

Sample ISD for the IETF Standards Process

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1. Introduction

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2. ISD for the Internet standards Process

ISD Internet Standards Documentation

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- o prior implementation and testing;
- o clear, concise, and easily understood documentation;
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- o timeliness.

The procedures described in this document are designed to be fair, open, and objective; to reflect existing (proven) practice; and to be flexible.

The community needs this document because it spells out the way we develop standards, the steps along the way, and the ways disagreements and intellectual property rights are handled. [note in draft - text from 9 Jul 96 Protocol Action announcement]

After 2026 had been used in the IETF for a number of years it became clear that the intellectual property rights (IPR) section ([Section 10](#)) was confusing because it mixed up patent rights,

copyrights and trademarks without making the different rules for the different types of rights clear. In addition the understanding of what constituted a contribution to the IETF evolved. Because of this two new RFCs were developed ([RFC 3667](#) and [RFC 3668](#)) to clarify the IPR issues.

[RFC 3667](#)

IETF Rights in Contributions, S. Bradner (Ed.), February 2004.
(Status: BCP)

This document (with [RFC 3668](#)) replaces [section 10 of RFC 2026](#), and provides a much more detailed description of the considerations regarding intellectual property that need to be taken into account when working in the IETF.

Particular attention is paid to copyright issues and issues concerning requirements for implementation, such as patent licensing. [note in draft - text adopted from 03 Nov 2003 Protocol Action announcement]

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Intellectual Property Rights in IETF Technology, S. Bradner (Ed.), February 2004. (Status: BCP)

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C: Additional Relevant Documents

[RFC 3668](#)

Guidelines for Working Groups on Intellectual Property Issues, S. Brim, February 2004. (Status: Informational)

The "Guidelines" document relates useful experience gathered when working with IPR issues in the IETF. [note in draft - text from 03 Nov 2003 Protocol Action announcement]

D: Extensions to the Standard

[RFC 3932](#)

The IESG and RFC Editor Documents: Procedures, H. Alvestrand, October 2004. (Status: BCP)

This document describes the IESG's procedures for handling documents submitted for RFC publication via the RFC Editor, subsequent to the changes proposed by the IESG at the Seoul IETF, March 2004. [note in draft - text from 27 Jul 2004 Protocol Action announcement]

E: Related ISDs

ISD XXXX IETF Working Group Processes

This ISD describes the IETF working group processes.

ISD XXXX IETF Mailing List Processes

This ISD describes the basic rules for IETF mailing lists.

F: Experimental Extensions

Internet Draft [draft-klensin-process-july14](#)

A model for IETF Process Experiments, J. Klensin, S. Dawkins
(Status: approved by the IESG)

This document proposes a way to change IETF processes that provides notice to the community (via Last Call), a permanent record (via RFCs) and a reasonable expectation that the process changes will be evaluated for whether they worked or not, and rolled back if they did not work. [note in draft - text from the 26 Jul 2004 Protocol Action announcement]

G: Obsolete Documents

[RFC 1871](#)

Addendum to [RFC 1602](#) -- Variance Procedure, J. Postel. November 1995.

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