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could those addendum be integrated in the 7 docs? what modifgs doc 1 would needs?

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**ChatGPT said:**

Short answer: yes.  
Addendum 1A (Formula ID & canonical serialization) and 1B (Compatibility & migration), plus the 2B integration note, can be folded into the 7 docs. 1A mostly lands in Docs 3/4/6/7 (determinism, hashing, what the FID covers/doesn’t), 1B in Doc 3B/6/7 (release, forks, error policy), and the 2B note ties Doc 2B to Docs 4C/5A/7A and requires that 032–046 live in every ParameterSet export and are surfaced in reports.

**What Doc 1 needs (minimal edits)**

1. RunRecord fields — make them explicit and aligned with 1A/1B

* Replace the vague “FormulaID (hash of normative Doc 4 sections)” with “FormulaID (64-hex full FID computed from the Normative Manifest per Addendum 1A).”
* Add **nm\_digest** block to RunRecord (at minimum: schema\_version, ranges covered, and the NM hash) so verifiers can recompute the FID exactly as 1A requires.
* Add **engine\_vendor/name** to identify forks (Doc 3B tie-in per 1B).
* Ensure **tie\_policy** is recorded alongside rng\_seed in determinism settings (it’s part of the canonicalized/hashing surface in 1A).
* Optionally add **result\_hash\_full (64-hex)** to RunRecord (in addition to result\_id) to satisfy the “print full 64-hex” requirement for artifacts; this can be stored as a non-hashed header/epilogue field.

1. ParameterSet snapshot — no schema change, but tighten the note

* State that the ParameterSet **must** include the 2B IDs 032–046 (ties, presentation, labels) in every export, not just 2A/2C.

1. Ordering rules — add a clarifying sentence to avoid 2B leaking into canonical data

* In Doc 1’s “Global rules,” reference Addendum 1A’s canonical ordering (Units by Unit ID; Options by order\_index then ID) and state that any Doc 2B unit\_sort\_order is **presentation-only** (affects reports/UI, not DB serialization).

1. FrontierMap field name — fix a small consistency issue

* Rename “band met” → **band\_met** in FrontierMap to match usage elsewhere.

Everything else in Doc 1 already matches the addenda: stable IDs, Option.order\_index, baseline roll fields, per-unit flags, and the required Result/RunRecord linkages are present.

If you want, I can apply these edits and return a redlined Doc 1 skeleton.

Sources

**You said:**

Annex C — Glossary & Definitions.docx

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Annex A — Variable Canonical Reference Table.docx

Document

Annex B — Part 0\_ Schema & Conventions.docx

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There's 13 documents we will update. Here are some fix to be made: Short answer: yes—there are a few cross-doc inconsistencies worth fixing. The big ones: \* \#1 Tie variable IDs are inconsistent One place says ties/RNG are \*\*VM-VAR-032..033\*\* (and even claims the seed is 033), but elsewhere ties are \*\*VM-VAR-050..052\*\* (with seed at 052). The same file that mentions 033 also defines \*\*033\*\* as \*aggregate\\_display\\_mode\*, not a tie seed. \* \#2 What’s inside the Formula ID (FID) isn’t aligned One document says \*\*labels 060–062\*\* are \*included\* in FID coverage, while the updated table explicitly \*excludes\* presentation/reporting controls (like label policies) from the FID. \* \#3 “Reserved IDs” notes contradict active usage A section marks \*\*050–052\*\* as “legacy (replaced by 032–033)” and \*\*060–062\*\* as “superseded”, yet ties are still documented under \*\*050–052\*\* and \*\*062\*\* (decisiveness margin) is actively specified and used. \* \#4 Annex B & Glossary still reference the old tie IDs Annex B’s defaults list \*\*VM-VAR-050 tie\\_policy\*\* (status\\_quo) and the Glossary’s “Tie policy” points to \*\*050/051/052\*\*. (These reinforce the older scheme and clash with the “renumbered” claim.) \* \#5 Cross-reference addendum assumes ties live in 032–033 The Doc 2B integration note says “\*\*032–046\*\* must be stable IDs” and lists tie handling under \*\*032–033\*\*—which conflicts with the widely used 050–052 scheme. --- ## What I’d fix (minimal, low-risk plan) 1. \*\*Keep ties at 050–052\*\* and \*\*keep 032–035\*\* for presentation defaults. \* Edit the “renumbered to 032–033” statements to revert to 050–052, and change “seeded by VM-VAR-033” to \*\*VM-VAR-052\*\*. \* Update the Doc 2B integration note to list tie handling under \*\*050–052\*\*, not 032–033. 2. \*\*Align FID coverage\*\*: exclude labeling/presentation variables from FID. \* Keep the “presentation excluded” rule. \* Remove “Labels: 060–062” from the FID coverage list in the older section and keep \*\*062\*\* as non-FID presentation logic. 3. \*\*Clean up the “Reserved IDs” notes\*\* so they don’t contradict live usage. \* Drop the claim that 050–052 are “legacy” and keep them as active tie IDs. \* Keep \*\*060–061 reserved\*\*, \*\*062 active\*\* (non-FID). 4. \*\*Leave Annex B & Glossary as-is\*\* for IDs (they already use 050–052), but add a one-line footnote in Glossary pointing to the canonical IDs table to prevent drift. If you’d rather migrate ties to \*\*032–033\*\* instead (new scheme), I can map out that path too—but it’s a bigger edit: you’d need to (a) reassign today’s 032–035 presentation IDs to free up 032–033, (b) change all references in Annex B, Glossary, and Addendum 1A, and (c) update the “Reserved IDs” story accordingly. Want me to prep redlines for the affected sections and a quick “What changed & why” note for your repo?

Thought for 3m 59s

**ChatGPT said:**

Yes. We can integrate the addenda across all 13 docs and fix the inconsistencies with a single, low-risk edit set. I’ll assume your preferred plan (keep ties at 050–052; keep 032–035 for presentation; exclude labeling from FID; keep 060–061 reserved, 062 active non-FID).

**Global decisions to lock in**

* **Ties** live at **VM-VAR-050/051/052** (policy / reserved / seed). Glossary and Annex B already align with this: tie policy = 050 and RNG seed = 052.
* **Presentation/reporting** precision stays at **032/033** (non-FID). Glossary already says this.
* **Decisiveness** remains **VM-VAR-062** (non-FID). Glossary uses it.
* **FID scope**: exclude presentation/labeling from FID. Annex A & Addendum 1A already say to exclude presentation; we’ll update Annex A’s tie range to 050–052.

**One-pass sweep (authoritative mini-map)**

* 032–033 → report precision (presentation, non-FID).
* 050 → tie\_policy; 051 → **reserved/no-op** (compat only); 052 → tie\_seed.
* 060–061 reserved; 062 active (decisiveness margin), **non-FID**.

**Redline checklist by document (13)**

**Doc 1 — Database Specification**

* Require Option.order\_index (deterministic ordering for deterministic\_order ties). (Glossary references this) → verify the field is normative in the schema section.
* In **RunRecord** and **Result** schemas, ensure fields record **tie\_policy (050)** and **rng\_seed (052)**, matching Addendum 1A’s requirement that RunRecord include seed(s) and tie policy.
* Note in schema commentary that presentation variables (032/033; 062) **are not** in FID inputs (pointer to Annex A/Addendum 1A).

**Doc 2 — Common Variables (2B section is the source of drift)**

* **Fix scope line:** change “IDs covered here: **032–033 (ties/RNG)**, 044–046…” → “IDs covered here: **050–052 (ties/RNG)**, 044–046…”.
* **Table A) Ties & RNG:** rename **VM-VAR-032 tie\_policy** → **VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy**; **VM-VAR-033 tie\_seed** → **VM-VAR-052 tie\_seed**; keep “deterministic uses Option.order\_index” note.
* **Delete** “Notes. **No VM-VAR-050/051/052** (legacy numbering…)”. Replace with “**051 reserved (compat);** 050 policy; 052 seed. Deterministic order key is Option.order\_index.”
* **Reserved/Not used** bloc: replace “**050–052: not used (legacy numbering superseded by 032–033)**” with “**032/033 not tie variables; presentation only. 050–052 are the active tie variables.**”

**Doc 3 — Technical Platform & Release Policy**

* RNG section already references **VM-VAR-052** seed and the deterministic RNG; keep as canonical. If any 032/033 mentions exist, swap to 050/052.
* Confirm footers/printing still include FID + Engine Version per Addendum 1B; no change.

**Doc 4 — Algorithm Specification**

* In Tie Resolution (§4C), ensure “tie\_policy” and “random seed” reference **050** and **052**; deterministic path explicitly says **Option.order\_index**. (Glossary ties section already crafts the wording—mirror it.)

**Doc 5 — Processing Pipeline**

* In result serialization / TieLog notes: record **tie\_policy=050** and **tie\_seed=052**; ensure these appear in the RunRecord per Addendum 1A.

**Doc 6 — Test Specifications**

* Keep Annex B’s Part 0 defaults (**tie\_policy=050**, seed 052) as reference; add a short conformance check that with fixed seed (052) tie outcomes & TieLog are identical across OS/arch (this is already implied by 6C-020; just cross-ref it).

**Doc 7 — Reporting Specification**

* No ID renumbering; keep 032/033 for precision and **062** for decisiveness labeling (presentation only). Add a one-line **pointer to Annex A** stating these are excluded from FID.

**Annex A — Variable Canonical Reference Table** *(this is the main correction)*

* **Part 1.1 (ID ranges):** change “Ties & RNG: **VM-VAR-032 … 033 (renumbered; supersedes legacy 050–052)**” → “Ties & RNG: **VM-VAR-050 … 052**.”
* **Part 4 (hash inputs):** change “Ties when randomized: tie\_policy (**032**) and tie\_seed (**033**).” → “… (**050**) and (**052**).”
* **Part 5 (Reserved IDs):** remove “**050–052 (old tie variables; replaced by 032–033)**”; instead list **060–061 reserved; 062 active (non-FID)**; keep frontier names as is.
* If any “renumbered to 032–033” notes appear elsewhere, delete them to avoid drift. (Same page block.)

**Annex B — Part 0 (Schema & Conventions)**

* Already correct (defaults show **050** policy and **052** seed). Add a cross-reference: “Canonical IDs table: Annex A Part 1” to prevent future drift.

**Annex C — Glossary & Definitions**

* Already on **050/051/052** for ties; leave as-is. Add a short pointer to Annex A for the canonical list and to Doc 7 for presentation exclusions.

**Addendum 1A — Formula ID & Canonical Serialization (Normative)**

* **ID ranges (§1.1):** currently lists **Ties & RNG: 050–052** → keep. (This doc is already aligned.)
* **Hash inputs/printing:** confirm RunRecord includes seed(s) and tie policy (no change).

**Addendum 1B — Compatibility & Migration (Informative)**

* No renumbering language present; keep as-is. (It only speaks to FID/Engine change policy and printing.)

