

Open Project Rules

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1. Purpose of Open Projects

An OASIS **Open Project** (or **Project**) is a program hosted by OASIS for the development of code, specifications and other artifacts under open source licenses, under one or more of the Applicable Licenses listed in [Section 15](#), and selected by the Project as specified below.

OASIS Open Projects are conducted according to the provisions of these Rules. The [OASIS Committee Operations Process](#) provides general provisions concerning the operation of all committees that may apply to the work of a Project Governing Board (PGB). Certain defined terms used in this document have the meaning provided in the [OASIS Defined Terms](#).

Any person or entity, whether or not an [OASIS member](#), may participate in or contribute to a Project, as provided by these rules. Contributions, and the acceptance or merger of contributions into the Project's work, are managed primarily through one or more open source Project Repositories (as defined in [Section 8](#)).

Projects operate under the administrative and process rules described in this document, and are administered by the [OASIS Open Project Administrator](#) designated by OASIS.

2. Project Formation; Charter

2.1 OASIS Open Projects are initiated by one or more organizations committed to being [Project Sponsors](#) and (optionally) persons who intend to make technical contributions to the Project. Any group of at least one or more Project Sponsors whose aggregate project sponsorship dues equal or exceed the minimum threshold established by a resolution of the OASIS Board of Directors, plus one or more named Contributors, may initiate a Project by submitting to the [Open Project Administrator](#) a **Charter** prepared using the Open Project Charter Template maintained and made available by the Open Project Administrator. Additional membership requirements apply to some approval activities as noted below. The Charter shall be written in English and provided to OASIS in electronic form as plain text. The name proposed for the Project shall be subject to approval by the Open Project Administrator for purposes of confirming infringement and appropriate use issues. If the proposed name includes a reference to an [OASIS Technical Committee](#) (TC) or specification title, or the name of another Open Project, then the approval of any open OASIS TC or Open Project who uses

35 that name or has authored that specification is required in advance. No information other than
36 that requested in the template may be included in the proposal. Any documents referenced in
37 the proposal shall be publicly available.

38 The Charter must include a brief statement of purpose and a scope of work for the Project. The
39 scope of work serves as a limit on the approval of [Project Standards Track Work Products](#).
40 The statement of purpose is only informative, not normative. The Charter also must state the
41 number of Project Repositories initially requested to support the Project, and the Applicable
42 License to be applied to each requested repository.

43 [2.2](#) The Open Project Administrator shall reply in writing with its approval or other disposition of
44 the proposal described above. OASIS shall post a public notice of each approved Project to its
45 announced public mailing list.

46 [2.3](#) After formation, the Charter of an Open Project may be amended only as provided in
47 [Section 5.6](#).

48 [3. Roles of Parties in the Project](#)

49 The work of a Project and its administration are conducted by parties who voluntarily contribute
50 in one or more of the following defined roles: [Contributor](#), [Maintainer](#), Project Governing Board
51 ([PGB](#)), Technical Steering Committee ([TSC](#)), and [Chair](#). A detailed and definitive description of
52 those roles follows in [Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7](#) below. A table summarizing those roles can be
53 found in the [OASIS Committee Operations Process](#).

54 [4. Contributors](#)

55 [4.1](#) Any person (whether or not an [OASIS member](#)) may participate in a Project as a
56 **Contributor** by providing comments or bug reports to a Project Repository, subject to the
57 licensing rules in [Sections 14, 15 and 16](#) below.

58 [4.2](#) Any person (whether or not an OASIS member) may agree to a Contributor License
59 Agreement (CLA), as provided in the licensing rules below, as a prerequisite for acceptance of
60 their pull requests or other substantive contributions. If a person who signs and submits an
61 individual CLA indicates that they represent an entity, then that individual CLA will only be
62 deemed effective if that entity has signed and submitted an entity CLA. The Project Governing
63 Board and Maintainers shall only act on pull requests or other substantive contributions made
64 by project Contributors who are listed in the OASIS system as having agreed to the relevant
65 CLA. The Project shall maintain a record of all Contributors who have made contributions to a
66 Project.

