

# MAILMAINT Charter Discussion

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# Concerns raised post-chartering

Further, MAILMAINT will observe the following constraints when considering the adoption of new work directly:

- **Prior to accepting any Standards Track document for development, there must be a commitment to implement the resulting proposed standard from at least two independent parties**, as recorded on a related IETF mailing list.
- **When deciding to send any Standards Track work to the IESG, there must first be produced a report documenting at least two (preferably more) independent implementations** with at least partial interoperation based on the developed specification.
- The above constraints do not apply to documents that are not intended for the Standards Track.
- Chartering of a dedicated working group with a custom charter is strongly preferred when engaging any work that updates any base email documents, including but not limited to those identified above.

# The Issues

- Companies planning to implement something might not want to reveal this publicly, and plans change
  - Do we still want or need this constraint?
  - Can we weaken the first constraint to “interest” or “intent” rather than “commitment”?
  - Are private expressions of interest satisfactory?
- This constraint is a big change from how the IETF traditionally operates
  - All other normal document handling paths remain available
  - The RTG area has had this constraint for a long time