**Addendum “Doc1–7 – Integration & Cross-Reference Notes for Doc 2B”**

* **Versioning & Change Control (§3):** change “All **VM-VAR-032..046** must be stable” → “All **VM-VAR-032..046 and 050–052** must be stable” (to bring ties back into scope without moving 032/033 out of presentation).
* **Dependency Summary table:** change the row “**032–033 → Tie handling**” to “**050–052 → Tie handling**”; keep 034–039 for reporting/pipeline outputs.
* Keep §2. Integration points (“tie\_policy, tie\_seed → Doc 4C”) but the IDs referenced should be 050/052.

**Why these changes resolve your five issues**

1. **Tie ID inconsistency** — Annex A and Doc 2B are the only places pushing 032/033 for ties. The edits above flip them back to **050/052**, matching Glossary & Annex B.
2. **FID coverage for labels** — We keep presentation excluded from FID and ensure 062 remains **non-FID**.
3. **“Reserved IDs” contradictions** — We remove the “050–052 are legacy” language from Annex A and Doc 2B; mark **060–061 reserved; 062 active**.
4. **Annex B & Glossary on old tie IDs** — They’re already correct (050/052). We just add a footnote linking to Annex A so future edits don’t diverge.
5. **2B integration addendum assumes ties at 032–033** — We update its stability note and dependency table to list **050–052** for ties.

**Net effect / risk**

* **No behavioral change** to tests or engine defaults (Annex B already on 050/052; Doc 3 RNG on 052). This is primarily a document realignment and a few table renames.
* **FID** doesn’t change under this plan (we’re not adding/removing variables or defaults; we’re clarifying IDs and keeping presentation outside the FID).

If you want, I’ll produce Word redlines for the specific line edits above and a short **“What changed & why”** note for the repo.

Sources

**You said:**

search in the 13 files for misalignment. Integrate the addendum in the files. List the modif to be made in every doc (and be specific about which part)

**ChatGPT said:**

To ensure a complete and aligned integration of the addenda and correct any inconsistencies across the 13 documents, could you confirm the following so I can conduct the review properly:

1. Should all documents be aligned with the latest variable ID scheme you specified (i.e., tie variables at 050–052, presentation at 032–035, and labels 060–062 excluded from FID)?
2. Should any deprecated references to earlier schemes (e.g., ties at 032–033 or FID including 060–062) be fully removed or noted for backward compatibility?
3. Do you want changes limited to documentation only (text, tables, definitions) or also schema field names and structural changes (e.g., database field names in Doc 1, export formats in Doc 7)?

Once you confirm, I will identify and list exact modifications needed in each document and show which part of each document (section, table, paragraph) needs change.

**You said:**

no backward compatibility. Focus on fully updated version MAke changes for internal cohency between every file

**ChatGPT said:**

Understood. I’ll now conduct a full search across the 13 documents to identify and fix misalignments, integrate the two addenda, and produce a detailed list of the specific modifications needed in each document. This will ensure internal consistency, using the latest canonical structure (ties at 050–052, presentation at 032–035, label variables excluded from FID, no legacy compatibility preserved).

I’ll get back to you shortly with a comprehensive breakdown of edits by document, indicating which parts need updates and what exactly should change.

Research completed in 15m · 8 sources

Integration of Addenda and Correction of Cross-Document Inconsistencies

**Identified Inconsistencies Across Documents**

**Tie Variable ID Confusion:** Several documents reference conflicting ID ranges for the tie-break policy variables. For example, Doc 2B defines the tie policy and seed as **VM-VAR-032** and **033**, explicitly noting that IDs 050–052 are “not used (legacy numbering superseded by 032–033)”. In contrast, the algorithm and platform docs still use **VM-VAR-050..052** for ties – Doc 4C’s tie-resolution section refers to *“Policy order (VM-VAR-050..052): status\_quo, deterministic\_order, random (with rng\_seed)”*, and the pipeline function ResolveTies consumes **VM-VAR-050..052** as inputs. The glossary in Annex C also lists tie policy under 050/051/052. This clash indicates a numbering inconsistency: some parts of the documentation use the **032–033** scheme for tie variables while others still use **050–052**.

**Formula ID (FID) Coverage Misstatements:** The scope of which variables are included in the Formula ID is inconsistently described, especially for the presentation/labeling variables. **Addendum 1A** originally stated that the FID covers all “Labels: 060–062” variables, implying that the decisiveness labeling parameters were part of the normative rule set. However, the updated design treats these labeling toggles as *presentation-only*, excluded from the FID. Annex A (updated) explicitly *excludes* “presentation/reporting controls (e.g. label display thresholds/policies)” from the FID computation. Doc 2B likewise notes that labeling variables *“affect reporting language only… Core outcomes are not altered here”*. Despite this, some references still imply they might be normative: Doc 4C uses **VM-VAR-062** in the decisiveness label logic as if it were a threshold affecting outcome labeling, and Annex C defines Decisive vs Marginal outcomes based on **VM-VAR-062**. These hints of including labels in outcome logic conflict with the intended exclusion of 060–062 from the FID. In short, there is confusion over whether variables 060–062 are part of the hashed formula or merely presentation settings – the latest consensus is that **they are presentation-only and not included in the FID**, rendering earlier statements to the contrary outdated.

**Conflicting Reserved ID Ranges:** The documents give contradictory guidance about which ID ranges are reserved/legacy. Addendum 1B (and Annex A’s compatibility note) marks **VM-VAR-050…052** as “old tie variables” not to be reused, since ties were renumbered to 032–033 in that interim scheme. It likewise labels **VM-VAR-060…062** as “old label placeholders… superseded by 044–046 in non-FID space”. This conflicts with the actual usage in other sections: the algorithm and test docs actively use 050 and 052 for tie\_policy and tie\_seed (not truly “legacy”), and the glossary still treats 060–062 as the live label threshold (not just placeholders). In Doc 2B’s final text, the **050–052 range is stated as unused** even while Doc 4/5 use it, and conversely Doc 2B repurposed **044–046** for labels whereas Doc 4/Annex C still reference **062** for the margin label. These inconsistencies point to confusion between an older numbering vs. the new scheme – e.g. whether 050–052 and 060–062 are retired or active. In the fully updated scheme we will adopt, **050–052 will be the active tie-break variables** (with 051 unused as a placeholder), and **060–062 will be the active report/label variables** (excluded from FID but not “reserved” for legacy). All documents need to reflect this uniformly.

**Glossary and Annex Discrepancies:** Annex C (Glossary) entries have not been harmonized with the renumbering changes, leading to errors and redundancies. For example, the **“Tie policy”** entry cites *“(VM-VAR-050/051/052; Doc 4C §3)”* even though Doc 2B uses 032/033 for the same concept – the glossary entry is referencing the old IDs. Similarly, **“Report precision”** is listed as *“(VM-VAR-032/033; Doc 7A/7B)”*, which is incorrect – variables 032/033 are actually tie settings in one scheme or not used for precision in the new scheme (report precision is a fixed one-decimal rule, not controlled by two variables). The **Decisiveness labels** definition in Annex C uses **VM-VAR-062** in describing Marginal vs Decisive, whereas the corresponding parameter in Doc 2B was renumbered to 044 (and in the final scheme will be 060). These glossary inconsistencies underscore the need to update Annex C to the new canonical IDs and definitions once the main documents are corrected.

**Integration of Addenda Content into Main Documents**

The content from **Addendum 1A (Formula ID & Canonical Serialization)** and **Addendum 1B (Compatibility & Migration)**, as well as the **Doc 2B integration notes**, must be merged into the relevant sections of Docs 1–7 to ensure a single, coherent specification. Key integration points include:

* **Formula ID Scope & Serialization (Addendum 1A):** The normative rules about what goes into the Formula ID and how canonical serialization is done should be incorporated into Annex A and the release policy sections of Doc 3. In practice, this means Annex A Part 1 now enumerates the exact variable ranges included in the FID and explicitly excludes presentation toggles, and Part 2/3 defines the Normative Manifest JSON, hashing procedure, and canonical JSON formatting rules. These addendum details have largely been merged as the updated Annex A (marked normative). We will ensure Doc 3B (Release Policy) also references the FID version bump rules from Addendum 1A (when to bump FID vs Engine Version) and that Doc 7 (Report) mentions printing the FID and warning if defaults differ from the normative set.
* **Compatibility & Reserved IDs (Addendum 1B):** The migration notes from Addendum 1B were partially integrated as footnotes/notes in the docs (e.g. the reserved ranges noted in Doc 2 and Annex A). Since we are focusing on the fully updated scheme with no need for backward compatibility, we will **remove or modify these notes**. The main addendum message was to avoid reusing 050–052 and 060–062 due to renumbering; in the final scheme, however, we are intentionally using 050–052 for ties and 060–062 for labels, so references to “legacy” numbering will be deleted. Instead, any needed clarification (such as VM-VAR-051 being intentionally unused) will be kept as simple notes. Essentially, the compatibility addendum’s integration becomes moot – we will strip out legacy references and ensure each doc directly presents the new scheme as the authoritative one.
* **Doc 2B Integration (Addendum Doc1–7 for 2B):** Doc 2’s Common Variables Specification is already structured into Part 2A (core), 2B (operational defaults), 2C (advanced). The integration addendum for 2B provided cross-references to how those defaults tie into algorithm (Doc 4C), pipeline (Doc 5A/B), and reporting (Doc 7). We will make sure those linkages are reflected in the main docs after renumbering. For example, tie-handling variables point to the tie-resolution section in Doc 4C and test cases in Doc 6C; frontier default variables link to frontier rules in Doc 4C; report presentation variables link to Doc 7A sections on output formatting. Where needed, we will add or retain notes in Docs 4, 5, and 7 that refer back to the controlling variable in Doc 2B by ID. After we revise the IDs (e.g. tie\_policy to 050, etc.), these cross-references will be updated accordingly. The Doc 2B addendum also stipulated that *“All VM-VAR-032..046 must be stable IDs and included in the parameter set export for every run”*; with our final scheme, this range will adjust (it will include 050–052 as well, excluding 047–049 advanced and excluding 060–062 presentation from the FID). We will ensure Annex A and Doc 5 (ParameterSet usage) reflect that the full set of outcome-affecting defaults are always recorded, and that presentation toggles, while in the ParameterSet, do not alter the FID.

With these integrations, the formerly separate addenda content becomes part of the main specification: Annex A will contain the canonical reference table and serialization rules (from 1A/1B), Doc 2B will contain all default parameters (from the 2B notes), and Doc 3 will contain the release/versioning policy (from 1A). This eliminates the need to consult the addenda separately and resolves the “floating” references issue – every variable and rule is now documented in place and cross-referenced consistently.

**Document-Specific Revisions for Alignment**

Below is a list of the specific edits required in each of the 13 documents to resolve the above issues and align them to the updated scheme (tie variables at 050–052, presentation variables at 032–035 and 060–062 excluded from FID, no legacy numbering).

**Doc 1 – Database Specification:** In *Doc 1A/1B (Entities & global rules)*, remove outdated tie-break ID references. In the “Deterministic order” rule, Doc 1 currently says *“(see VM-VAR-051 & VM-FUN-008)”*. **Edit:** Change this to **“(see tie resolution function VM-FUN-008)”**, or if an ID is needed, reference **VM-VAR-050** (the tie policy variable) instead of 051. The deterministic ordering itself is not a separate variable (051 is unused for deterministic key), so we should simply clarify that *Option.order\_index* is the key (as the text already states) and drop the mention of a VM-VAR ID. This will align with Doc 2B’s note that no separate variable exists for deterministic order. (No other parts of Doc 1 reference specific variable IDs 032/050/060, so this is the main edit for Doc 1.)

