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DEPLOYMENT AI GOVERNANCE STANDARD

DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

Documentation Requirements

1. Purpose

This document defines the mandatory documentation requirements that apply across all control domains of the Deployment AI Governance Standard (DAGS) v1.0.

Its purpose is to:

- Ensure governance controls are documented in a durable and reviewable manner
- Prevent reliance on tacit knowledge, oral practice, or informal artifacts
- Enable traceability, accountability, and defensibility of governance claims
- Establish a consistent documentation baseline across all domains

This document is normative.

2. Documentation Obligation

For each applicable DAGS requirement, documentation shall exist demonstrating that the required control is in place.

Documentation shall not be optional, implied, or inferred from behavior.

If a control exists but is not documented, the requirement is not satisfied.

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3. System-Specific Documentation

Documentation shall be specific to the deployed AI system under assessment.

System-specific documentation shall:

- Reference the declared system scope
- Reflect the operational context of the system
- Identify applicable governance roles and controls

Enterprise-wide documentation may support evidence only where it is explicitly applicable to the system.

4. Minimum Documentation Characteristics

All documentation **shall be**:

- **Durable** — retained in a form that persists beyond personnel changes
- **Accessible** — available to those governing or reviewing the system
- **Traceable** — linkable to specific DAGS requirements and controls
- **Current** — reflective of the deployed system's present state

Documentation that is outdated, inaccessible, or orphaned is not acceptable.

5. Ownership and Responsibility

Each governance document shall have an identifiable owner responsible for:

- Accuracy of content

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- Timely updates when conditions change
- Availability during assessment or review

Unowned documentation is not acceptable.

6. Documentation and Change

Documentation **shall be updated** when material changes occur to:

- System behavior or configuration
- Governance structure or authority
- Operational context or dependencies

Reliance on obsolete documentation constitutes a failure of governance.

7. Documentation Format and Medium

DAGS does not prescribe a specific documentation format or tool.

However, documentation shall:

- Be recorded in a durable medium
- Be retrievable upon request
- Not rely solely on ephemeral communication channels

Oral explanations or ad hoc messaging are not documentation.

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8. Prohibited Documentation Practices

The following practices are prohibited:

- Undocumented governance controls
- Reliance on institutional memory
- Generic documentation not tied to system scope
- Documentation created solely for assessment purposes

Documentation shall reflect operational reality.

9. Relationship to Evidence

Documentation is a foundational form of evidence under DAGS.

However, documentation alone may not be sufficient where requirements demand demonstrable enforcement or operation.

Documentation shall not be used to mask the absence of actual controls.

10. Status

This Documentation Requirements document is **normative**.

It is binding for DAGS v1.0 and all derivative artifacts unless explicitly superseded.

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