



Expiration of Certification Policy

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The information in this policy is relevant for products evaluated to IEC 62257-9-5 (Edition 5) and IEC 62257-9-8 (Edition 2). For information relevant to products evaluated to IEC 62257-9-5 (Edition 4) and IEC 62257-9-8 (Edition 1) please refer to the Expiration of Certification Policy version 3.1.

After a product meets the applicable Quality Standards¹, it receives certification from VeraSol. This certification is formalized with two documents (the Standardized Specification Sheet and the VeraSol Certificate) and the listing on the VeraSol Product Database.

Note: The Product Database located at www.verasol.org/database serves as the official site to confirm that a product is certified and its Specification Sheet and VeraSol Certificate are valid.

Results from Quality Test Method (QTM) or Accelerated Verification Method (AVM) testing are used to determine if a product meets the Quality Standards. Test results are valid for three years and their expiration date is typically set for the last day of the month, three years from the test end date on the laboratory IEC 62257-9-5 report.^{2,3} Occasionally, there are cases in which VeraSol's certification of a product may be more or less than three years from the original test end date. See special cases below:

1. The product fails to meet the Quality Standards and must undergo retesting:
 - The date of the test end date on the laboratory IEC 62257-9-5 report for the retest is used to set the expiration date (the expiration date would be three years from the date of the test end date on the laboratory IEC 62257-9-5 report for the retest: see note below).
 - Expiration dates may be set no more than 6 months past the original report date. If retesting is completed more than 6 months after the original report date, the expiration date would be set at 3 years and 6 months past the last day of the month of the original report date.

¹ Beginning in January 2025, VeraSol began referencing [IEC TS 62257-9-8: ed 2](#).

² Companies should note that regardless of a product's certification status from VeraSol, some governments, importation agencies and procurement programs might use the test report date as their only criteria for accepting test results.

³ Note, if a company delays in making a payment, delays in providing/approving their materials for the Product Database, or requests that their product not be uploaded immediately, the test end date is still used to set the expiration date (i.e., the expiration date is the last day of the month, three years from the test end date). The test end date may differ from the report date listed on the title page when reports are delayed in being issued or revised with a new date.

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2. A similar product (Product B) is referencing results from a previously tested product (Product A):
 - The expiration date of Product B will be the same as the expiration date of Product A.
 - Similarly, if Product A was tested to IEC 62257-9-5 (ed.4) and evaluated to IEC 62257-9-8 (ed.1) and Product B was tested to IEC 62257-9-5 (ed.5) and evaluated to IEC 62257-9-8 (ed.2) the expiration date of Product B will still be the same as the expiration date of Product A.

3. The product is under renewal testing, but the testing will not be finished before the original expiration date:
 - Refer to the [Renewing Test Results Policy](#) for details.

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 extend the expiration date of the product's certification for the cases listed above or under other extenuating circumstances, 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.

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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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