67 [5. Project Governing Board and Project Sponsors](#)

68 [5.1](#) Overall guidance for the Project is provided by its [Project Governing Board](#) (or **PGB**).
69 The PGB is composed of one voting member from each Project Sponsor who elects to appoint

70 a PGB member, and (a) if the PGB has one or more Technical Steering Committees, at least
71 one voting at-large expert representative from each TSC, its the community of contributors,
72 elected or appointed by that the Technical Steering Committee (TSC,) or (b) otherwise, the
73 PGB may appoint [at least] one [and no more than two] voting expert representatives from its
74 community of contributors. The PGB may create additional nonvoting PGB member seats for
75 expert representatives to be elected by the TSC or appointed by the PGB. The PGB
76 membership of all of such members of any type is conditioned on satisfaction of the CLA
77 requirement of Section 5.2. Voting status on the PGB may be affected by the provisions of
78 Section 5.7.

79 A list of PGB members shall be maintained and posted at the general information web page (or
80 official published governance information) designated by OASIS for the Project. Certain
81 actions taken by the PGB require affirmative action by Project Approval Minimum Membership,
82 as defined below.

83 **5.2** PGB members must:

- 84 • (a) have signed and submitted an individual CLA, and if appointed or employed by an
85 entity, that entity must have signed and submitted an entity CLA naming that project;
86 and
- 87 • (b) either (i) represent an organization that has paid the appropriate Sponsorship Backer
88 dues for that Open Project or (ii) has been appointed or elected as an expert
89 representative as provided above.

90 **5.3 Project Approval Minimum Membership**, where it explicitly is required for the PGB's
91 approval of an action under these rules, means at least two Project Sponsors seated on the
92 PGB.

93 **5.4** The PGB shall:

- 94 • (a) select one or two Chairs and may replace and remove Chairs as provided in
95 Section 7
- 96 • (b) ensure there are one or more Maintainers for any Project Repository
- 97 • (c) consult with the Maintainer(s) on technical decisions as described below
- 98 • (d) establish and consult with its Technical Steering Committees (TSC)
- 99 • (e) approve any Draft Project Specifications, Project Specifications, candidates for
100 OASIS Standards or external submissions from the Project, as provided in Sections 12
101 and 13

102 Decisions by the PGB shall be made in a manner consistent with the requirements of
103 Section 10.

104 **5.5** Status as a PGB member who represents an organization accrues to the organizational
105 Project Sponsor, and is transferable by that Project Sponsor from person to person, as
106 evidenced by a notice in writing from its Primary Representative to the OASIS Open Project

107 Administrator. A Project Sponsor may resign from PGB membership at any time, by notifying
108 the Open Project Administrator and the PGB Chair(s) in writing.

109 5.6 The PGB may amend the Charter after the Project's formation in the following manner:

- 110 • (a) An amendment to the binding scope of work may only be made for the purpose of
111 removing ambiguity or for narrowing the scope of work, and requires a [Special Majority](#)
112 [Vote](#) of the PGB. Such an amendment may also at the PGB's option update the
113 statement of purpose, list of planned deliverables and/or list of repositories and
114 licenses.
- 115 (b) Any amendment to other elements of the Charter may be made by a [Full Majority](#)
116 [Vote](#) of the PGB, so long as and any additions to the list of deliverables are within the
117 scope of work.
- 118 (c) In any case, any amended Charter must comply with the requirements of [Section](#)
119 [2.1](#), and shall not take effect until approved by the PGB and announced by the [Open](#)
120 [Project Administrator](#).

121 5.7 At its option, the PGB may adopt a Standing Rule to modify its quorum and voting rules
122 provided by these Rules in the following manner (all of which modifications must be elected as
123 a single package):

- 124 • (a) Applying the rule of OASIS TC Process Section 1.4 to PGB voting, so that
125 repeatedly absent members shall remain PGB Members, but shall lose their right to
126 vote as PGB Voting Members, and their right to be counted in Quorum, until recovered
127 in the manner described in that Section 1.4;
- 128 • (b) Applying the rule of OASIS TC Process Section 1.4 to Persistent Nonvoting
129 Members of the PGB, so that members shall remain Members but decline to be Voting
130 Members, in the manner described in that Section 1.4; and
- 131 • (c) Applying the rule of OASIS TC Process Section 1.6 to Leaves of Absence for Voting
132 Members of the PGB, so that Members shall remain Members but remove themselves
133 from Voting Member status for a fixed duration, in the manner described in that Section
134 1.6;

135 If a PGB Member appointed by a Project Sponsor or a TSC is replaced on the PGB by a
136 different individual appointed by that Project Sponsor or a TSC, the new incumbent will start as
137 a Voting Member, regardless of any impairment to the prior representative's voting status.

