUT

Retire Credits

Choose Use Case

Use Case

Set Retirement Attribution

Using Entity

Using Entity is Required

Display Using Entity publicly?

Note

Optional note

Display Note publicly?

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	ELI	ACTIONS
32510	of 32510 2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-I.D. Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VER	May 31, 2024	GS1-1-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-33110		VIEW

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You will review the retirement request before confirming.

CANCEL REVIEW RETIREMENT

Total Quantity: 1,592,502

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Figure 10 - Screenshot highlighting Use Case in Retire Credits dialogue box

Retire Credits

Choose Use Case
Use Case: **Voluntary**

Using Entity is Required
☐ Display Using Entity publicly?

Note
Optional note

☐ Display Note publicly?

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	ELI	ACTIONS
32510	of 32510	2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer	Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-1.D, Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VER	May 31, 2024	GS1-I-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-33110		VIEW

Total Quantity: 1,592,502

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Figure 11 - Screenshots highlighting options for using existing Using Entity, or adding a new Using Entity in Retire Credits dialogue box

If the name of the entity you have entered already exists in the registry:

Retire Credits

Choose Use Case
Use Case: **Voluntary**

Set Retirement Attribution
Using Entity: **Test Company**

Note
Optional note

☐ Display Note publicly?

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY
32510	of 32510	2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer	Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-1.D, Grid connected renewable electricity generation

Total Quantity: 1,592,502

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If the name of the entity you have entered does not already exist in the registry:

Retire Credits

Choose Use Case
Use Case: **Voluntary**

Set Retirement Attribution
Using Entity: **Test Company B**

Note
Optional note

☐ Display Note publicly?

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY
31510	of 31510	2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer	Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-1.D, Grid connected renewable electricity generation

Total Quantity: 1,592,502

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Figure 12 - Screenshot describing fields to populate in Retire Credits dialogue box

Retire Credits

Choose Use Case
Use Case: Voluntary

Set Retirement Attribution
Using Entity: Test Company

Using Entity is Required
☒ Display Using Entity publicly?

Note
Optional note: Retirement on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability strategy
☐ Display Note publicly?

You can choose whether to display the Using Entity and Note publicly in the registry using these toggles

This note can be used to record more information on the attribution of the retirement

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	ELI	ACTIONS
1000	of 32510	2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer	Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-1.D, Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VER	May 31, 2024	GS1-I-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-33110		VIEW

The number of credits to retire can be changed here

1,000 of 32,510

You will review the retirement request before confirming.

[CANCEL](#) [REVIEW RETIREMENT](#)

Total Quantity: 1,592,502 Gold Standard 1/25 of 85 < 1 2 3 4 > [EXPORT](#)

Figure 13 - Screenshot of Retirement Confirmation screen

Confirm Retirement Request

Request the retirement of the following credits:

Account: Test | Gold Standard Demo Account
Use Case: Voluntary
Using Entity (Public): Test Company
Private Note: Retirement on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability strategy

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	ELIGIBLE F	ACTIONS
1000 of 32510	2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-1.D, Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VER	May 31, 2024	GS1-I-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-33110	Not	VIEW

1,000 of 32,510

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Figure 14 - Screenshot of View Retirement dialogue box

2025

Issued

87000

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account

GS20017

Test Project 18 by Test Project Developer

Philippines

A/R

AMS-I.D. Grid connected renewable electricity generation

PER

May 31, 2024

VIEW

ACTIONS

View Retirement

The following credits were retired

Account
Test | Gold Standard Demo Account

Use Case
Voluntary

Private Note
Retirement on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability strategy

Using Entity (Public)
Test Company

QUANTITY	VINTAGE	ACCOUNT	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	POA GS ID	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	PRODUCT	ISSUANCE DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	ELIGIBLE FOR	ACTIONS
1000	2023	Test Gold Standard Demo Account	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer		Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-I.D. Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VER	May 31, 2024	GS1-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-33110	Not Eligible	VIEW

1,000 credits

DONE VIEW RETIREMENT DETAILS

Figure 15 - Screenshot of Retirement Details

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CREDITSPROJECTS

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account (1090178)

LOGOUT

Retirement

STATUS

Retired

NUMBER OF CREDITS

1000

RETIREMENT DETAILS

RETIREMENT DATE

Jun 18, 2024

VIEW CERTIFICATE

RETIREMENT NOTE

Retirement on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability strategy (This note is private. Only you can see it.)

USING ENTITY

Test Company

USE CASE

Voluntary

QUANTITY	GS ID	PROJECT DETAILS	COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	METHODOLOGY	PRODUCT	USE CASE AUTHORIZATION	CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT	SERIAL NUMBER	ACTIONS
1000	GS20016	Test Project 17 by Test Project Developer	Philippines	Biomass, or Liquid Biofuel Cogeneration	AMS-I.D. Grid connected renewable electricity generation	VER	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	GS1-PH-GS20016-10-2023-23104-601-1600	VIEW

Figure 16 - Example Retirement Certificate

Climate

Positive Action for Planet + People

We are delighted to confirm the retirement of

1000 Verified Emission Reductions (VERs)

by

Test | Gold Standard Demo Account

on 18/06/2024

These credits were retired on behalf of Test Company.

Retirement on behalf of Test Company as part of their 2023 sustainability strategy

Project: Test Project 17

These credits have been retired, saving 1000 tonnes of CO2 emissions from being released into the atmosphere.

Thank you for investing in a safer climate and more sustainable world.