**Doc 2 – Common Variables Specification:** This document requires multiple edits in Part 2B and the annex notes to adopt the new numbering:

* **Scope of Doc 2B:** Update the introductory lines of *Doc 2B – Operational Defaults & Determinism Controls*. It currently says *“IDs covered here: 032–033 (ties/RNG), 044–046 (reporting/presentation)”*. **Edit:** Change this to **“IDs covered here: 032–035 (reporting, pipeline outputs) and 050–052 (tie-breaking controls)”**. This reflects that in the final scheme, the default presentation/report toggles occupy 032–035 (we include any pipeline/report variables such as sensitivity toggles here) and the tie policy/seed have IDs 050 and 052 (with 051 reserved). We include 032–035 because in the new numbering these IDs are not used for ties; they can host presentation defaults like *report precision, frontier map toggle, sensitivity toggle*, etc., which remain part of 2B. (If any of 032–035 are unused, we can list them as reserved for future presentation settings.)
* **Tie Variables Table:** In section **A) Ties & RNG** of Doc 2B, renumber the variables:
  + *VM-VAR-032 tie\_policy* → **VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy**. Change its ID in the table and text. The allowed values (“status\_quo | deterministic | random”), default (“status\_quo”), and description remain the same, but update any internal references to VM-VAR-032 to VM-VAR-050.
  + *VM-VAR-033 tie\_seed* → **VM-VAR-052 tie\_seed**. Update the ID accordingly, keeping the type (integer ≥ 0), default (0), and description text the same.
  + After renumbering, **add a note** that **VM-VAR-051 is unused/reserved**. We will modify the existing note which currently reads, *“No VM-VAR-050/051/052. The deterministic key is always Option.order\_index…”*. **Edit:** Replace that with **“Note: VM-VAR-051 is reserved (no separate variable for deterministic order – it always uses Option.order\_index).”** This clarifies that 051 is intentionally left blank in the sequence and why. We have now effectively moved tie\_policy and tie\_seed to 050 and 052, aligning Doc 2 with Docs 3–5 on tie-breaker IDs.
* **Reporting & Labeling Variables:** In section **B) Reporting & Labeling** of Doc 2B, revert the IDs of the three variables back to the 060–062 range:
  + *VM-VAR-044 default\_majority\_label\_threshold* becomes **VM-VAR-060 default\_majority\_label\_threshold**. Update the ID in the table. Its definition (“integer % 0..100”, default 50%) stays the same. Adjust any cross-references (Doc 4C etc.) to use 060 instead of 044.
  + *VM-VAR-045 decisiveness\_label\_policy* becomes **VM-VAR-061 decisiveness\_label\_policy**. Update the ID and leave the values (“fixed | dynamic\_margin”, default “fixed”) and notes unchanged.
  + *VM-VAR-046 unit\_display\_language* becomes **VM-VAR-062 unit\_display\_language**. Update the ID; it remains a string or “auto”, default “auto”.
  + **Note addition:** Beneath this table, add a clarifying note that these three variables **do not affect the FID**. For example: *“****Note:*** *These labeling and display settings are presentation-only toggles. They do* ***not*** *change any outcome calculations and are* ***excluded from the Formula ID*** *hashing.”* This integrates the Addendum 1A/1B intent directly into Doc 2B, reinforcing that 060–062 are outside the normative formula scope. (Doc 2A’s section on FID coverage already stops at 048, but this note makes it explicit in Doc 2 as well.)
* **Reserved IDs Note:** Update the **“D) Reserved / Not used”** subsection in Doc 2. Originally it lists *“050–052: not used (legacy… superseded by 032–033)”*. **Edit:** Change this to reflect the new unused IDs in this part of the spec. For instance: **“029 is reserved for symmetry\_exceptions (Doc 2C). 034–039 reserved (no defaults defined in this range as of v1). 047–049 not used here (advanced frontier controls are in Doc 2C).”** We will **remove the mention of 050–052 here** since they are now actively used (not reserved) in 2B. Also remove the outdated “superseded” language referring to legacy numbering. Essentially, after our changes, Doc 2B covers 032–035 and 050–052, so any IDs not in those ranges (or in 2A/2C) can be noted as reserved if needed (we’ve noted 034–039 if none are assigned, though 035 is actually used for sensitivity per below).
* **Pipeline/Sensitivity Variables:** Ensure that any operational default variables not previously listed (such as a *frontier\_map\_enabled* toggle or *sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled*) are accounted for in 2B’s numbering. The integration notes mentioned these as defaults influencing pipeline branching. If they exist, assign them IDs in the 032–035 block:
  + **VM-VAR-034 frontier\_map\_enabled** (boolean, default likely “on” if maps are on by default) – if applicable, include it in 2B’s table of defaults under a new subsection (e.g., *“Pipeline Outputs”*).
  + **VM-VAR-035 sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled** (boolean, default “off” unless sensitivity is auto-run) – this is referenced by Annex C and should be listed.
  + These might require adding a small table or entries under 2B (perhaps a section C in 2B for “Pipeline/Reporting toggles”) for completeness. If we add them, we must ensure their IDs (034, 035) do not conflict and are marked as non-normative (excluded from FID).
  + *Rationale:* This ensures Doc 2 covers all variables up to 035 as hinted by integration doc. If these were omitted before, we integrate them now so that Doc 2B fully matches the updated variable list.

After these edits, Doc 2 will consistently show the tie variables at 050/052 and the label/presentation variables at 060–062, with clear notes about exclusions and reserved IDs. All cross-references within Doc 2 (like scope notes that pointed to Doc 4C or Doc 7) should be updated to the new IDs. For example, the tie policy note might still reference Doc 4C §Tie Resolution – that’s fine, but the Doc 4C text will be updated to refer to VM-VAR-050 (see Doc 4 edits below).

**Doc 3 – Technical Platform & Release Policy:** The main changes here are to align references to tie-break seeds and integrate the formula ID rules from Addendum 1A:

* In *Doc 3A §5 (RNG for ties)*: Ensure the text reflects **VM-VAR-050**/052 as the tie controls. Currently it says *“RNG… with explicit VM-VAR-052 rng\_seed”* which is correct for seed. It does not explicitly name tie\_policy’s ID (it uses the name), but to be safe, where it says *“tie\_policy = random”*, we could add **“(VM-VAR-050 = random)”** for clarity. Similarly, confirm that any mention of the seed uses 052 (it does) and not 033. No change needed there except maybe adding the tie\_policy ID for completeness.
* In *Doc 3B (Build & Release)*: Incorporate formula ID bump policy. We should insert a brief paragraph or table that captures Addendum 1A §5 (Change Policy) within Doc 3B’s release/versioning section. For example, after line 269 where it defines Formula ID and Engine Version, we add:
  + *“****Formula ID change triggers:*** *Any change to the set of outcome-affecting variables (adding/removing a VM-VAR in the covered ranges or altering a default, domain, or semantic)* ***must*** *result in a new Formula ID. Likewise, modifying any fixed algorithmic constant (denominators, rounding rule, MMP sequence, etc.) requires a Formula ID bump. Changes to performance, UI, or other non-normative aspects* ***do not*** *alter the FID and should only increment the Engine Version. Bug fixes that actually change an outcome are treated as normative changes (both FID and Engine Version increment).”*  
    This summary (with appropriate citation to Addendum 1A) will guide implementers on when to bump the formula version vs the engine version, making Doc 3B self-contained in terms of release policy.
* Also in Doc 3B, ensure the **release tagging and report footer** info is consistent: The text already says the report prints the Formula ID and Engine Version. If there is any mention of default differences footnote (e.g., *“notice if defaults differ from Annex A”* as per Addendum 1A), we should include that in Doc 7 (see Doc 7 edits). If not mentioned yet, consider adding a line in Doc 3 or Doc 7 about highlighting any scenario where a run uses non-standard default parameters (since Addendum 1A implied that requirement for transparency).

Doc 3’s references to tie IDs (052) are already aligned with our final scheme, and the rest of the changes integrate the addendum’s normative content.

**Doc 4 – Algorithm Specification (Parts 4A–4C):** We need to correct tie and label references in Doc 4C:

* **Tie Resolution (Doc 4C §3)**: The tie-break policy section should reflect that the variables are VM-VAR-050 and 052 (with 051 reserved). Currently it lists *“Policy order (VM-VAR-050..052): status\_quo → deterministic\_order → random…”*. While this is generally correct, it may mislead since 051 isn’t actually a separate policy. **Edit:** Modify this to something like **“Tie-break policy (VM-VAR-050) with options: status\_quo, deterministic\_order, or random. If ‘deterministic\_order’ is selected, the fixed Option.order\_index is used (no extra variable needed); if ‘random’ is selected, use the deterministic RNG seeded by VM-VAR-052.”** We can keep the enumeration of the policy order (Status Quo first, then deterministic, then random) in prose, but make sure it’s clear that 050 is the policy variable controlling it. Also ensure any reference to *tie\_seed* points to VM-VAR-052 explicitly (the text already mentions *“VM-VAR-052 rng\_seed”* – that remains, just ensure consistency in terminology).
* **Decisiveness Labels (Doc 4C §4)**: Update the threshold variable ID. It currently says *“national margin ≥ VM-VAR-062 (pp) … margin < VM-VAR-062 or any flags → Marginal”*. **Edit:** Change **“VM-VAR-062”** to **“VM-VAR-060”** in both places. This aligns with our renumbering of the default majority label threshold to 060. We should also consider the logic with the *decisiveness\_label\_policy*: If the policy is “fixed”, the only criterion is the margin threshold; if “dynamic\_margin”, flags also trigger Marginal. Doc 4C as written always counts flags, effectively assuming dynamic policy. To avoid confusion or contradiction with the variable, we can parenthetically note: *“(if policy = dynamic; under a fixed policy, only the margin % is considered)”*. However, since dynamic is likely the intended behavior and it’s the default, we might leave the algorithm text as-is but ensure Doc 2 (061) explains the effect. In sum, for Doc 4, we primarily switch 062 -> 060 here.
* **Frontier & Protected overrides:** Doc 4C references VM-VAR-046 as autonomy\_package\_map in ladder mode and VM-VAR-045 as protected\_override\_allowed. After our changes, VM-VAR-046 in Doc 2A remains autonomy\_package\_map (unaffected), but note that *unit\_display\_language* moved to 062 – there’s no conflict because 046 in Doc 4 context was frontier autonomy map (Doc 2A core variable). Just verify that in Doc 4C §2.4c, “VM-VAR-046 autonomy\_package\_map” is still correct (it is, since 046 in core didn’t change). No edit needed there. Similarly, VM-VAR-045 in Doc 4C is used for protected override (which in Doc 2C or 2A is likely *protected\_override\_allowed*), and 045 in our final scheme remains that (since we moved the label policy out from 045 to 061, we must ensure *protected\_override\_allowed* isn’t accidentally renumbered – likely it was a different part, possibly 2C advanced variable around 045? Actually, in Doc 4 snippet it implies VM-VAR-045 toggles protected area override. In Doc 2 integrated, 045 was used for label policy, which seems a clash! Likely in original scheme, protected\_override\_allowed was 043 or something in 2A or 2C. We should cross-check: Annex C glossary shows “Protected area… (VM-VAR-045; Doc 4C §2.2)” – implying 045 was protected\_override\_allowed in the core spec. That means our Doc 2 integration of label policy into 045 actually *re-used* an ID that was previously core! This is a serious inconsistency: it suggests a mis-numbering happened in drafts. For final alignment, we must fix that conflict: The protected override toggle (which logically is a frontier-related setting) should likely be VM-VAR-045 in core/advanced, and the label policy should not have been 045. In our final scheme, we set label policy to 061, freeing 045 to remain protected\_override.\*\* Thus, we will: confirm Doc 2A/2C has VM-VAR-045 defined as *protected\_override\_allowed (on/off)* in core or advanced. If not, we’ll add it. But importantly for Doc 4, ensure any mention of “VM-VAR-045 = on” for protected areas is consistent with Doc 2A. (This illustrates why removing the 044–046 repurposing was needed – it conflicted with existing uses in Docs 4/Annex.)\*\* In summary, after our edits:
  + Doc 4C §2.2 Protected areas: should still refer to VM-VAR-045 for override (no change if core spec uses 045 for that).
  + Doc 4C §4 Labels: uses 060 for margin threshold (edited).
  + Doc 4C §3 Ties: uses 050/052 (edited for clarity).
* **Cross-references:** In places where Doc 4C mentions variables by name, update the IDs if needed. E.g., if it says “(VM-VAR-032) tie\_policy” anywhere, change to 050 (though in our snippet it did not mention 032; it used 050..052 already). Similarly, if Doc 4A or 4B sections mention any moved IDs (e.g., if Doc 4A talked about report precision or such, which is unlikely), update accordingly. The main ones were in 4C as addressed.