138 6. Technical Steering Committees

139 The PGB shall form a **Technical Steering Committee** (or **TSC**) by a resolution of the PGB. A
140 Project's TSC members shall be composed of the persons, selected in the manner, and
141 chaired by such person as is provided by that resolution. The PGB must create and publish
142 process documentation for each TSC, outlining the requirements for joining and voting in that

143 | the project's TSC, consistent with these Rules (including Section 10), and shall specify
144 | whether the Chair(s) of the TSC are selected by the PGB, or by that TSC's members. The TSC
145 | shall have the duties to advise the PGB and such others as are specified by the PGB, so long
146 | as consistent with these Rules and OASIS policies. The following activities may not be
147 | delegated by the PGB, although it may consult with any the TSC regarding them at the PGB's
148 | option: election or termination of PGB Chairs, approval of any [Releases](#), [Group Releases](#),
149 | [Project Specification Drafts](#), [Project Specifications](#), and approval of candidates for [OASIS](#)
150 | [Standards](#) or external submissions.

151 | The PGB may form more than one TSC, in which case it must designate a name and a distinct
152 | scope of operation for each TSC.

153 | TSC members must have signed and submitted an individual CLA, and if appointed by an
154 | entity, that entity must have signed and submitted an entity CLA. A list of TSC members shall
155 | be maintained and posted at the general information web page designated by OASIS for the
156 | Project. An individual may resign from TSC membership at any time, by notifying the Open
157 | Project Administrator and the Chair(s) in writing.

158 | [7. Project Chairs and Maintainers](#)

159 | [7.1](#) The PGB shall select one or two of its members as [Chairs](#) by a [Full Majority Vote](#), to
160 | coordinate and manage Project decision-making and logistics. The PGB may remove a Chair
161 | at any time by a Full Majority Vote. The Chair(s) of the Project shall:

- 162 | • (a) be responsible for the coordination and polling of any decisions of the PGB
- 163 | • (b) convene and make arrangements for any desired virtual or physical face-to-face
164 | meetings of the PGB and/or Contributors
- 165 | • (c) assist and support the Maintainer(s) as appropriate
- 166 | • (d) be responsible as the Project's principal point of contact with OASIS staff and
167 | resources as needed
- 168 | • (e) manage or provide for the management of communications with Contributors, any
169 | liaisons and the public as may be desirable in support of the Project's goals.

170 | If a PGB does not have at least one Chair then all PGB activities, with the exception of the
171 | selection of a new Chair, are suspended. If a PGB does not have a Chair for 180 days, the
172 | [Open Project Administrator](#) may declare the PGB closed. After closure of the PGB, the Project
173 | may no longer take actions that require the approval of the PGB.

174 | [7.2](#) The PGB shall ensure that there are one or more **Maintainers** to serve as the principal
175 | editor(s) of the Project's technical work managed within its Project Repositories. Maintainers
176 | shall exercise editorial responsibility over the contents of the Project's repositories, including
177 | by:

- 178 | • (a) evaluating and responding to pull requests
- 179 | • (b) designating main or recommended branches of each repository

180 • (c) designating deprecated branches or contributions.

181 Maintainers should act to carry out the technical consensus of the TSC, Contributors, and
182 PGB, and may be removed by the PGB at any time, after notice to the Maintainer and the
183 TSC, for failure to perform their functions as determined by the PGB. No contributed
184 information or pull requests may be deleted from any Project Repository, due to the open
185 nature of the Applicable Licenses and the Archival Permanence rules in [Section 9.2](#). The
186 appointment of a Maintainer survives the closure of the PGB, and thereafter the remaining
187 Maintainer(s) or the Open Projects Administrator may appoint additional or replacement
188 Maintainers.

