DAGS

DEPLOYMENT AI
GOVERNANCE STANDARD

DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

Purpose and Objectives

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Deployment AI Governance Standard (DAGS) v1.0 is to define mandatory deployment-layer governance requirements for artificial intelligence systems in operation.

DAGS establishes what shall exist to ensure that deployed AI systems are governed in a manner that is accountable, traceable, and defensible once they are live and relied upon.

This standard addresses governance after deployment, not intent before development.

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2. Core Objectives

DAGS is designed to achieve the following objectives:

2.1 Establish Deployment-Layer Authority

Define clear governance requirements that determine:

- Who is authorized to make decisions affecting deployed AI systems
- How those decisions are controlled, recorded, and constrained
- Where accountability resides when systems produce outcomes

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2.2 Prevent Governance Ambiguity

Eliminate ambiguity by:

- Fixing mandatory controls using normative language
- Separating governance requirements from assessment or scoring
- Preventing reinterpretation through informal guidance or tooling

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2.3 Support Defensible Oversight

Enable organizations to demonstrate that:

- Deployment-layer governance exists and is documented
- Authority and responsibility are assigned and traceable
- Changes to AI behavior are controlled and accountable

DAGS is designed to be legible under regulatory, legal, and insurance scrutiny.

2.4 Enable Cross-Framework Mapping

Provide a stable normative core that can be:

- Mapped to jurisdiction-specific regulations
- Aligned with external frameworks without importing their assumptions
- Used as a common reference point across oversight regimes

DAGS does not embed regulatory obligations directly.

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2.5 Preserve Longevity and Stability

Ensure that governance requirements:

- Remain valid across changes in models, vendors, and tools
- Do not depend on specific technical implementations
- Can be interpreted consistently over time

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3. Non-Objectives

DAGS explicitly does not seek to:

- Evaluate model accuracy, safety, or performance
- Certify systems or organizations
- Provide maturity models or scoring mechanisms
- Replace regulatory compliance programs
- Govern research, experimentation, or model training

These exclusions are intentional and normative.

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4. Outcome

When applied correctly, DAGS v1.0 provides a defensible baseline for deployment-layer AI governance.

It defines what must exist for oversight to be credible, without prescribing how organizations must engineer or test their systems.

This document is normative.

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

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