**Doc 5 – Processing Pipeline Specification:** Ensure that the function contracts use the new IDs:

* **VM-FUN-008 (ResolveTies)** – Input/Consumes: It currently lists *“VM-VAR-050..052 (policy, deterministic order, rng\_seed)”*. This can remain as a range, but to be precise and avoid implying an actual 051 variable, we might list them individually. **Edit:** Change the “Consumes variables” to **“VM-VAR-050 (tie\_policy) and VM-VAR-052 (tie\_seed)”**. We can drop 051 here since the deterministic order is not an input variable. This makes the function spec accurate. (If leaving it as “050..052” we should footnote that 051 is not used, but it’s clearer to just list the ones that are.)
* **VM-FUN-009 (LabelDecisiveness)** – Consumes: change *“VM-VAR-062 (marginal band threshold)”* to **“VM-VAR-060 (marginal label threshold)”**. This function uses the threshold in determining Decisive vs Marginal, so we point it to the new ID 060. If needed, also note that it inherently considers flags (as per dynamic policy). If we want to incorporate the label policy toggle: the function could check VM-VAR-061, but the current design didn’t include that logic explicitly. We might leave it implicit or add a note like *“(honors VM-VAR-061 policy: if ‘fixed’, only threshold 060 matters; if ‘dynamic’, uses threshold + flags as below)”* for completeness.
* **VM-FUN-011 (BuildRunRecord)** – Make sure it logs the tie\_policy and seed correctly. Postconditions say *“rng\_seed recorded if any tie used random policy.”* After changes, tie\_policy is 050 and seed 052, which is fine. Perhaps ensure the code or audit mentions capturing **VM-VAR-050 and 052**. If not explicitly stated, no textual change needed.
* **VM-FUN-013 (CompareScenarios)** – If it references specific variables for thresholds: it might adjust 020, 022, 023 by ±1/5 pp. Ensure it doesn’t need to adjust the label threshold (060) because that’s presentation only (likely not included in sensitivity analysis). No edit unless explicitly mentioned.
* **Pipeline Variables:** If Doc 5A/5B mentions the use of any of the presentation toggles (like unit\_display\_language or report precision) in the pipeline, ensure the IDs are correct. For example, if the pipeline skips or includes steps based on *frontier\_map\_enabled (034)* or uses *unit\_sort\_order*, those should align with Doc 2’s final listing. From the integration notes: *frontier\_map\_enabled* and *sensitivity\_enabled* affect branching – ensure those are reflected in the pipeline state machine (e.g., an IF around MapFrontier or CompareScenarios). That might not require doc text changes beyond listing them as consumed by the pipeline or considered in Preconditions. If needed, we add a line in Doc 5A that *“if VM-VAR-034 frontier\_map\_enabled = off, skip the MAP\_FRONTIER stage”* and *“if VM-VAR-035 sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled = off, skip CompareScenarios”*, etc., using the new IDs.

Overall, Doc 5 changes are mainly search/replace of 032→050, 033→052, 062→060 in the function specs, plus small clarifications.

**Doc 6 – Test Specifications:** The test cases should already align once the variables are renumbered, because they often refer to the variable names or use JSON with VM-VAR IDs:

* In the deterministic tests (6C-019, 020), the example ParameterSet already uses **"VM-VAR-050": "status\_quo"** which is consistent with final ties. We should verify if any test or expected output used 032/033. It appears not – the tests either refer to tie\_policy by name or already by 050. For instance, VM-TST-020 instructs *“set tie\_policy=random; rng\_seed=424242”* without numeric IDs, and the JSON snippet we saw uses 050. So likely **no changes needed in Doc 6’s content**, aside from updating any narrative that might mention “032/033”. If a test description explicitly said “the ParameterSet includes all variables 032–046” (unlikely in user-facing test descriptions), we’d change that to “032–046 and 050–052” or similar. The acceptance criteria note at line 95–98 already says any randomness includes a recorded seed, which is fine.
* If any test covers label thresholds or language: e.g., maybe a test expects a Marginal label when margin is just below 55%. If the test reference used the old ID (044 or 062) to tweak that, update it. But given thresholds are mostly fixed at 55 in tests, they likely didn’t adjust the label threshold variable. No direct mention in snippet, so minimal impact.

Thus, Doc 6 primarily needs to have consistent assumption that tie\_policy is 050. Since the JSON and references confirm that, we consider Doc 6 aligned. We will double-check that **VM-TST-018** (if any covers protected override or labels) isn’t affected by ID moves (doesn’t seem so from snippet).

**Doc 7 – Reporting Specification:** Edits here ensure the report content references match the final variable set:

* **Outcome Labeling in Text:** Doc 7A’s Outcome section should mirror the logic with the correct IDs. If it says anything like “≥ VM-VAR-062” in the textual rules, update it. From what we saw, Doc 7A describes the Outcome label in words (“Decisive/Marginal/Invalid”) but does not explicitly cite the variable ID, it relies on Result.label which comes from the algorithm. It did say *“This condition alone changes the label to Marginal per Doc 4C.”* – that’s fine, no ID. So likely no direct number to change in the narrative.
* **Report Footer / Integrity Section:** We should ensure that the **footer prints the FID and highlights non-default parameters**. Doc 7A’s “Integrity” or footer instructions (if any) should include something like: *“Print Formula ID (short form) and Engine Version. If any operational defaults (Doc 2B variables) were changed from the Annex A reference values, append a note listing those differences.”* If this is not already in Doc 7A, we insert it. (This comes from Addendum 1A’s guidance.) It ensures that if, say, someone ran with a different label threshold or tie\_policy than default, the report calls it out.
* **Presentation details:** Doc 7 already mandates one decimal place for percentages (hardcoded). The glossary’s erroneous reference to a “report precision (VM-VAR-032/033)” suggests there was confusion about a variable controlling decimals. In the final scheme, it’s fixed, so we won’t introduce any such variable. We should **remove any implication of a configurable report precision**. In practice, this means **no action needed in Doc 7 text** (since Doc 7 itself doesn’t mention 032/033 anywhere; the glossary did, which we will fix in Annex C). Doc 7’s rules remain “one decimal” uniformly.
* **Language toggle:** The report spec might mention supporting multiple languages for unit names. Doc 7A §3 (Accessibility & bilingual handling) covers how to produce mirrored documents. We should tie this to **VM-VAR-062 unit\_display\_language**. For example, we can add in that section: *“(Language for unit names is selected via VM-VAR-062; ‘auto’ means use the locale of the report.)”* This integration ensures the spec acknowledges the variable. If Doc 7B (Templates) lists any text related to language, make sure it aligns (likely not needed beyond what we add).
* **Cross-references:** If Doc 7 refers to any default by ID (perhaps in an Appendix or footnote), update it. E.g., Doc 7’s Snapshot section lists certain parameters by ID to display (like it shows “Thresholds: VM-VAR-020 = X%, VM-VAR-022 = Y%…”). We should check if tie\_policy or label threshold are displayed anywhere. They might not be in the snapshot. Possibly in an *Integrity* section, tie\_policy might be printed if random (maybe in a footnote). If not explicitly in doc text, then no edit. However, since the **TieLog and seed** are recorded in RunRecord (and maybe shown in an appendix of the report), ensure *if* Doc 7 mentions “Tie-break seed” it uses the right term. I suspect the report might not print the seed unless in an audit appendix. It likely just prints the Formula ID, Engine Version, and maybe the note that “Tie-breaks were resolved by [policy]” in the narrative (the template in Doc 7B has a section 1.5 Ties with wording we saw). In that template:
  + It says “A tie occurred… By policy, Status Quo prevails.” / “resolved by predeclared ordering” / “resolved by random draw with seed [####]”. We should ensure the seed is printed exactly as the VM-VAR-052 value. The template already has “[####]” as a placeholder for the numeric seed, which is fine. No ID mentioned, so it’s good.

Thus, Doc 7 changes are minimal: mostly contextual and ensuring any mention of defaults in footers is consistent (which might not involve explicit IDs anyway). We will, however, correct the **Glossary (Annex C)** entries related to Doc 7, as described next.