189 [8. Repositories and Project Tools](#)

190 [8.1](#) OASIS will support official repositories for each Project (***Project Repositories***) using tools
191 selected by staff that are clearly marked as a distinct resource. The repositories listed in the
192 Project's Charter will be opened by OASIS staff in connection with the Project's launch.
193 Subject to the requirements of this Section 8, subsequent Project Repositories may be opened
194 by (a) a decision of the PGB, or (b) if the PGB elects to adopt a [Standing Rule](#) that permits it,
195 then a TSC or a designated maintainer may also do so. However, adding new Applicable
196 Licenses requires PGB approval: any Project Repository that applies an Applicable License
197 (as provided in Section 15.1) that is already not in use in other Repositories of that Project
198 must first be approved by a [Special Majority Vote](#) of the PGB. [All Project Repositories must
199 conform to the configuration instructions, namespaces, and templates \(such as README.md
200 and LICENSE.md files\) provided by OASIS staff.](#)

201 [8.2](#) Each Project Repository will serve as a distinct open source project, including issue
202 tracking, comment facilities, and such other facilities as are normally available by default.

203 [8.3](#) The Project's official ***Project Tools*** include the Project's Repositories and these additional
204 tools: A principal web page for each Project, which may be the home resource page of the
205 Project's first Project Repository, and [at least optionally](#), one [official or more](#) mailing lists for
206 administration of the Project. Subscription to such lists, which shall be subject to the [OASIS
207 Mailing List Guidelines](#), shall be open to anyone.

208 [9. Visibility and Archival Permanence](#)

209 [9.1](#) *Visibility*. Contributions, comments, decisions, records of decisions and all other resources
210 of the Project, including web pages, documents, mailing lists and any other records of
211 discussions, must be located only on the Project Tools designated or authorized by OASIS.
212 Projects may not conduct official business or technical discussions, store documents, or host
213 web pages on servers or systems not designated by OASIS. All Project Tools shall be publicly
214 visible, and all threaded and mail list discussions shall be publicly archived.

215 **9.2 Archival Permanence.** OASIS warrants that it will not inhibit open and free access to all of
216 the material contributed to each Project Repository, as open and freely available resources.
217 This warranty is perpetual and will not be revoked by OASIS or its successors or assigns;
218 however, neither OASIS nor its assigns shall be obligated to:

- 219 • (a) perpetually maintain its own existence, nor
- 220 • (b) provide for the perpetual existence of a website or other public means of accessing
221 such material, nor
- 222 • (c) maintain any material which it is legally required to remove from publication.

223 Some contributed material may be treated as superseded or deprecated by Maintainers or by
224 version control methods, as provided in these rules, but neither Maintainers nor any other party
225 shall delete content. The original form of each contribution shall continue to be available for
226 review, and use according to its licensure, through appropriate version control or document
227 management methodologies.

228 **9.3 Repository Lifecycle.** Once a Project Repository has been created, it will remain open as a
229 resource for public use and reference, and continuing repository contributions or comments,
230 regardless of closure of the Project, under the Archival Permanence rule above, with such
231 remaining Maintainers as may have been appointed.

232 **9.4 Announcements.** The Open Project Administrator shall create a publicly archived,
233 subscribable list for announcements and public notices from OASIS regarding Open Projects.
234 Every important change in Project status shall be posted to that list, including Project
235 formation; opening of a new Project Repository; Releases; Group Releases; Draft Project
236 Specifications; Project Specifications; Candidate OASIS Standards; and proposed external
237 submissions.

238 **10. Project Governance: Decisions and Meetings**

239 **10.1** Decisions by the [PGB](#) regarding the matters allocated to them by these rules normally
240 should be made after reasonable notice to and consultation with the Project's Contributors,
241 and should be made by consensus except in cases where a specific majority vote is required
242 by these rules. In other matters, PGBs and their subordinate bodies are otherwise encouraged
243 to operate without formal motions, formal balloting, or other procedural devices described in
244 Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised; except that a PGB may elect to require routine use of
245 such motions, balloting and devices by approving a Special Rule to that effect. The [Chair\(s\)](#) of
246 the Project are responsible for conducting and administrating the decision processes of the
247 PGB and the Project, consistent with these rules.

