

IETF Trust & IETF IPM Report

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Licensing & Legal Actions since IETF 120

2 Licensing Inquiries

0 New RFC Licenses Issued

1 New Trademark License Issued
- License back of IANA TMs to
IETF Trust from IETF IPMC

0 Legal new actions



One small step for the Internet, two new names for IPR at IETF

It's time for the IETF Trust to change its name....

- We tried (very, very hard) to keep the name IETF Trust post-restructuring
- "Trust" is too overloaded with meanings, especially in a legal sense

IETF Intellectual Property Management (IPM)

- used in process descriptions (e.g RFCs) and reports (like this one)

IETF Intellectual Property Management Corporation (IPMC)

- used in legal notices (e.g. copyright) , correspondence and taxes



Practical Details

OLD

IETF Trust
Virginia Commonwealth common Trust
est. 2005

<https://trustees.ietf.org>

TLP - Trust Legal Provisions

TLP 5.0	3/25/2015	-	TBD/xx/2025
TLP 4.0	12/28/2009	-	3/25/2015
TLP 3.0	9/12/2009	-	12/28/2009
TLP 2.0	2/15/2009	-	9/12/2009
TLP 1.0	11/10/2008	-	2/15/2009

IETF Contribution IP Rights

RFC5378	Nov 2007	-	TBD, 2025
RFC3978	Mar 2005	-	Nov 2007
RFC2026	Oct 1996		
RFC1602	Mar 1994	-	Oct 1996
RFC1310	Mar 1992	-	Mar 1994

NEW

IETF Intellectual Property Management (IPM)
IETF IPMC Delaware non for profit corporation
est. Dec 2023

<https://ietf-ipm.org>

TLP - Technical Legal Provisions

TLP 6.0 TBD/xx/2025 -

IETF Contribution IP Rights

new RFCxxxx - TBD, 2025 will obsolete RFC5378

- Rights grant recipient updated to IPMC
- NO changes to what rights are granted

* RFCs & I-Ds use TLP Version & IETF IP Rights at the time of publishing or submission



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I-D & RFC Boilerplate (from TLP 5.0)

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Changes for I-D authors & Tools Developers

After the early 2025 (to be set) cutover date

New Internet Drafts (I-Ds) submitted will use the updated IETF boilerplate from TLP 6.0

New RFCs published will use the updated IETF boilerplate from TLP 6.0

Authoring & Publishing tools will need to apply new TLP 6.0 boilerplate

Cutover date is being worked on in conjunction with IETF Tools team

Cutover date will happen after new RFC5378 and new TLP 6.0 are published

**** If you maintain tools that auto populate the IETF boilerplate - NOW is the time to begin planning for the boilerplate update & cutover ****



Final Phase Restructuring Steps

IETF I-Ds & RFCs Tasks

- Publish new IETF-IPM.ORG website (Trustee.ietf.org - maintained as legacy)
- Publish new RFC5378 replacement
- Published new TLP 6.0
- Set Cut Over Date for TLP 6.0
- Update tools to support TLP 6.0 boilerplate
- Get word out about new boilerplate
- Transfer existing I-Ds & RFCs to IPMC

IANA Tasks

- CCG review & approval of IANA trademarks & domains transfer to IPMC
- Assignment of IANA agreements to IPMC with:
 - ICANN
 - ISOC
 - IETF
 - NROs



Final Phase Final Steps

IETF Trust Shutdown

- Finalize any needed tax filings
- Shut down Virginia trust



IETF 121 Office Hours

Come meet a Trustee / IPM Director

When: Thursday 3:30-4:30pm

Where: Wicklow MR4



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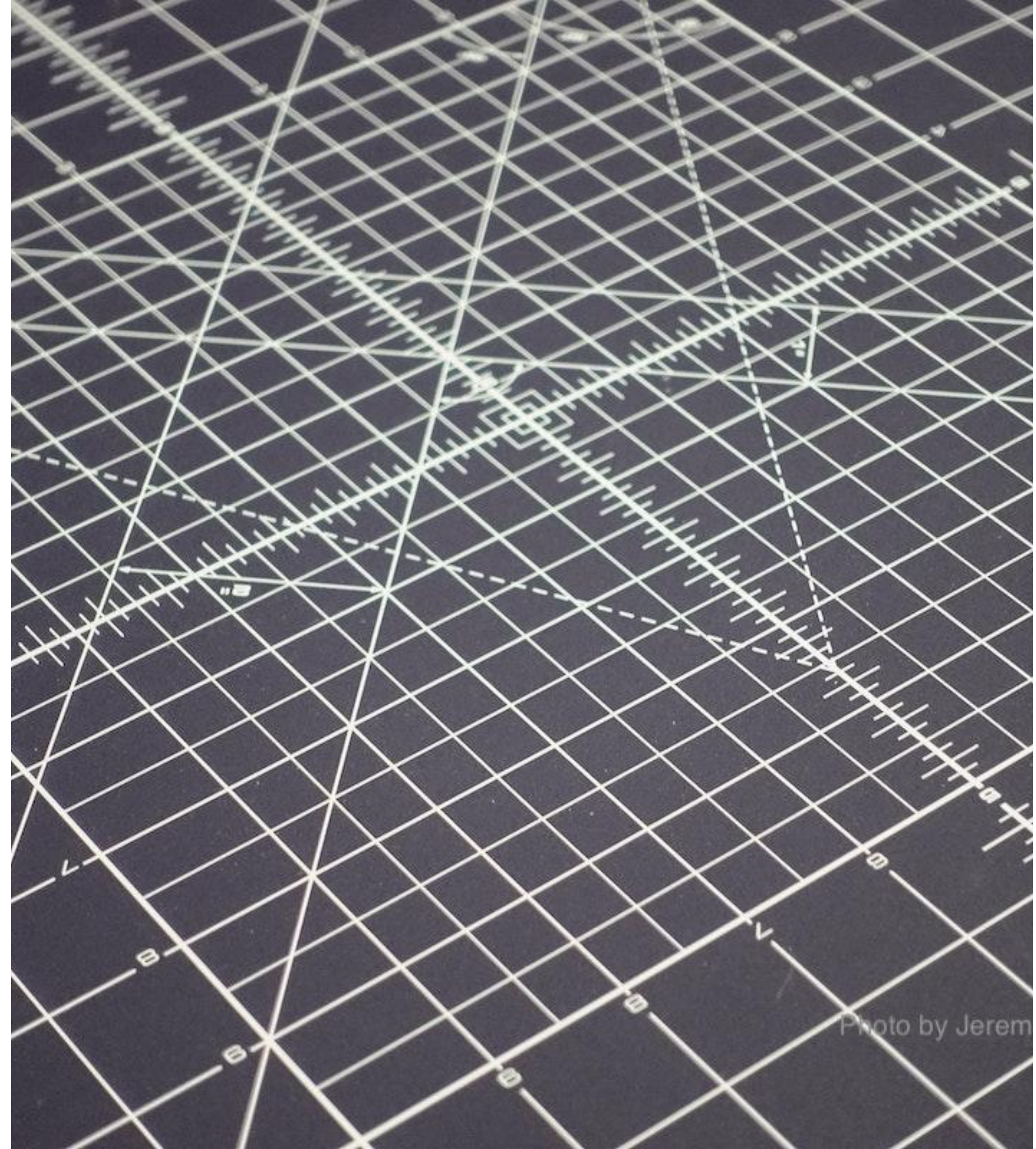


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