**Annex A – Variable Canonical Reference (Updated):** This annex will be adjusted to be fully consistent with the new scheme, without legacy notes:

* **Included ID Ranges:** In Part 1 §1.1, change the “Outcome-affecting variables” list to use **VM-VAR-050–052** for Ties instead of 032–033. The text currently (post-addendum) says *“Ties & RNG: VM-VAR-032…033 (renumbered; supersedes legacy 050–052)”*. **Edit:** Rewrite this bullet as **“Ties & RNG: VM-VAR-050…052”** (and remove the parenthetical about renumbering). Since we exclude presentation toggles, we do **not** re-add 060–062 in this list. They were removed in the updated Annex A and replaced by the explicit exclusion note, which we keep (see next).
  + After our change, the included ranges will be: 001–007, 010–017, 020–029 (+021\_scope), 030–031, 040–048, **050–052**, 073. This matches the fully updated normative set.
* **Exclusion of Presentation Variables:** Ensure the line *“Exclude… operational/presentation toggles that do not change outcomes (e.g., table sorting, report precision)”* remains, and we might add “labeling policies” as an example in that parenthesis. It already implicitly covers 060–062 by saying their defaults don’t enter FID. To reinforce, we could tweak it to: **“Exclude operational/presentation toggles that do not change outcomes (e.g., report formatting, display language or labels). Their defaults do not enter the FID.”** This aligns with our approach that 060–062 are outside FID.
* **Section 4 (Result/RunRecord hashing inputs):** Update the bullet for ties. It currently says *“Ties when randomized: tie\_policy (032) and tie\_seed (033).”*. **Edit:** Change this to **“Ties when randomized: tie\_policy (VM-VAR-050) and tie\_seed (VM-VAR-052).”** Even though if tie\_policy is not “random” it might not factor, we list it for completeness. This reflects the new IDs that would appear in the ParameterSet snapshot that gets hashed into the RunRecord (tie\_policy always included, seed included when applicable).
* **Compatibility & Reserved IDs (Section 5):** Remove the now-irrelevant legacy note. Specifically, lines that read *“VM-VAR-050…052 (old tie variables; replaced by 032–033)”* and *“VM-VAR-060…062 (old label placeholders; superseded by 044–046…)”* should be deleted. In a no-back-compat scenario, we don’t label these ranges as legacy at all – they are actively used. We might still mention **VM-VAR-051** as reserved if we maintain a list of unused IDs: For thoroughness, we could add in a general reserved list (perhaps in Annex A’s schema or a footnote) that 021\_scope and 051, 034–039, etc., are reserved. But it may not be necessary to enumerate all unused IDs. The main point is to not confuse by calling 050–052 “legacy.” So we drop those lines.
  + We will also adjust the “Frontier & Ties naming” line. It currently urges using 032/033 for ties, which is opposite of final scheme. **Edit:** Change that to **“Frontier & Ties naming: Use VM-VAR-040/042 consistently for frontier mode/bands and VM-VAR-050/052 for tie-break settings across all docs and code.”** This serves as a reminder in the annex that our documentation should uniformly refer to ties by the new IDs.
* **Conformance (Section 6):** One item says *“Treats presentation toggles as non-FID (ignored for FID).”* – keep this, it’s correct. We might explicitly parenthesize examples: “(060–062 are ignored for FID)” to cement it, but not strictly needed.
* **Final compatibility note (Section 12 in older draft):** There was a redundant recap at the very end (lines 392–399 of our capture) echoing the reserved IDs. We will remove that as well, since it was essentially restating addendum 1B. The annex will end with conformance tests and not mention legacy numbering at all.

After these edits, Annex A will present the authoritative list of variables: ties at 050/052 and labeling at 060–062 excluded, with no confusion about “old” vs “new” IDs.

**Annex B – Schema & Conventions:** Only minor adjustments if needed:

* The Annex B Part 0 already references RNG seed as VM-VAR-052 in the determinism rules, which is correct. It doesn’t mention tie\_policy by number (just by name). We might add alongside that: *“tie\_policy (VM-VAR-050) controls whether RNG is used.”* But since it says “if tie\_policy = random” in text, that’s fine.
* It also states *“sorted keys, stable ordering, etc.”* which is consistent.
* No mention of 032 or 060 in Annex B that we saw, so likely no changes. (If anywhere in Annex B some test fixture lists variables, ensure they use new IDs. Given that fixtures likely follow final scheme, we trust it. The example in search result for TST019 shows 050 in use, confirming fixtures updated.)

**Annex C – Glossary & Definitions:** Update entries to the new scheme and correct inconsistencies:

* **Tie Policy:** Change *“(VM-VAR-050/051/052; Doc 4C §3)”* to **“(VM-VAR-050 & 052; Doc 4C §3)”**. We will list only 050 and 052 to represent the tie policy and seed. Including 051 in the glossary is misleading since it’s not an active setting. The definition text remains: “status\_quo, deterministic\_order (by Option.order\_index), or random (seeded).” We might also remove the comma between 050 and 052 (using “&” or “and”) to avoid implying a continuous range.
* **RNG seed:** It currently correctly says *(VM-VAR-052; Docs 3A, 6C-020)*. That remains, but since we dropped 051, we should ensure the tie policy entry covers 050. We might add to “RNG seed” definition: “Used when tie\_policy (050) = random” for clarity.
* **Decisiveness labels:** Revise the margin threshold ID. Change *“≥ VM-VAR-062”* and *“< VM-VAR-062”* in the Decisive/Marginal definitions to **“VM-VAR-060”**. So it will read: “Decisive: … national margin ≥ VM-VAR-060 and no mediation/protected flags. Marginal: … margin < VM-VAR-060 or any mediation/protected flags… (VM-VAR-060; Doc 4C §4; Doc 7A Outcome).” This matches the new default majority threshold’s ID.
  + We will keep the logic about flags as is (since policy default is dynamic, it’s fine to mention flags here).
* We should consider adding an entry for **“Decisiveness label policy”** if it’s not already in the glossary. Currently it’s not explicitly there; only the outcome definitions are. We could add: *“Decisiveness label policy – Determines whether outcome labels use a fixed margin cutoff or consider flags dynamically. (VM-VAR-061; see Doc 2B and Doc 7A)”*. This would fill the gap, but it’s optional since not every variable is defined in glossary (mostly concepts are). Because 061 is more of a toggle than a concept, we might skip adding it, and just ensure the concept of Decisive/Marginal is covered (which it is).
* **Report precision:** Remove the incorrect reference to 032/033. The entry could simply state: “One decimal place for presented percentages (fixed format in reports).” and drop *(VM-VAR-032/033; Doc 7A/7B)* entirely. Those IDs are now tie variables (or free), and no variable controls report decimals in v1, so listing them is wrong. So the edited entry has no VM-VAR reference, or if anything, we note “(not configurable via VM-VAR)”.
* **Protected area override:** Ensure the glossary reflects the correct ID. It currently shows *“Protected area… (Unit.protected\_area; VM-VAR-045; Doc 4C §2.2)”*. We need to verify that in Doc 2C, VM-VAR-045 is indeed the protected override toggle. If yes, leave as is (which means our earlier observation that Doc 2B used 045 for label policy was an error that we fixed by moving label policy to 061). Now 045 can consistently mean protected\_override\_allowed. If by chance Doc 2C had different numbering, we’d adjust, but likely 045 was meant for this and we keep it. So no change other than to confirm no conflict.
* **Frontier labels:** Glossary seems fine for frontier variables (040, 041, 042, 046, etc. – those we left unchanged).
* **TieLog/Tie resolution:** Possibly add a note that *TieLog* entries include the seed and policy (Doc 5C). But that’s detail likely unnecessary for glossary.

After these changes, Annex C will no longer have any outdated references to 032/033 or 062 for labels, and will accurately reflect tie\_policy = 050, tie\_seed = 052, label threshold = 060, etc. This brings the glossary in line with the rest of the docs.

By performing all the edits above, each of the 13 documents will be consistent with the updated scheme: \*\*Tie-break variables are uniformly VM-VAR-050 (policy), VM-VAR-052 (seed) with 051 reserved; the **presentation and reporting variables (including label threshold, label policy, language, and any report toggles) occupy 032–035 and 060–062 and are clearly marked as non-normative (excluded from FID)**; all legacy numbering notes are removed. The result is a harmonized set of documents with no contradictions or redundancies in variable references. Each spec and annex will cross-reference correctly (e.g., Doc 4C referring to tie\_policy now points to the ID defined in Doc 2B, and Doc 7’s outcome logic corresponds to the variables in Doc 2B). This ensures that implementers and readers can follow the scheme across all documentation without encountering confusion from outdated references. All documents now speak with one voice regarding the **fully updated ID scheme** and the **scope of the Formula ID**, with backward-compatibility concerns stripped away as instructed.

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that's the original doc structure Doc 1 — Database Specification (Entities, Fields, Relationships) (covers 1A, 1B, 1C) Doc 2 — Common Variables Specification (Core, Operational Defaults, Advanced Controls) (covers 2A, 2B, 2C) Doc 3 — Technical Platform & Release Policy (covers 3A, 3B) Doc 4 — Algorithm Specification (Steps, Allocation, Gates & Edge Cases) (covers 4A, 4B, 4C) Doc 5 — Processing Pipeline Specification (State Machine & Functions) (covers 5A, 5B, 5C) Doc 6 — Test Specifications (Allocation, Gates, Frontier & Determinism) (covers 6A, 6B, 6C) Doc 7 — Reporting Specification (Structure, Templates & Visual Rules) (covers 7A, 7B) If you want, I can now make a cover page + one-line scope summary for each of these 7 unified docs so the package is immediately understandable to any developer opening it. That would make the full set production-ready. You said: review it all. do we need addendum? annex? ChatGPT said: Thought for 31s Short answer: the spec stands on its own; no addendum is strictly required. If you want to reduce future friction, add 3 small annexes (informative, not normative): Annex A — VM-VAR Registry (Index). One consolidated table of all variables (IDs, defaults, allowed values, where used). This just centralizes 2A/2B/2C so nobody hunts across files. Annex B — Canonical Test Pack (Machine-readable). JSON/CSV fixtures for all Doc 6 tests (inputs + exact expected outputs + hashes). This makes verification trivial and supports forks. Annex C — Glossary & Definitions. Tight, one-page definitions for denominators (“approval rate”), “valid ballots,” “continuing ballots,” “overhang,” “affected region family,” etc. Prevents interpretive drift. Optionally, one normative addendum you might want later: Addendum 1 — Formula ID Computation. Precise hashing recipe (which doc sections, canonicalization rules) + compatibility rules between Formula ID and Engine Version. This becomes binding for releases but doesn’t change any counting rules.

**ChatGPT said:**

Right — given the unified structure you just restated (7 main docs, each with their own internal A/B/C parts), here’s the conclusion after reviewing all of them together with the old addenda and annexes:

**1. Do we still need separate “addendum” docs?**  
No — for internal coherence, the content from the old **Addendum 1A (FID rules)**, **Addendum 1B (compat/migration)**, and the **Doc 2B cross-reference note** should be fully merged into the appropriate main docs (Annex A for the registry, Doc 3B for release/version rules, Doc 2B for operational defaults & cross-links).  
Once that’s done, the addendum files become redundant.

**2. Do we still need annexes?**  
Yes — but only the ones that are *active* in your current scheme, and only in updated form. I’d keep three:

* **Annex A — VM-VAR Registry**  
  Normative, unified list of all variables (IDs, defaults, allowed values, scope, FID inclusion). This replaces the current Annex A after we strip the legacy numbering.
* **Annex B — Canonical Test Pack**  
  Informative, machine-readable fixtures for all Doc 6 tests (inputs, outputs, hashes) to make verification trivial.
* **Annex C — Glossary & Definitions**  
  Informative, one-pager with crisp definitions of key concepts, to prevent interpretive drift. Updated to remove bad ID references and reflect the final tie/label scheme.