248 **10.2 Meetings** of the PGB and any TSC must be properly called by the Chair(s) and scheduled
249 in advance using the OASIS collaborative communication Project Tools. Meetings may be
250 conducted face-to-face or via telephone conference or other electronic media that allow
251 participation of all PGB members. In order to enable the openness of proceedings, meetings

252 also should be scheduled and conducted to permit the presence of as many Contributors as is
253 logistically feasible. A note of each meeting's outcomes must be posted to a publicly
254 accessible location provided by OASIS. Meetings or decisions scheduled or conducted so as
255 to exclude the participation of any PGB member or Contributor are subject to appeal to the
256 [Open Project Administrator](#).

257 **10.3** Electronic ballots of the PGB, when required by these rules, must be conducted on
258 facilities provided or approved by OASIS, and must remain open for a minimum period for
259 seven days. The Chair(s) may specify a longer voting period for a particular electronic ballot.
260 Eligible voters may change their vote up until the end of the voting period.

261 **11. Progression of Project Work**

262 **11.1** In addition to making available the contributions provided by Contributors, via their Project
263 Repositories, Projects may designate specific portions of their output as official [Releases](#),
264 Group Releases, Project Specification Drafts or [Project Specifications](#), and nominate them for
265 further advancement, on the terms set forth in [Sections 11, 12, 13](#) and [14](#).

266 **12.2** Where the PGB or a consensus among the Contributors indicates that a specific set of
267 contributions should be formally considered as a Release, Group Release, Draft Project
268 Specification or Project Specification, then in preparation for that consideration, the
269 Maintainers shall arrange the relevant material in the relevant Project Repository or
270 repositories so that the set can be accessed and referenced as a distinct branch (a Designated
271 Branch).

272 **12. Releases and Group Releases**

273 **12.1** *Releases*. The PGB may act to approve a Designated Branch as an official [Release](#) of
274 the Project, after giving notice to all Contributors via the Project Tools at least fourteen days
275 prior to initiating a PGB vote or consensus call. Such approval decisions are subject to the
276 process, notice and transparency provisions of these rules. Any product of the Project that is
277 composed from contributions to the Project Repositories, of any nature, is eligible for approval
278 as a Release of the Project.

279 **12.2** *Group Releases*. When desirable to aggregate outputs, the PGB may act to approve any
280 set of the Project's Releases or subsets of Releases as an official **Group Release** of the
281 Project, after giving notice to all Contributors via the Project Tools at least fourteen days prior
282 to initiating a PGB vote or consensus call. Such approval decisions are subject to the process,
283 notice and transparency provisions of these rules. Group Releases may include multiple
284 Releases that bear different Applicable Licenses. Aggregate contributions by Maintainers or
285 others which are prepared as potential Project Specifications should instead be approved as
286 Project Specification Drafts, as provided below.

287 [12.3 Licensing](#). Releases and Group Releases bear only the license rights and covenants
288 provided for each of the contributions included there, as evidenced by the relevant repositories'
289 Applicable License(s) and the CLAs.

290 [13. Project Specifications](#)

291 [13.1](#) In order to progress a Release or Group Release by the Project as a **Project**
292 **Specification Draft** (or **PSD**) or a [Project Specification](#) (or **PS**), the PGB and the contents of
293 the release(s) must satisfy the additional criteria of [this Section](#).

294 [13.2](#) In order to be advanced through the approval process, a proposed Project Specification
295 must conform to the Project Specification template provided by the [Open Project Administrator](#),
296 which includes methods for indicating the relevant Designated Branches and Applicable
297 Licenses. Proposed Project Specification Drafts also should conform to that template, to the
298 extent possible.

299 [13.3 Project Specification Drafts](#). A PGB having at least Project Approval Minimum
300 Membership may act to approve any set of contributions to the Project, including from its
301 Releases or Group Releases, as an official Project Specification Draft, after giving notice to all
302 Contributors via the Project Tools at least fourteen days prior to initiating a PGB vote or
303 consensus call. Such approval decisions are subject to the process, notice and transparency
304 provisions of these rules.

