



# VeraSol<sup>SM</sup>

## Product Certificate Expiration Policy

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After a product meets the applicable Quality Standards<sup>1</sup>, it receives certification from VeraSol. This certification is formalized with two documents (the Standardized Specification Sheet, and the VeraSol Certificate) and the listing on VeraSol's Product Database.

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

Results from the 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 two years and their expiration date is typically set for the last day of the month, two years from the original test report date.<sup>2 3</sup> Occasionally, there are cases in which VeraSol's certification of a product may be more or less than two years from the original test report date. See special cases below:

1. There is more than a month delay from the VeraSol team in providing the test report and/or uploading the product:
  - The date that favors the manufacturer is used to set the expiration date (i.e., if VeraSol was delayed in providing the results, the date the results were provided is used; if VeraSol was delayed in uploading the product, the date the product was uploaded is used).
  - The expiration date may be extended up to 6 months past the original report date (i.e., the expiration date could be at most, 2 years and 6 months past the last day of the month of the original report date).
  
2. The product receives a "conditional pass" and provides documentation to fix the issue or the product fails, but corrects issues and undergoes partial retesting:
  - The date of the addendum letter is used to set the expiration date (the expiration date would be two years from the date of the addendum letter). In cases where

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<sup>1</sup> VeraSol began referencing *IEC TS 62257-9-8: Integrated systems – Requirements for stand-alone renewable energy products with power ratings less than or equal to 350 W* in place of the Lighting Global Quality Standards in 2020.

See <https://verasol.org/updates/transition-to-iec-ts-62257-9-8> for detailed transition information. See the [Change Log for Quality Standards](#) for details on new requirements and the differences between the Standards.

<sup>2</sup> Manufacturers 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.

<sup>3</sup> Note, if a manufacturer delays in making a payment, delays in providing/approving their materials for the website, or requests that their product not be uploaded immediately, the test report date is still used to set the expiration date (i.e., the expiration date is the last day of the month, two years from the report date).

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addendum letters were not issued (or were issued late), but the company was notified by email, the date of the notification email is used.

- Expiration dates may be extended no more than 6 months past the original report date. If corrections were made more than 6 months after the original report date, the expiration date would be set at 2 years and 6 months past the last day of the month of the original report date.
3. The product undergoes renewal testing<sup>4</sup>:
    - The original expiration date is used to set the expiration date.
    - In the case of a product that does not pass renewal testing, the manufacturer is required to provide VeraSol details of their corrective action plan within 2 weeks of the date of receiving their renewal results or it will be considered no longer certified and removed from the VeraSol Database.
  4. The product is under renewal testing, but the testing will not be finished before the original expiration date:
    - If the manufacturer has signed a test agreement before the expiration date of the product and random sampling is completed within 30 days, the expiration date can be extended until the renewal testing is complete. Note that the expiration date is based on the original expiration date, not the extended expiration date.
  5. A similar product is referencing results from a previously tested product:
    - If the expiration date of the previously tested product is less than 1 year and 6 months later than the start of testing of the new product (i.e., the previously tested product was issued a VeraSol certificate more than 6 months earlier), the expiration date for the newly tested product will be the same as the expiration date of the previously tested product.<sup>5</sup> In this case, when the referenced product expires, the new product will also expire.<sup>6</sup>

Manufacturers 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 whose QTM results have expired while 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.

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<sup>4</sup> Refer to the [Policy for Renewing Test Results](#).

<sup>5</sup> To obtain a full 2 years of validity for the new product's results, the company and/or manufacturer may have those aspects or components of the previously tested product that are being referenced retested with a sample size of two.

<sup>6</sup> Note, if the manufacturer chooses to renew both products, results for aspects that are the same in both products may only need to be tested once and can be referenced for the other product, as described in the [Testing Similar Products Policy](#).

**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 Humboldt State University. 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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