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DEPLOYMENT AI GOVERNANCE STANDARD

DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

Control Stability Rules

1. Purpose

This document defines the mandatory stability rules governing DAGS control identifiers and their associated meanings.

Its purpose is to:

- Preserve the long-term interpretive integrity of the standard
- Prevent semantic drift, renumbering, or silent modification
- Ensure historical assessments remain defensible
- Support insurer-, regulator-, and auditor-legible continuity

This document is normative.

2. Principle of Control Stability

Each DAGS control represents a fixed governance obligation.

Once a control is defined and published:

- Its identifier
- Its domain placement
- Its core meaning

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shall remain stable unless explicitly deprecated or superseded through versioned change.

3. Prohibition on Semantic Drift

Semantic drift is prohibited.

A control shall not:

- Be broadened or narrowed in meaning without versioned change
- Be reinterpreted through editorial clarification
- Acquire additional obligations through implication

Clarifications may explain intent but shall not alter substance.

4. Renumbering and Reassignment Prohibited

The following are explicitly prohibited:

- Renumbering controls
- Reassigning identifiers to different requirements
- Collapsing multiple controls into one identifier
- Splitting a control into multiple identifiers without deprecation

Editorial convenience is not a valid justification.

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5. Deprecation Rules

Controls may be deprecated only through a published version update.

When a control is deprecated:

- The identifier shall be retained
- The control shall be explicitly marked as deprecated
- The deprecation rationale shall be documented
- Historical references to the control remain valid

Deprecated controls shall not be silently removed.

6. Introduction of New Controls

New controls:

- Shall be introduced only in a new version
- Shall receive new identifiers
- Shall not reuse deprecated identifiers
- Shall be recorded in the Change Log

New controls shall not retroactively apply to prior versions.

7. Relationship to Interpretation

Interpretation of controls:

- Is governed by the normative requirements text

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- Is anchored to the identifier at the time of publication
- Shall not be retroactively altered

Later versions may refine future interpretation but shall not rewrite history.

8. Impact on Derivative Artifacts

Derivative artifacts:

- Shall reference controls by stable identifiers
- Shall not reinterpret control meaning
- Shall not create pseudo-controls or sub-controls

If a control changes status, derivative artifacts shall reference the applicable version.

9. Enforcement

Any document, tool, or representation that violates these stability rules:

- Is invalid for purposes of DAGS alignment
- Shall not be relied upon for assessment or reporting
- Constitutes misuse of the standard

10. Status

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