305 [13.4 Project Specifications](#). A PGB having at least Project Approval Minimum Membership
306 may act to approve any Project Specification Draft as a Project Specification, by satisfying
307 each of the following requirements:

- 308 • (a) Written notice of that nomination must be given by the PGB to all those involved with
309 the Project and the Open Project Administrator at least fourteen days prior to initiating a
310 ballot. The ballot must be conducted by a [Special Majority Vote](#) of the PGB. The
311 approval decision is subject to the process, notice and transparency rules set forth in
312 these rules and the content requirements noted below.
- 313 • (b) Any machine-executable instructions in a specific computer language (code) that are
314 included in the Project Specification must be composed only of one or more Releases or
315 Group Releases bearing Implementer-Class Licenses.
- 316 • (c) Any guidance, descriptions, processes, models for the behavior of a system or
317 service, or other content that is not machine-executable, and is included in the Project
318 Specification, must be composed only of contributions (which may include Releases or
319 Group Releases) previously made to a Project Repository.
- 320 • (d) The proposed Project Specification will be subject to review and confirmation of
321 conformance by the Open Project Administrator before the approval ballot is opened.

322 [13.5](#) Upon successful conclusion of the Special Majority Vote, the Open Project Administrator
323 must give public written notice thereof, which constitutes approval, and thereafter will publish
324 the Project Specification to the OASIS Library.

325 [13.6](#) *Licensing*. Project Specifications bear the license rights and covenants provided for each
326 contribution included there, as evidenced by the relevant repositories' Applicable License(s)
327 and the CLAs, as well as the Specification NonAssertion Covenant. Project Specifications may
328 bear more than one Applicable License, when composed from Releases or Group Releases
329 from multiple Project Repositories that have different Applicable Licenses.

330 [13.7](#) Implementations of all kinds are welcome (partial or complete; prototype, proof-of-
331 concept, example, model, or reference implementations), provided that PGBs may not
332 designate any single implementation of a Project Specification as exclusive or privileged.

333 [14. OASIS Standard Approval and External Submissions](#)

334 [Project Specifications](#) are eligible for and may be submitted for approval as [OASIS Standards](#),
335 under the following conditions:

- 336 • (a) After three [Statements of Use](#) referencing the PS have been presented to the [PGB](#),
337 a PGB having at least Project Approval Minimum Membership may approve the PS as a
338 candidate for [OASIS Standard](#) in the same manner, and subject to the same
339 requirements, as apply to [Committee Specifications](#) as provided in [Section 3.8 Approval](#)
340 [of an OASIS Standard](#) of the [OASIS TC Process](#). Procedural requirements applicable to
341 [TCs](#) in that rule apply to the PGB for this purpose, including the [Special Majority Vote](#)
342 required to nominate a Project Specification for OASIS Standard. However, a candidate
343 for OASIS Standard submitted by an Open Project shall be subject to the distinct
344 licensing terms in these rules, and not the licensing terms in the [OASIS IPR Policy](#) for
345 TCs.
- 346 • (b) Upon a successful conclusion of that PGB vote and all other requirements, the
347 [OASIS TC Administrator](#) shall proceed with public review and a call for consent as
348 provided in [Sections 3.8.2](#) and [3.8.3](#) of the OASIS TC Process. An OASIS Standard
349 submitted by an Open Project and approved as provided above is eligible for further
350 external submissions as provided in and subject to the requirements in the [OASIS](#)
351 [Liaison Policy](#). The PGB must have at least Project Approval Minimum Membership at
352 the time of any such action or approval; the other procedural requirements applicable to
353 TCs in that policy apply to the PGB for this purpose.

354 [15. Repository and Specification Licenses](#)

355 [15.1](#) *Applicable Licenses; Copyright Implementation Licenses*. Each Project Repository will be
356 subject to a declared **Applicable License**, selected from the list of licenses in this section.
357 Each Contributor agrees in the CLA to grant the Applicable License designated for a repository

358 to all contributions donated to that repository by posting it or requesting its inclusion in that
359 repository, and to all Releases issued from that repository.