**3. Production-readiness polish**  
Since each doc is self-contained but also part of a suite, adding a **cover page + one-line scope summary** to each of the 7 core docs would make the whole package instantly navigable to a developer or implementer.  
Example:

**Doc 4 — Algorithm Specification**  
*Scope:* Defines the step order, allocation rules, and edge-case handling used by all counting engines, with explicit references to controlling VM-VARs and deterministic output guarantees.

Would you like me to go ahead and draft those **cover + scope summaries** for all 7 docs so the set is ready for a production hand-off? That would be the last step before removing the standalone addenda.

**You said:**

was the addendum for correction or for additions?

**ChatGPT said:**

The three “addenda” you had weren’t just random extras — they were a mix of **corrections** and **additions**:

* **Addendum 1A — Formula ID & Canonical Serialization (Normative)**  
  Mostly **additions**. It introduced new, precise rules for:
  + Which VM-VAR IDs are covered by the Formula ID hash.
  + How to canonicalize JSON for hashing.
  + How to print and version the FID.
  + Change-control policy for bumping FID vs Engine Version.  
    These weren’t fully spelled out in the main docs before, so this was adding new normative detail.
* **Addendum 1B — Compatibility & Migration (Informative)**  
  Mostly **corrections/clarifications** to prevent drift.
  + Flagged certain IDs as “legacy” and warned against re-use.
  + Offered migration notes if IDs or semantics changed.  
    In your final no-backward-compat scheme, most of this becomes unnecessary — but some clarifying notes (e.g., which IDs are intentionally unused) are still useful.
* **Addendum “Doc 1–7 – Integration & Cross-Reference Notes for Doc 2B”**  
  A mix of **corrections** and **linkage additions**.
  + Corrected how Doc 2B defaults were supposed to tie into algorithm, pipeline, and reporting.
  + Added explicit stability rules (“IDs X–Y must be stable”).
  + Cross-references to where each variable’s behavior is defined in other docs.  
    This was partly fixing mismatches and partly adding helpful navigation.

So in short:

* **1A** = New normative rules.
* **1B** = Mostly corrective clarifications (now largely obsolete).
* **2B integration note** = Corrections + cross-reference additions.

If we integrate their substance directly into the main docs and annexes, the separate addenda can disappear without losing anything.

**You said:**

yes, we want to integrate all adenda. So, I'll ask you for first part (Doc 1a) and you will write it updated, without backward references.

**ChatGPT said:**

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**Doc 1A — Database Definition: Entities & IDs (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **canonical data model** (entities, fields, relationships) and **identifier rules** for all persistent artifacts produced or consumed by the counting engine and report renderer. This part is **normative**. It integrates the former addenda (FID/canonicalization and cross-refs) so no separate addendum is required.

Applies to local, offline runs. With the **same inputs** and the **same ParameterSet** (including seeds), outputs must be **byte-identical** across OS/arch.

**2) Canonical serialization & identifiers**

**2.1 Canonical JSON**

All artifacts are JSON with the following canonical form (used both for storage and hashing):

* **UTF-8**, Unix newlines (**LF**), no BOM.
* **Sorted keys** at every object level (ascending Unicode code point).
* **Numbers** emitted as JSON numbers (no trailing zeros beyond what the algorithm outputs).
* **Stable ordering** for arrays as defined in §5 (never “natural”/incidental order).

**2.2 Artifact files and IDs**

The engine emits up to three canonical artifacts per run:

* result.json — final outcome (**Result**).  
  result\_id: "RES:" + <sha256-64hex of canonical result.json>
* run\_record.json — provenance & audit (**RunRecord**).  
  run\_id: "RUN:" + <UTC-compact-timestamp> + "-" + <sha256-64hex of canonical run\_record.json>
* frontier\_map.json — optional diagnostic (**FrontierMap**).  
  frontier\_id: "FR:" + <sha256-64hex of canonical frontier\_map.json>

**2.3 Formula ID (FID)**

* **FormulaID** is a **64-hex sha256** over the **Normative Manifest** (the set of outcome-affecting rules and defaults).
* **Inclusion**: only variables/rules that can change outcomes.
* **Exclusion**: presentation/reporting toggles (e.g., labels, display language, formatting) are **not** in FID.
* **Where recorded**: Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.
* **Verification aid**: RunRecord.nm\_digest (see §4.5) enables third parties to recompute the FID.

Full variable coverage (what’s in/out of FID) is centralized in **Annex A — VM-VAR Registry**. This doc references those IDs where needed (e.g., ties).

**3) Entity overview & relationships**

**Inputs (consumed)**

* **DivisionRegistry** — stable universe of Units and Options (and metadata).
* **BallotTally** — counts by Unit/Option (already validated & normalized).
* **ParameterSet** — effective variable values by **VM-VAR-ID**.

**Outputs (produced)**

* **Result** — elected/allocated outputs and derived metrics.
* **RunRecord** — immutably documents inputs, engine, variables, seeds, hashes.
* **FrontierMap** *(optional)* — per-Unit diagnostics for frontier/band gating.
* **TieLog** *(embedded in RunRecord)* — events when ties are encountered.

**Key relationships**

* **Result** references Units/Options defined in **DivisionRegistry**.
* **RunRecord** references **Result** (by result\_id) and includes digests of all inputs.
* **FrontierMap** references Units and the gating bands used in the algorithm.

**4) Schemas (normative)**

Field names are **snake\_case**. “Required” means the field MUST be present.

**4.1 DivisionRegistry (input)**

Purpose: authoritative catalog of **units** (e.g., districts) and their **options** (e.g., parties/candidates).

Minimum schema:

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"units": [

{

"unit\_id": "U-001", // stable ID (string)

"name": "District 1",

"protected\_area": false, // if true, gating rules may apply

"options": [

{

"option\_id": "O-A1", // stable ID (string)

"name": "Option A",

"order\_index": 1 // integer; see §5 for determinism

}

]

}

]

}

Constraints:

* unit\_id and option\_id are **unique** and **stable** across runs.
* Each options[].order\_index is **unique within its unit** and a **non-negative integer**.

**4.2 BallotTally (input)**

Purpose: per-unit counts for each option (already validated upstream).

Minimum schema:

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"units": [

{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"totals": {

"valid\_ballots": 12345,

"invalid\_ballots": 67

},

"options": [

{ "option\_id": "O-A1", "votes": 6000 },

{ "option\_id": "O-B1", "votes": 5000 }

]

}

]

}

Constraints:

* Every unit\_id and option\_id MUST exist in **DivisionRegistry**.
* Totals are non-negative and consistent (engine validation rules apply in tests).

**4.3 ParameterSet (input)**

Purpose: effective **VM-VAR** values for this run.

Schema:

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": {

"VM-VAR-050": "status\_quo", // tie\_policy

"VM-VAR-052": 0, // tie\_seed (used only if policy=random)

"VM-VAR-060": 55, // majority label threshold (%), presentation

"VM-VAR-061": "dynamic\_margin", // label policy, presentation

"VM-VAR-062": "auto" // unit display language, presentation

// ... other outcome-affecting variables per Annex A

}

}

Rules:

* **Tie controls**:  
  VM-VAR-050 (**tie\_policy**) ∈ {status\_quo, deterministic\_order, random}.  
  VM-VAR-052 (**tie\_seed**) is an integer ≥ 0; **only used** if policy=random.  
  VM-VAR-051 is **reserved** (no variable; deterministic\_order always uses option.order\_index).
* **Presentation variables** (e.g., 060–062) MUST be recorded in ParameterSet for transparency but are **excluded from FID**.
* All outcome-affecting variables listed in **Annex A (Included)** MUST appear explicitly (no implicit defaults when hashing the FID).

**4.4 Result (output)**

Purpose: canonical, minimal outcome record used for hashing and reporting.

Minimum schema:

json

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{

"result\_id": "RES:<64hex>",

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"engine\_version": "vX.Y.Z",

"created\_at": "2025-08-12T14:00:00Z",

"summary": { /\* global metrics, turnout, thresholds actually used, etc. \*/ },

"units": [

{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"allocations": [

{ "option\_id": "O-A1", "votes": 6000, "share": 0.545 },

{ "option\_id": "O-B1", "votes": 5000, "share": 0.455 }

],

"label": "Decisive" // derived; presentation logic uses VM-VAR-060/061

}

]

}

Rules:

* result\_id is computed **after** canonicalization (see §2.2).
* Arrays follow **ordering rules** in §5.

**4.5 RunRecord (output)**

Purpose: verifiability & full provenance.

Minimum schema:

json

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{

"run\_id": "RUN:<ts>-<64hex>",

"result\_id": "RES:<64hex>",

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"engine": {

"vendor": "acme.labs", // fork identifier

"name": "vm\_engine",

"version": "vX.Y.Z",

"build": "commit:abcd1234"

},

"inputs": {

"division\_registry\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"ballot\_tally\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"parameter\_set\_sha256": "<64hex>"

},

"nm\_digest": {

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"nm\_sha256": "<64hex>" // digest of the Normative Manifest used to compute FID

},

"vars\_effective": { // echo of effective VM-VARs actually used

"VM-VAR-050": "status\_quo",

"VM-VAR-052": 0,

/\* ... all outcome-affecting variables; presentation vars may be listed as well \*/

},

"determinism": {

"rng\_seed": 0, // same as VM-VAR-052 when policy=random; omitted otherwise

"tie\_policy": "status\_quo" // from VM-VAR-050

},

"ties": [

{ "unit\_id": "U-002", "type": "winner\_tie", "policy": "random", "seed": 424242 }

]

}

Rules:

* vars\_effective MUST include the **exact values** used at runtime for every **outcome-affecting** variable (Annex A Included).  
  Presentation variables SHOULD be echoed for transparency.
* rng\_seed MUST be present **only** when tie\_policy="random" was invoked at least once.
* engine.vendor/name/version are **required** to identify forks and builds.

**4.6 FrontierMap (optional output)**

Purpose: diagnostics for frontier/band gating decisions.

Schema (excerpt):

json

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{

"frontier\_id": "FR:<64hex>",

"units": [

{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"band\_met": true, // boolean (normalized name)

"band\_value": 0.12, // numeric metrics used by gates

"notes": "within band-1 threshold"

}

]

}

Rules:

* Field name is **band\_met** (not “band met” or other variants).
* Units are ordered per §5.

**5) Global ordering & determinism**

To guarantee byte-identical outputs:

* **Units** arrays are ordered by ascending unit\_id (string compare).
* **Options within a Unit** are ordered by ascending order\_index; ties by ascending option\_id.
* **Allocations** and similar per-unit arrays reflect the **same option order**.
* **Ties**
  + If tie\_policy = status\_quo: apply the policy as defined by the algorithm (no reordering).
  + If tie\_policy = deterministic\_order: break ties by ascending order\_index (no extra variable).
  + If tie\_policy = random: break ties using the deterministic RNG seeded with VM-VAR-052; record events in RunRecord.ties[].

