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SBTi Criteria and Recommendations

1. Introduction

Under the Science Based Targets initiative Call to Action, committed companies have 24 months in which to submit their target for official validation. If companies have not submitted their target within 24 months of committing, their commitment will be removed from the SBTi website, unless specific circumstances apply. For example, if a company shows good faith to develop a science-based target or where companies are awaiting for a sector development to be completed (e.g. financial institutions), the 24-month requirement may be waived.

It has now been over two years since the Science Based Targets initiative launched its [Call to Action](#), and we are looking to ensure that companies remain serious about their commitment to set a science-based emissions reduction target. To do so, the SBTi has set up a protocol to manage those commitments that have surpassed the 24 months period. There are a number of different scenarios, which are listed below:

1. Companies in sectors without a science-based target setting methodology (e.g. financials);
2. Companies that have not submitted targets at all within the 24 months.
3. Companies that have submitted targets for preliminary assessment within the 24 months timeframe but have not re-submitted for official validation;
4. Companies that have submitted targets for official validation within the 24 months timeframe but failed to fulfil the SBTi criteria.

2. Protocol

The SBTi proposes a number of measures to keep our pipeline up-to-date and to keep companies informed of the process to support their timely submission of a target. These measures are listed below:

1. At the end of each calendar quarter (e.g. end of March; end of June, etc.), the SBTi will identify companies whose commitment period will expire within the following three and six months and will send a reminder letter to ensure all companies are aware of this deadline (under certain circumstances, extensions can be discussed at this point);
2. At the end of each quarter, the SBTi will identify companies whose commitment period has already expired and under certain circumstances, the SBTi will offer companies additional time to submit a target for validation:
 - a. For companies in sectors without a science-based target setting methodology, no action will be taken;
 - b. For companies that have not submitted targets to the SBTi or have submitted targets only for preliminary validation, an extension of up to six months can be offered, provided that the company agrees to submit targets for official validation within this period;
 - c. For committed companies that have submitted targets for official validation within the 24 month period and have not fulfilled the SBTi criteria, an extension of up to twelve months can be granted, provided that the company agrees to re-submit their target within this period.

Companies that do not confirm interest in a commitment period extension within 30 days of communication will be delisted from our website as well as from the We Mean Business and CDP websites and will no longer be counted as committed. Companies can still submit targets for validation but will not be featured as committed companies.

Any request for extensions beyond the time frames indicated in this Protocol will be approved by the Steering Committee of the SBTi on a case-by-case basis.

In case a company does not pass the validation after the extension is granted, it can always re-submit new targets. However, after this period, the company won't be profiled as a committed company.

There will be no public announcement or media statements about any companies being removed from our external materials, nor any penalties applied.

Please note that the SBTi highly encourages committed companies who are experiencing difficulties in the target setting progress to get in touch with our team. We are happy to explore ways in which our team can provide support and help the company set a target within the deadline.

Document History

Version	Change/update description	Date finalized	Effective Dates
1.0	First version of the Protocol to manage expired commitments	December 2018	From December 2018 onwards