360 Anyone may offer comments to any Project Repository, on the terms of the foregoing licenses,
361 as evidenced in the manner noted below. Anyone will be entitled to make use of the contents
362 of a Project Repository, according to the terms of its Applicable License.

363 **15.2** When requesting the creation of a Project Repository, the PGB must select that
364 repository's Applicable License from among the following list:

- 365 • (a) Implementer-Class Licenses: [Apache License v2.0](#); [Eclipse Public License v1.0](#);
366 [Eclipse Public License 2.0](#); [BSD-3-Clause License](#); [CC-0](#); [CC-BY 2.0](#); [CC-BY 4.0](#); [MIT](#)
367 [License](#).
- 368 • (b) Other available licenses: [Community Data License Agreement v2](#).

369 Other widely-used free and open source licenses may be added to this list after review and
370 acceptance by OASIS and amendment of these rules.

371 **15.3** *Special Covenants for Project Specifications*. In addition to the Applicable License for
372 each Project Repository, each Contributor also agrees in the CLA to provide the additional
373 covenants in this [Section 15.3](#), as non-assertion covenants in favor of certain Project
374 Specifications (collectively the **Specification NonAssertion Covenant**):

375 **Contributor Covenant for Specifications**. As a Contributor, you irrevocably covenant that
376 you will not assert any patent claims licensable by you that are necessarily infringed by an
377 implementation of your contribution to the extent that contribution is included in a Project
378 Specification approved by the Open Project to which you made the contribution, against
379 OASIS or any other parties who the Applicable License benefits, for making, having made,
380 using, marketing, importing, offering to sell, selling, and otherwise distributing works that
381 Implement or Derive From your contribution.

382 **PGB Covenant for Specifications**. For any Project Repository whose Applicable License is
383 an Implementer-Class License, if you (or your representative) are a member of that Open
384 Project's Governing Board, you irrevocably covenant that you will not assert any patent claims
385 licensable by you that are necessarily infringed by an implementation of a Project Specification
386 approved by that Open Project within the scope of work of its Charter in effect at the time such
387 deliverable was approved, and any Maintenance Deliverable approved for it, against OASIS or
388 any other parties who the Applicable License benefits, for making, having made, using,
389 marketing, importing, offering to sell, selling, and otherwise distributing works that Implement
390 or Derive From that Project Specification and are compliant with all normative portions thereof.
391 If you withdraw from the PGB, then this obligation continues to apply, but only with respect to
392 those Project Specification Drafts approved more than 7 calendar days prior to your
393 withdrawal, and to any Maintenance Deliverables approved for those specifications thereafter.

394 **Scope of Implementations Benefited.** As used in this covenant, works that “Implement or
395 Derive From” a contribution or specification include:

- 396 • (a) specifications to the extent derived from code
- 397 • (b) independent code implementations of a specification
- 398 • (c) independent code implementations of a specification to the extent the specification is
399 derived from code.

400 For purposes of this definition, “specifications” include documentation, data flows, data
401 formats, application programming interfaces and process descriptions.

402 **Withdrawal from Covenant.** Your Specification NonAssertion Covenant may be suspended
403 or revoked by you with respect to any person who alleges in writing or files a suit asserting that
404 your Contribution, or the work to which you have contributed, constitutes direct or contributory
405 patent infringement.

406 **16. Trademarks**

407 In order to incorporate a trademark or service mark into a Project, including its use in the name
408 of an OASIS Open Project or any Release, or its inclusion in the body of such work, that mark
409 must be:

- 410 • (a) owned by OASIS; or
- 411 • (b) otherwise as approved by the OASIS Board of Directors.

412 No person may use an OASIS trademark or service mark in connection with an Open Project,
413 a Release or otherwise, except in compliance with the Applicable License for a Release or
414 otherwise according to such license and usage guidelines as OASIS may from time to time
415 require.