**6) Validation & integrity constraints**

* **Referential integrity**: every unit\_id/option\_id in **BallotTally**, **Result**, **FrontierMap** MUST exist in **DivisionRegistry**.
* **Hash integrity**:
  + result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id MUST match the sha256 of the **canonical** payloads (see §2.1).
  + RunRecord.inputs.\*\_sha256 MUST match the canonical inputs used.
* **FID integrity**:
  + Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id MUST match the FID recomputed from **Annex A (Included)** and the algorithm code at the declared engine.version.
  + Presentation toggles (e.g., VM-VAR-060..062) MUST NOT participate in FID hashing.
* **Determinism**: with identical inputs + ParameterSet (including VM-VAR-052 when applicable) on any supported platform, artifacts must be **byte-identical**.

**7) File layout & naming**

Default output filenames in the run directory:

* result.json, run\_record.json, optionally frontier\_map.json
* It is permitted to emit compressed mirrors (e.g., .json.zst) **in addition** to canonical JSON, but IDs and hashes are computed over the **canonical JSON**.

**8) Notes for implementers**

* Keep **DivisionRegistry** and **BallotTally** schemas stable; additions MUST be strictly additive and non-reordering.
* Treat **order\_index** as a **hard determinism primitive**; never infer order from display names or input order.
* Echo the **effective** values you actually used in RunRecord.vars\_effective (no “implicit defaults” during hashing).
* If you extend diagnostics, do so under **new fields**; never mutate existing canonical fields or their ordering semantics.

**Appendix: VM-VAR touchpoints referenced in this part**

* **Ties**: VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy, VM-VAR-052 tie\_seed (051 reserved).
* **Presentation (excluded from FID)**: VM-VAR-060 majority\_label\_threshold, VM-VAR-061 decisiveness\_label\_policy, VM-VAR-062 unit\_display\_language.

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**You said:**

Next (1B).

**ChatGPT said:**

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**Doc 1B — Field Catalog & Validation Constraints (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines **every field**, its **type/domain**, **cardinality/keys**, **size limits**, and **validation rules** for all artifacts named in Doc 1A. No legacy or back-compat paths are provided.

Artifacts covered: DivisionRegistry, BallotTally, ParameterSet, Result, RunRecord, FrontierMap. JSON is canonical as per Doc 1A (§2.1). All field names are snake\_case.

**2) Identifiers, strings, numbers**

**2.1 IDs & hashes**

* unit\_id, option\_id: non-empty strings, max **64** chars; allowed: A–Z a–z 0–9 \_ - : ..
* result\_id = "RES:" + **64-hex** (lowercase).  
  run\_id = "RUN:" + <UTC-compact-ISO8601> + - + **64-hex**.  
  frontier\_id = "FR:" + **64-hex**.
* All sha256 digests are **64 lowercase hex**.

**2.2 Strings**

* Unicode **UTF-8**, NFC-normalized.
* No leading/trailing spaces. No control chars except LF in free-text notes.

**2.3 Numbers**

* Integers: 64-bit signed non-negative unless noted.
* Percentages stored as integers in **0…100** (%).
* Ratios/shares as JSON numbers; engine sets precision; reporters round per Doc 7.

**2.4 Date/times**

* created\_at in **UTC**, RFC 3339/ISO 8601 (e.g., 2025-08-12T14:00:00Z).

**3) Entity catalog (fields, domains, keys)**

**3.1 DivisionRegistry (input)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"units": [ { ... } ]

}

* schema\_version — string, required.
* units[] — array ≥ 1, required. **Order**: ascending unit\_id.

**Unit object**

* unit\_id — string, required, **PK** in this document.
* name — string 1..200, required.
* protected\_area — boolean, required.
* options[] — array ≥ 1, required. **Order**: ascending order\_index.

**Option object**

* option\_id — string, required, **PK** within unit.
* name — string 1..200, required.
* order\_index — integer ≥ 0, **unique within unit**, required.

**Integrity**

* (unit\_id, option\_id) pairs define the **universe**. Must be stable across runs.

**3.2 BallotTally (input)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"units": [ { ... } ]

}

**Unit tally**

* unit\_id — string, required, **FK → DivisionRegistry.units.unit\_id**.
* totals.valid\_ballots — int ≥ 0, required.
* totals.invalid\_ballots — int ≥ 0, required.
* options[] — array of per-option tallies.

**Option tally**

* option\_id — string, required, **FK → corresponding unit option\_id**.
* votes — int ≥ 0, required.

**Integrity**

* Sum of options[].votes ≤ totals.valid\_ballots.
* Every tallied option\_id must exist for that unit\_id.
* Units **ordered** as in Registry; options **ordered** by Registry order\_index.

**3.3 ParameterSet (input)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": { "VM-VAR-####": <value>, ... }

}

* vars is a map keyed by **VM-VAR-####** strings.
* **Outcome-affecting variables** listed in Annex A/“Included in FID”: **MUST** be present with explicit values.
* **Presentation/reporting variables** (e.g., VM-VAR-060..062) **MAY** be present for transparency; they are **excluded from FID**.
* Domains for each VM-VAR are defined in **Annex A**. This doc only enforces that keys are syntactically VM-VAR-000…999.

**3.4 Result (output)**

json

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{

"result\_id": "RES:<64hex>",

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"engine\_version": "vX.Y.Z",

"created\_at": "2025-08-12T14:00:00Z",

"summary": { ... },

"units": [ { ... } ]

}

* result\_id — required; sha256 over canonical Result.
* formula\_id — required; **64-hex** FID per Doc 1A.
* engine\_version — string 1..32, required.
* created\_at — RFC3339 UTC, required.
* summary — object, required (global metrics; schema below).
* units[] — array ≥ 1, required. **Order**: ascending unit\_id.

**summary (minimum)**

* valid\_ballots\_total — int ≥ 0, required.
* invalid\_ballots\_total — int ≥ 0, required.
* turnout\_rate — number ≥ 0 (engine-chosen precision).
* Any thresholds/parameters that materially affected outcomes (e.g., gating bands actually used) MUST be echoed here or in RunRecord.

**unit result**

* unit\_id — string, required, **FK → Registry**.
* allocations[] — array ≥ 1, required. **Order**: by Registry order\_index.
* label — string, required (“Decisive”, “Marginal”, “Invalid”); derived.

**allocation**

* option\_id — string, required, **FK**.
* votes — int ≥ 0, required.
* share — number in [0,1], required (engine precision policy).
* Optional deriveds (e.g., seats) only if relevant to the algorithm family.

**3.5 RunRecord (output)**

json

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{

"run\_id": "RUN:<ts>-<64hex>",

"result\_id": "RES:<64hex>",

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"engine": { "vendor": "...", "name": "...", "version": "vX.Y.Z", "build": "commit:...." },

"inputs": {

"division\_registry\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"ballot\_tally\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"parameter\_set\_sha256": "<64hex>"

},

"nm\_digest": { "schema\_version": "1.x", "nm\_sha256": "<64hex>" },

"vars\_effective": { "VM-VAR-####": <value>, ... },

"determinism": { "tie\_policy": "status\_quo|deterministic\_order|random", "rng\_seed": 0 },

"ties": [ { ... } ]

}

* run\_id, result\_id, formula\_id — required, formats as above.
* engine.vendor, .name, .version — non-empty strings ≤ 64, required.  
  engine.build — free string ≤ 128 (e.g., commit), required.
* inputs.\*\_sha256 — required **64-hex**; digests of **canonical** inputs.
* nm\_digest.nm\_sha256 — required **64-hex** digest of the Normative Manifest used for FID.
* vars\_effective — required map; MUST include all **outcome-affecting** VM-VARs with the **exact** values used. Presentation vars MAY be included.
* determinism.tie\_policy — required; mirrors VM-VAR-050.  
  determinism.rng\_seed — present **only** if any tie used random policy (mirrors VM-VAR-052 value used at runtime).
* ties[] — optional list of events (see below).

**tie event**

json

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{ "unit\_id": "U-001", "type": "winner\_tie|rank\_tie|other", "policy": "status\_quo|deterministic\_order|random", "seed": 424242 }

* seed present only if policy="random" on that event.

**3.6 FrontierMap (optional output)**

json

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{

"frontier\_id": "FR:<64hex>",

"units": [ { "unit\_id": "U-001", "band\_met": true, "band\_value": 0.12, "notes": "..." } ]

}

* frontier\_id — required if file emitted.
* units[] — required, **order** by ascending unit\_id.
* band\_met — **boolean**, required (normalized name).
* band\_value — number (engine precision policy).
* notes — optional string ≤ 280.

**4) Cross-entity invariants**

* **Referential integrity:**  
  Every unit\_id/option\_id in BallotTally, Result, FrontierMap, and RunRecord.ties[] **must** exist in DivisionRegistry.
* **Ordering invariants (determinism):**  
  Units: ascending unit\_id. Options: ascending order\_index (ties by option\_id).  
  All arrays reflect these orders (Doc 1A §5).
* **Hash integrity:**  
  result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id exactly match sha256 of the **canonical** payloads.  
  inputs.\*\_sha256 match canonical inputs used.
* **FID integrity:**  
  Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id equal recomputed FID for the run.  
  Presentation vars (e.g., VM-VAR-060..062) are **excluded** from FID.
* **Non-negativity & bounds:**  
  Votes, ballots ≥ 0; percentages 0..100; shares 0..1.

**5) Indexing & size guidance (implementation-level, informative)**

* Recommended indexes if persisted in a DBMS:
  + DivisionRegistry.units(unit\_id); options(unit\_id, order\_index) unique.
  + BallotTally.units(unit\_id); options(unit\_id, option\_id).
  + Result.units(unit\_id); allocations(unit\_id, option\_id).
* File size expectations (guidance):  
  result.json ≤ few MB for national runs; run\_record.json may be larger due to vars\_effective and ties.

**6) Validation failures (non-exhaustive)**

| **Code** | **Condition** | **Artifact** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| E-DR-UNIT-DUP | Duplicate unit\_id in DivisionRegistry | DivisionRegistry |
| E-DR-OPT-DUP | Duplicate option\_id within a unit | DivisionRegistry |
| E-DR-ORD-UNIQ | Duplicate order\_index within a unit | DivisionRegistry |
| E-BT-FK-UNIT | BallotTally.unit\_id missing in Registry | BallotTally |
| E-BT-FK-OPT | Tallied option\_id not in unit’s options | BallotTally |
| E-BT-SUM | Sum of option votes exceeds valid\_ballots | BallotTally |
| E-PS-MISS | Required outcome-affecting VM-VAR missing | ParameterSet |
| E-RR-HASH | Any recorded hash/digest does not verify | RunRecord |
| E-RR-FID | Reported FID cannot be recomputed | Result/RunRecord |

**7) Minimal worked examples (conformant)**

**DivisionRegistry (excerpt)**

json

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{"schema\_version":"1.x","units":[

{"unit\_id":"U-001","name":"District 1","protected\_area":false,

"options":[{"option\_id":"O-A1","name":"Option A","order\_index":1},

{"option\_id":"O-B1","name":"Option B","order\_index":2}]}

]}

**BallotTally (excerpt)**

json

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{"schema\_version":"1.x","units":[

{"unit\_id":"U-001",

"totals":{"valid\_ballots":11000,"invalid\_ballots":67},

"options":[{"option\_id":"O-A1","votes":6000},{"option\_id":"O-B1","votes":5000}]}

]}

**ParameterSet (excerpt)**

json

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{"schema\_version":"1.x","vars":{

"VM-VAR-050":"status\_quo",

"VM-VAR-052":0,

"VM-VAR-060":55,

"VM-VAR-061":"dynamic\_margin",

"VM-VAR-062":"auto"

}}

**Result.units[0].allocations (ordering)**

json

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{"unit\_id":"U-001","allocations":[

{"option\_id":"O-A1","votes":6000,"share":0.545},

{"option\_id":"O-B1","votes":5000,"share":0.455}

]}

**FrontierMap.units[0]**

json

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{"unit\_id":"U-001","band\_met":true,"band\_value":0.12,"notes":"within band-1 threshold"}

**Appendix A — Tie & presentation touchpoints (for traceability)**

* Ties are controlled by **VM-VAR-050** (policy) and **VM-VAR-052** (seed).  
  There is **no** variable for deterministic order; it always uses order\_index.
* Presentation/report toggles (e.g., **VM-VAR-060..062**) are recorded for transparency and **excluded from FID**.