View retirement

Gold Standard

Retirement certificates are hosted on the Gold Standard Impact Registry, view your certificate.

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4.5 RETIRING ARTICLE 6-AUTHORISED CREDITS

The process of retiring credits authorised for use under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement has some differences to the typical retirement process.

When retiring such credits, an account holder will be required to indicate the purpose for which the credits will be used i.e. [Use Case](#), by selecting one of:

- Compliance
- CORSIA
- Other purposes
- Overall mitigation in global emissions (see below for more information)

The Registry will not allow account holders to retire credits for purposes that are not permitted under the host country's Letter of Authorisation.

An account holder will also be required to provide information on the country or entity using credits, to enable compliance with governments' reporting requirements under the UNFCCC. These requirements are as follows:

Compliance

The account holder is required to specify the country towards whose NDC the credits will, or may, be used. The account holder may also specify the entity using the credits. Specification of the entity may be relevant in cases where companies are retiring credits to comply with regulation introduced by a national government to achieve its NDC.

Retire Credits

Retire all or part of the following credit block:

GS ID	Vintage	Quantity	Product	Serial
	2022	100	VER	1 — 100

Project Name

Account
Test Account | Test Article 6 Features | Account 1

Credits to Retire
100

Choose Use Case
Use Case
Compliance

Set Retirement Attribution
Using Country
Switzerland

Using Country is Required and Public
Using Entity
Test Using Entity

Using Entity is Optional and Public
Optional note
Test 'Compliance' Retirement

☒ Display Note publicly?

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CORSIA

The account holder is required to specify the airplane operator that intends to use the credits for compliance with CORSIA. The Registry will not permit entities other than airplane operators to be listed as the 'Using Entity', in cases where credits are being retired for compliance with CORSIA.

Retire Credits

Retire all or part of the following credit block:

GS ID	Vintage	Quantity	Product	Serial
	2022	100	VER	1 — 100

Project Name

Account
Test Account | Test Article 6 Features | Account 1

Credits to Retire

100

Choose Use Case

Use Case

CORSIA

Set Retirement Attribution

Using Entity

Test Using Entity

Using Entity is Required and Public

Optional note

Test CORSIA Retirement

☒ Display Note publicly?

CANCEL INITIATE RETIRE

Other purposes

The account holder is required to specify the entity that intends to use the credits.

Retire Credits

Retire all or part of the following credit block:

GS ID	Vintage	Quantity	Product	Serial
	2022	100	VER	1 — 100

Project Name

Account
Test Account | Test Article 6 Features | Account 1

Credits to Retire

100

Choose Use Case

Use Case

Other Purposes

Set Retirement Attribution

Using Entity

Test Using Entity

Using Entity is Required and Public

Optional note

Test 'Other Purposes' Retirement

☒ Display Note publicly?

CANCEL INITIATE RETIRE

Overall mitigation in global emissions

Account holders may choose to retire credits to achieve an overall mitigation in global emissions, meaning that the credits are not counted towards any target, claim or compliance obligation. In such cases, account holders may specify the entity that has retired the credits for this purpose, while understanding that no entity can use or make claims with respect to the credits.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Retire Credits". At the top, it says "Retire all or part of the following credit block:". Below this is a table with the following data:

GS ID	Vintage	Quantity	Product	Serial
	2022	100	VER	1 — 100

Below the table, there are several input fields and a toggle:

- Project Name:** (empty text field)
- Account:** Test Account | Test Article 6 Features | Account 1
- # Credits to Retire:** 100 (text field)
- Choose Use Case:** A dropdown menu with "Overall Mitigation of Global Emissions" selected.
- Set Retirement Attribution:**
 - Retiring Entity:** Test Using Entity (text field)
 - Retiring Entity is Optional and Public
 - # Optional note:** Test 'OMGE' Retirement (text field)
- Display Note publicly?** A toggle switch that is currently turned on.

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "CANCEL" and "INITIATE RETIRE".

In cases where a host country has included any restrictions within its Letter of Authorisation that cannot be managed automatically within the Registry, retirements will be subject to administrator approval before they are finalised.

When an entity has retired, or had retired on its behalf, credits that are authorised for use under Article 6, this can be demonstrated in two ways:

1. **Registry:** The [Retirements page](#) of the Registry will reflect the retirement of the relevant credits, and will indicate the Use Case, the existence of an Article 6 Letter of Authorisation, and the Using Entity and/or Country as provided.
2. **Certificate:** The Retirement Certificate, which will be accessible by the account holder that enacted the retirement, will reflect the Use Case and Using Entity and/or Country.

5 | ARTICLE 6, CORSIA, CCP AND OTHER LABELLING

The Gold Standard Impact Registry includes functionality to enable the labelling and management of Gold Standard VERs which are authorised for use under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement or approved by schemes such as CORSIA and the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market's Core Carbon Principles. Gold Standard has published guidance on the labelling of credits and projects in the Gold Standard Impact Registry, including labels related to:

- Article 6 of the Paris Agreement
- CORSIA Eligibility
- Core Carbon Principles Eligibility
- GHG Impact Type
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Gender Responsiveness

Full information on registry functionality and labelling for these schemes is available in the [*Labelling of credits and projects in the Gold Standard Impact Registry Guide*](#).

6 | SUPPORT AND FAQs

Frequently asked questions can be found in the [FAQs related to the Gold Standard impact registry](#). Should your question not be answered by these please [contact us using this form](#).