Annual 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) to ensure that the Product is compliant under the current Non-GMO Project Standard (the Standard) and Program Rules and Procedures (Rules and Procedures).

Renewal Process and Timing

- Renewals are due by the expiry date listed on each Product's Certificate of Verification (COV). The Participant's TA can provide a copy of the COV or expiry date as needed.
- Participants should be aware that the process to renew starts well in advance of a Product's expiry date, and that their TA will reach out to them to start this process.
- Products can complete renewal verification up to 60 days early and are also given a 30 day grace period after their expiry date to complete renewal. For more information on renewing after the 30 day grace period, see Sections 3.24.1-3.24.0 of the <u>Rules and Procedures</u>.
- Regardless if a Product is renewed early, late, or on time, the next expiry date listed on the new COV is 12 months from the previous expiry date.

Compliance and Documentation

- To renew a Product, TAs will check to ensure that it is in compliance with the applicable version of the Standard and the Rules and Procedures. Even if a Product has had no significant changes, a TA will still:
 - Confirm continued eligibility of the Product for verification.
 - Make sure that all documents on file related to a Verified Product are current and active.
 - Ensure expired or outdated documents have been replaced.
- When a Major Non-conformity is discovered, an approved corrective action plan must be in place before renewal can be completed.
- Please note that Participants must inform their TA when any changes are made to a Product.

Adding or Withdrawing Products

- New Products can be added at any time and will have their renewal cycle aligned with the rest of the Participant's Product portfolio.
- Participants who do not plan to renew their Products need to inform their TA before their Product's expiry date on their COV. For more information on Withdrawals, please refer to Section 5 of the Rules and Procedures.