

# IPR WG instructions to the Trust

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# Incoming - Informative

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# Incoming - Normative

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# Outgoing - generic

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# Outgoing – code vs text

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