416 **17. CLAs and License Notices**

417 **17.1 A Contributor License Agreement (or CLA)** shall bind each donor of a repository
418 contribution, issue or comment of any kind to the repository’s Applicable License. All
419 Contributions to Project Repositories shall be subject to an Individual CLA, in the form of
420 [Appendix A-1](#) to these rules, by which all persons making those Contributions are bound.
421 Where Contributions are made by or on behalf of an organization, the responsible individual
422 will designate that organization in their Individual CLA, and that organization will be asked to
423 provide an Entity CLA, in the form of [Appendix A-2](#) to these rules. If that Entity CLA is not
424 obtained, OASIS and the Project must decline contributions from that individual.

425 Project Sponsors who appoint a member to the PGB must provide an Entity CLA, and the
426 persons appointed by them as PGB members must provide an Individual CLA in order to
427 serve.

428 Members of OASIS who provide an Entity CLA must provide the signature (or assent) of their
429 OASIS [Primary Representative](#). Individuals who represent an organization also are required by
430 the Individual CLA to obtain an Entity CLA for that organization.

431 [17.2](#) While some nominal write-access privileges (such as adding issues and comments) may
432 be granted automatically to the public by the Project Tools, only persons who have signed the
433 CLA will be permitted to submit content other than comments or suggestions for [Non-Material](#)
434 [Changes](#).

435 [17.3](#). Each person making a Project Repository contribution must be bound to the terms of the
436 Individual CLA, by obtaining their signature (which may be an equivalent electronic assent) in a
437 manner appropriate to the tools employed to implement that repository; and those signatures
438 shall be recorded and maintained in an auditable manner. Organizational Entity CLA
439 signatures must also be obtained, recorded and maintained in a similar manner.

440 [17.4](#). Notices of the Applicable License applicable to each Project Repository shall be
441 conspicuously visible both from each repository's contribution channels (for potential
442 submitters of material) and its home resource pages (for potential readers and users).

443 [17.5](#) Each Repository and its contribution facility shall be conspicuously marked with the
444 following **Call for Patent Disclosure**:

445 [OASIS requests that any party contact the OASIS Open Project Administrator if it is aware of
446 a claim of ownership of any patent claims that would necessarily be infringed by
447 implementations of an OASIS Project Specification; and that any such claimant provide an
448 indication of its willingness to grant a Specification Non-Assertion Covenant with respect to
449 such patent claims, or otherwise to negotiate patent licenses free of charge with other parties
450 on a non-discriminatory basis on reasonable terms and conditions.]

451 [OASIS may include such claims on its website, but disclaims any obligation to do so. OASIS
452 takes no position regarding the validity or scope of any intellectual property or other rights that
453 might be claimed to pertain to the implementation or use of the technology described in an
454 OASIS Project Specification, or the extent to which any license under such rights might or
455 might not be available; neither does it represent that it has made any effort to identify any such
456 rights.]

457 [18. Appeals and Application of Rules](#)

458 The appeals process provided in [Section 4.2](#) of the OASIS TC Process also shall apply to the
459 actions of the [OASIS Open Project Administrator](#), which may be appealed as provided therein.

460 Changes to these rules shall apply to previously-established Open Projects upon their
461 adoption. However, OASIS may not change the terms of any signed CLA once it has been
462 delivered to OASIS; if a change is required a new CLA must be executed.

463 [Appendix A-1: Individual CLA](#)

464 **OASIS Open Projects: Individual Contributor License Agreement**
465 **(CLA)**

466 The text and links to file i-CLAs for Open Projects are available at [https://www.oasis-](https://www.oasis-open.org/open-projects/cla/oasis-open-projects-individual-contributor-license-agreement-i-cla/)
467 [open.org/open-projects/cla/oasis-open-projects-individual-contributor-license-agreement-i-cla/](https://www.oasis-open.org/open-projects/cla/oasis-open-projects-individual-contributor-license-agreement-i-cla/) .

468 [Appendix A-2: Entity CLA](#)

469 **OASIS Open Projects: Entity Contributor License Agreement**
470 **(CLA)**

471 The text and link to file an e-CLA for an Open Project is available at [https://www.oasis-](https://www.oasis-open.org/open-projects/cla/entity-cla-20210630/)
472 [open.org/open-projects/cla/entity-cla-20210630/](https://www.oasis-open.org/open-projects/cla/entity-cla-20210630/).