

Late Renewals

Every Verified Product in the Non-GMO Project's Product Verification Program (PVP) will have an annual renewal evaluation administered by the Participant's Technical Administrator (TA). However, sometimes renewals can be held up by a Participant having to wait to receive documentation or information from suppliers, or if the Product has an open Major Non-conformity.

What happens when you're late to renew a Product?

- Products are given a 30 day grace period after their Certificate of Verification (COV) expires to complete renewal. The Participant's TA can provide a copy of the COV or expiry date as needed.
- If a Participant is actively working with their TA to complete the renewal of a Product but will exceed the 30 day grace period, the Product can be placed on Hold by the TA to give the Participant more time to complete the renewal process.

What are the requirements for being on Hold?

- Participants must be working with their TA in good faith to complete the Product's renewal in order to be placed on Hold. Working in good faith with your TA includes actively working with your suppliers/supply chain to collect required documentation, responding to TA communications, abiding by agreed upon timelines, and providing updates.
- A Product can not be on Hold for more than 210 days from the expiry date.
- If the Participant has stopped working with their TA to complete the Product's renewal, or it is determined that the Product is unable to complete renewal at any time during the Hold period, it will be terminated from the PVP by their TA.

What changes when a Product is on Hold?

- While Products on Hold no longer have a current COV, they are still considered to be in good standing while actively working to complete renewal. For more information, please contact verification@nongmoproject.org.
- Products that are on Hold will be temporarily removed from the Project's website until the Product is able to complete renewal.