



VeraSolSM

Renewing Test Results

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The information in this policy is relevant for products originally evaluated to IEC 62257-9-5 (Edition 5) and IEC 62257-9-8 (Edition 2) that are now being renewed. For information relevant to products originally evaluated to IEC 62257-9-5 (Edition 4) and IEC 62257-9-8 (Edition 1) please refer to the [Renewing Test Results Policy version 4.1](#).

Quality Test Method (QTM) tests are valid for a period of three years from the original test end date on the laboratory IEC 62257-9-5 report.¹ To ensure certification for another three-year period, these results must be renewed or updated according to the Renewal Test Method with the cost of testing borne by the company. This policy applies to both pico-products, solar home system (SHS) kits, and product families.

It is the company's responsibility to reach out to VeraSol staff regarding renewal testing; however, as a courtesy, VeraSol will notify the product company that the product's test results will soon expire. Companies should contact VeraSol at least 4 months prior to the expiration date of the product's original test results. This will provide 1 month for testing coordination, product sampling and shipping, 2 months for testing, and 1 month for report review and to respond to any issues discovered during testing. Starting the process even earlier is recommended to avoid a potential lapse in support. See the Product Sampling Policy for details on the required sample sizes for renewal testing.

Companies will need to complete the VeraSol Product Testing Variation form detailing any changes to the product and component suppliers to determine if additional documentation and testing may be required based on the changes. Additional lead time may be needed to prepare test plans, test, and review reports for modified products.

If a product expires before the renewal testing is complete, the product will be removed from the VeraSol website. Once renewal testing is complete if the results indicate that the product meets the applicable Quality Standards, the product will be relisted on the website and retain its original program benefits. The expiration date for the product will be based on the test end date of the new IEC 62257-9-5 test report.

¹ Refer to the [Product Support Expiration Policy](#) for details.

POLICY FOR RENEWING TEST RESULTS

Companies should keep in mind that a lapse in valid QTM test results might disqualify the product for importation into countries that enforce mandatory quality standards. The product might also be excluded from tenders that require quality verification via QTM testing at an accredited laboratory.

Furthermore, while VeraSol may be willing to provide a letter of support explaining that the product's renewal testing is underway, this does not guarantee that the product can be imported into all countries because some governments, importation agencies, and procurement programs may require a valid test report. VeraSol will not allow any expired product to remain listed on the website.

If the test results indicate the product meets the Quality Standards, the new test results will replace the previous results displayed on the Standardized Specifications Sheet.

If a new version of the product is submitted for renewal and on-going support for the original product is required beyond the completion of the testing for the new version, the company will need to follow the test results renewal procedures described above for the original product.

If the results for one or more aspects of the product no longer meet the Quality Standards, VeraSol will require corrections, clarification, or retesting. If retesting is required, it will be conducted at the company's expense.

About VeraSol

An evolution of Lighting Global Quality Assurance, the VeraSol program supports high-performing, durable off-grid products that expand access to modern energy services. VeraSol builds upon the strong foundation for quality assurance laid by the World Bank Group and expands its services to encompass off-grid appliances, productive use equipment, and component-based solar home systems. Like Lighting Global Quality Assurance, the VeraSol program is managed by CLASP in collaboration with the Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt. Foundational support is provided by the World Bank Group's Lighting Global program, UKaid, IKEA Foundation, Good Energies Foundation, and others.

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