Space Systems Command MOSA Interface Standards Alliance
Standards Development Process

Revision Log

Each release of this document supersedes all previously released versions. The change history log lists all significant changes made to the document since its initial release.

Revision Date	Summary of Changes
August 2022	V1 of Bylaws ratified by Alliance Board
September 2022	V1.1 Updated to reflect alias name
December 2022	Streamlined and clarified the approval process for Standards and Revisions thereof
September 2023	Updated to conform with updates made in the Bylaws

About this Document

This document is intended to provide information relating to the development and use of Industry Standards developed by the Space Systems Command Modular Open System Approach (MOSA) Interface Standards Alliance, alias Space Systems MOSA Interface Standards Alliance (hereinafter "Alliance"). Alliance Industry Standards are developed through a consensus-based standards development process. This process brings together volunteers from government, suppliers, and manufacturers representing varied viewpoints and interests to achieve consensus.

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1. Any proposed new or revised standard will start with completion of a Standards Change Request (SCR) form available electronically on the Alliance web page.
2. The Alliance Standards Development Process begins with the approval of a new Standards development Committee/Subcommittee by the Stakeholder Advisory Council in accordance with section 6.2 in the Bylaws.
   a. The Stakeholder Advisory Council will establish entry criteria for Committee/Subcommittee instantiation
   b. The Stakeholder Advisory Council will additionally make the final determination regarding satisfaction of the established entry criteria and final approval of the Alliance Committee/Subcommittee instantiation
3. An appointed Committee/Subcommittee Chair leads meetings in the drafting of the industry consensus Standard and its associated exit/completion critieria.
4. Once the Committee/Subcommittee has completed an initial Draft Standard, the Committee/Subcommittee votes to approve the Draft for submission to the Stakeholder Advisory Council for approval. The Committee/Subcommittee vote will be in compliance with the Alliance Bylaws
5. The Stakeholder Advisory Council assesses the preliminary standard against the established set of exit criteria in accordance with section 6.2 in the Bylaws.
6. The Committee/Subcommittee will be responsible for making appropriate modifications to disposition the Stakeholder Advisory Council's review comments, if needed.
7. When the Stakeholder Advisory Council is satisfied that the exit criteria and objectives for the standard have been met, the Stakeholder Advisory Council will approve the publication of the new or updated Alliance Standard and add it to the IEEE-ISTO Alliance Standards Library.
8. The Committee/Subcommittee will prepare a summary chart package which the Stakeholder Advisory Council will present to the Executive Board to make available to the programs in their respective organizations.
9. Any and all Revisions of the Alliance Products (e.g., Standards, Specifications, Guides, Guidebooks, Tailoring Guides) will be at the discretion of the Stakeholder Advisory Council.
   a. Committees/Subcommittees for revisions of Alliance products will be approved and initiated/instantiated by the Stakeholder Advisory Council.

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