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DEPLOYMENT AI GOVERNANCE STANDARD

DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

Explicit Prohibitions

1. Purpose

This document defines the explicit prohibitions that apply across the Deployment AI Governance Standard (DAGS) v1.0.

Its purpose is to:

- Establish clear, non-negotiable boundaries on acceptable practice
- Prevent misuse, dilution, or misrepresentation of the standard
- Eliminate interpretive ambiguity by stating what is not permitted
- Preserve the integrity and defensibility of DAGS as a normative standard

This document is normative.

2. Principle of Prohibition

Where DAGS defines a prohibition, no alternative interpretation, mitigation, or substitution is permitted.

Prohibited practices invalidate claims of DAGS alignment regardless of intent, effort, or partial compliance elsewhere.

3. Governance Prohibitions

The following governance conditions are explicitly prohibited:

- Operating a deployed AI system without a designated owner
- Operating a deployed AI system without assigned accountability
- Relying on informal, undocumented, or tacit governance practices
- Treating governance as optional, advisory, or best-effort

Governance shall be explicit, documented, and enforceable.

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4. Scope and Boundary Prohibitions

The following practices are prohibited:

- Expanding DAGS scope beyond deployment-layer governance
- Applying DAGS to research-only or non-deployed systems
- Collapsing development-layer and deployment-layer obligations
- Redefining system scope to avoid governance requirements

Scope manipulation invalidates applicability claims.

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5. Evidence and Documentation Prohibitions

The following are explicitly prohibited:

- Using intent, plans, or roadmaps as evidence
- Substituting policies for operational controls
- Presenting tool outputs without governance context as evidence

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- Relying on undocumented controls or oral explanation

Evidence shall demonstrate existence and operation, not aspiration.

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6. Accountability and Authority Prohibitions

The following conditions are prohibited:

- Shared accountability without defined roles
- Accountability without corresponding authority
- Delegation that results in unassigned responsibility
- Vendor arrangements that obscure accountability

Responsibility shall be assignable and enforceable.

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7. Change and Control Prohibitions

The following practices are prohibited:

- Undocumented or unauthorized system changes
- Silent modification of deployed behavior
- Reliance on vendor-controlled changes without governance authority
- Retroactive justification of changes

All material change shall be governed and traceable.

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8. Representation and Claim Prohibitions

The following representations are prohibited:

- Claims of DAGS certification or approval
- Implied regulatory or insurer endorsement
- Partial or selective conformance claims
- Use of DAGS terminology to imply maturity, quality, or safety

Misrepresentation constitutes misuse of the standard.

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9. Assessment and Interpretation Prohibitions

The following are prohibited:

- Treating assessment tools as substitutes for the normative standard
- Introducing scoring, weighting, or maturity models into interpretation
- Creating unofficial extensions or variants of DAGS requirements
- Reinterpreting requirements through guidance or commentary

Normative authority resides only in the standard.

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10. Enforcement

Any document, practice, or claim that violates these explicit prohibitions:

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

No exception process exists for prohibited practices.

11. Status

This Explicit Prohibitions document is **normative**.

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

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