Quality in Open Source Compliance Defined

The DIS 5230 International Standard defines the key requirements of a quality open source compliance program. It is designed to increase trust in supply chains by providing a single, clear framework for compliance activities. It provides a process framework for open source that reduces complexity and significantly decreases risk while ensuring desired business outcomes.

The DIS 5230 International Standard is built from real world experience of hundreds of user companies. It reduces or eliminates the need for bespoke approaches to open source compliance. This dramatically reduces the resources required for open source compliance and the potential risks.

The DIS 5230 International Standard is particularly relevant for procurement and sales activities where software is involved and procured products or solutions will be applied to business-critical areas or provided to external parties. The OpenChain industry standard enables simpler supplier selection, simpler contracts, reduced risk and quicker contract negotiation.

Open Source Compliance for Sales and Procurement Departments

Using the DIS 5230 International Standard as part of the procurement process allows potential suppliers to be quickly vetted for their alignment with global best practices. When using DIN 5230 as part of the sales process, it allows potential customers to quickly understand how a company is aligned with global best practices. When a company has adopted the DIS 5230 International Standard it provides the following assurances:

The company has an open source policy.

The relevant staff have undergone training related to open source.

There is a process for addressing open source software compliance in inbound software.

There is a process for addressing open source software compliance during internal development.

There is a process for addressing open source software compliance for outbound products and services.

There is documentation on how this is accomplished.

Open source compliance artifacts are structured in the same manner as every other company using this industry standard.