



DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

Versioning and Change Control

1. Purpose

This document defines the versioning model, change control discipline, and stability rules governing the DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard.

Its purpose is to:

- Preserve the integrity and interpretability of the standard over time
- Prevent silent or retroactive changes
- Ensure traceability of modifications
- Maintain insurer-, regulator-, and auditor-legible stability

This document is normative.

2. Versioning Model

DAGS uses a semantic versioning model expressed as:

v<major>.<minor>

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Major Version

A change to the major version indicates:

- Addition or removal of control domains
- Substantive changes to normative requirements
- Structural reorganization affecting interpretation

Major version changes are backward-incompatible.

Minor Version

A change to the minor version indicates:

- Clarifications that do not alter intent
- Additive requirements within existing domains
- Non-breaking refinements to definitions or evidence principles

Minor version changes preserve interpretive continuity.

3. Normative Version Authority

The normative standard version governs interpretation.

All derivative artifacts shall:

- Reference the applicable DAGS normative version
- Be interpreted according to that version
- Avoid mixing requirements across versions

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No derivative artifact may redefine or override the normative version.

4. Change Control Requirements

All changes to the normative standard:

- Shall be intentional
- Shall be reviewed and approved under editorial authority
- Shall be documented in the Change Log
- Shall include a clear description of impact

Undocumented changes are prohibited.

5. Control Identifier Stability

Control identifiers:

- Shall remain stable across versions
- Shall not be reused for different requirements
- May be deprecated but not silently removed

If a control is deprecated, its identifier shall be retained and marked accordingly.

6. Backward Interpretation Prohibition

Backward reinterpretation is prohibited.

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A newer version of the standard shall not be used to reinterpret:

- Prior assessments
- Historical claims of alignment
- Previously generated evidence

Interpretation applies only forward from the effective version.

7. Emergency Corrections

Emergency corrections may be issued only to address:

- Material errors affecting interpretation
- Internal inconsistencies within the standard

Emergency corrections:

- Shall be clearly labeled
 - Shall not introduce new requirements
 - Shall be recorded in the Change Log
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8. Publication Discipline

Each published version of the normative standard shall include:

- A fixed version identifier
- A publication date
- A corresponding Change Log entry

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Draft or working versions shall not be represented as authoritative.

9. Supersession

A newer version supersedes prior versions upon publication.

Supersession does not retroactively invalidate assessments or representations made under earlier versions.

10. Status

This Versioning and Change Control document is normative.

It is binding for DAGS v1.0 and all subsequent versions unless explicitly superseded.

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