*End Doc 1B.*

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**Doc 1C — Cross-Artifact Mapping, ER & Worked Examples (Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Binds the schemas from **Doc 1A/1B** into a single, enforceable model: entity-relationships, lifecycle of a run, validation flows, and minimal “golden” examples. Normative where it defines constraints; illustrative where it shows examples. No legacy/back-compat paths.

**2) Entity–relationship model (canonical)**

**2.1 Text ER (cardinalities & keys)**

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DivisionRegistry

└── units [1..N] PK: unit\_id

└── options [1..N] PK: (unit\_id, option\_id)

UNIQUE within unit: order\_index

BallotTally

└── units [1..N] FK: unit\_id → DivisionRegistry.units

└── options [0..N] FK: (unit\_id, option\_id) → DivisionRegistry.options

Result

└── units [1..N] FK: unit\_id → DivisionRegistry.units

└── allocations [1..N] FK: (unit\_id, option\_id) → DivisionRegistry.options

RunRecord

├── inputs.digests of canonical inputs hashes of DivisionRegistry, BallotTally, ParameterSet

├── vars\_effective VM-VAR map MUST include all outcome-affecting variables

└── ties [0..N] unit\_id present; seed present iff policy=random

FrontierMap (optional)

└── units [0..N] FK: unit\_id → DivisionRegistry.units

**2.2 Referential rules (normative)**

* Every BallotTally.units[].unit\_id, Result.units[].unit\_id, FrontierMap.units[].unit\_id, and RunRecord.ties[].unit\_id **MUST** exist in DivisionRegistry.units.
* Every tallied or allocated (unit\_id, option\_id) **MUST** exist in DivisionRegistry.options for that unit.

**3) Run lifecycle (deterministic pipeline)**

1. **Load & canonicalize inputs**
   * Parse DivisionRegistry, BallotTally, ParameterSet.
   * Enforce Doc 1B domains/bounds.
   * Compute and record each input’s sha256 (64-hex) for RunRecord.inputs.
2. **Compute Normative Manifest → FID**
   * Collect outcome-affecting rules & VM-VARs (per Annex A “Included”).
   * Canonicalize the manifest and hash → **FormulaID (64-hex)**.
   * Presentation/report toggles (e.g., VM-VAR-060..062) are **excluded**.
3. **Count / allocate**
   * Apply algorithm (Doc 4). Respect option.order\_index as the determinism key.
   * Resolve ties per VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy; if random, use VM-VAR-052 tie\_seed.
   * Record any tie event into RunRecord.ties[].
4. **Render artifacts**
   * Build **Result**, **RunRecord**, optional **FrontierMap** in canonical JSON (Doc 1A §2.1).
   * Compute result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id (sha256 over canonical payloads).
   * Set Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id to the FID from step 2.
   * Populate RunRecord.vars\_effective with **exact** outcome-affecting values used; presentation vars may be echoed.
5. **Verify & emit**
   * Self-verify all recorded hashes.
   * Emit files; optional compressed mirrors are allowed but IDs are over canonical JSON.

**4) Ordering contract (single source of determinism)**

* **Units arrays**: ascending unit\_id (string compare).
* **Options within a Unit**: ascending order\_index; ties by option\_id.
* **Allocations and all per-unit arrays**: mirror Registry option order.
* **Tie policies**:
  + status\_quo — policy per algorithm; no extra variable.
  + deterministic\_order — break by order\_index (no variable; VM-VAR-051 is reserved).
  + random — deterministic RNG seeded by VM-VAR-052; record events.

**5) Validation flow (pseudo-algorithm)**

pseudo

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validate\_division\_registry(reg):

assert reg.units.length ≥ 1

assert unit\_id unique

for u in reg.units:

assert options.length ≥ 1

assert option\_id unique within u

assert order\_index unique within u and ≥ 0

validate\_ballot\_tally(tally, reg):

for ut in tally.units:

assert ut.unit\_id in reg.units

sum\_votes = 0

for ot in ut.options:

assert (ut.unit\_id, ot.option\_id) in reg.options

assert ot.votes ≥ 0

sum\_votes += ot.votes

assert sum\_votes ≤ ut.totals.valid\_ballots

validate\_parameter\_set(ps):

for each REQUIRED VM-VAR in AnnexA.Included:

assert present and in domain

// presentation vars may be present; excluded from FID

validate\_referential(result, reg):

for ru in result.units:

assert ru.unit\_id in reg.units

for a in ru.allocations:

assert (ru.unit\_id, a.option\_id) in reg.options

Error codes align with Doc 1B §6.

**6) Worked “golden” examples (minimal)**

**6.1 Inputs**

**DivisionRegistry**

json

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{"schema\_version":"1.x","units":[

{"unit\_id":"U-001","name":"District 1","protected\_area":false,

"options":[

{"option\_id":"O-A1","name":"Option A","order\_index":1},

{"option\_id":"O-B1","name":"Option B","order\_index":2}

]}

]}

**BallotTally**

json

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{"schema\_version":"1.x","units":[

{"unit\_id":"U-001",

"totals":{"valid\_ballots":11000,"invalid\_ballots":67},

"options":[{"option\_id":"O-A1","votes":6000},{"option\_id":"O-B1","votes":5000}]}

]}

**ParameterSet**

json

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{"schema\_version":"1.x","vars":{

"VM-VAR-050":"status\_quo",

"VM-VAR-052":0,

"VM-VAR-060":55,

"VM-VAR-061":"dynamic\_margin",

"VM-VAR-062":"auto"

}}

**6.2 Outputs (canonical form excerpts)**

**Result**

json

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{

"result\_id": "RES:<64hex>",

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"engine\_version": "vX.Y.Z",

"created\_at": "2025-08-12T14:00:00Z",

"summary": {

"valid\_ballots\_total": 11000,

"invalid\_ballots\_total": 67,

"turnout\_rate": 0.000

},

"units": [

{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"allocations": [

{"option\_id":"O-A1","votes":6000,"share":0.545},

{"option\_id":"O-B1","votes":5000,"share":0.455}

],

"label": "Decisive"

}

]

}

**RunRecord**

json

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{

"run\_id": "RUN:<ts>-<64hex>",

"result\_id": "RES:<64hex>",

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"engine": {"vendor":"acme.labs","name":"vm\_engine","version":"vX.Y.Z","build":"commit:abcd1234"},

"inputs": {

"division\_registry\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"ballot\_tally\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"parameter\_set\_sha256": "<64hex>"

},

"nm\_digest": {"schema\_version":"1.x","nm\_sha256":"<64hex>"},

"vars\_effective": { "VM-VAR-050":"status\_quo", "VM-VAR-052":0 /\* ... \*/ },

"determinism": { "tie\_policy":"status\_quo" },

"ties": []

}

**FrontierMap (optional)**

json

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{

"frontier\_id":"FR:<64hex>",

"units":[{"unit\_id":"U-001","band\_met":true,"band\_value":0.12,"notes":"within band-1 threshold"}]

}

**7) Conformance checklist (doc-level)**

* **C-ER-01**: All FK references resolve to DivisionRegistry.
* **C-ORD-02**: All arrays follow ordering contract (§4).
* **C-HASH-03**: result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id verify against canonical payloads.
* **C-FID-04**: FID recomputes from Annex A “Included” and equals both Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.
* **C-TIE-05**: If any random tie occurred, RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed is present and ties[] contains at least one event.
* **C-PRES-06**: Presentation variables (e.g., VM-VAR-060..062) recorded for transparency but do **not** affect FID.

**8) Implementation notes (informative)**

* Treat order\_index as a **hard determinism primitive**; never infer order from human labels.
* When emitting diffs or audits, diff **canonical JSON** to avoid false changes from key order or whitespace.
* If you add diagnostic fields, add new keys; **never** mutate existing canonical fields or their ordering semantics.

*End Doc 1C.*

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**Doc 2A — Common Variables: Core (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **outcome-affecting variables** (“VM-VARs”) that the engine reads at runtime and that are **included in the Formula ID (FID)** per Doc 1A. This part is **normative** and replaces any prior numbering/legacy notes. Presentation/reporting toggles are **not** here (they live in Doc 2B and are excluded from FID).

Result: with the **same inputs** and the **same 2A values**, outputs are **byte-identical** across OS/arch.

**2) Canonical registry & format**

* Every variable is registered as **VM-VAR-###** (three digits, zero-padded).
* Values are carried in the **ParameterSet** (ParameterSet.vars["VM-VAR-###"]) as canonical JSON (Doc 1A §2.1).
* **Domains** (type, allowed values/ranges), **defaults**, and **FID inclusion** are centralized in **Annex A — VM-VAR Registry**.  
  Doc 2A defines *which* variables are normative core and how they are used by Docs 4/5.

**3) Inclusion policy (FID)**

* **Included**: only variables that can change outcomes (the “2A core set”).
* **Excluded**: presentation/reporting toggles (Doc 2B) — e.g., labels, language, formatting.
* FID recomputation uses the 2A core set **and** the algorithm rules (Doc 4). See Doc 1A §2.3.

**4) Core set (IDs & groups)**

Doc 2A groups the **included** variables by function. The **precise per-variable spec** (domain, default, semantics) is in **Annex A**; this section fixes **membership** and **cross-doc usage**.

**4.1 Global algorithm & scope**

* **VM-VAR-001 … 007** — Global algorithm family/rounding/flow constants (see Annex A).  
  *Used by*: Doc 4A step order; Doc 5A state machine.
* **VM-VAR-021** — Run **scope** / inclusion guard (e.g., filter or eligibility scope).  
  *Used by*: Doc 4A preconditions; Doc 6A validity tests.

**4.2 Thresholds & eligibility (per-unit / national)**

* **VM-VAR-010 … 017** — Eligibility/validity gates (core percentages/flags).
* **VM-VAR-020 … 029** — Outcome-affecting thresholds (e.g., minimum shares, gating cutoffs).  
  *Used by*: Doc 4B gates & edge cases; Doc 6B conformance.

**4.3 Frontier & gating model**

* **VM-VAR-040** — Frontier/gating **mode** (model selector).
* **VM-VAR-041** — Frontier **band**/cut param(s).
* **VM-VAR-042** — Frontier **application strategy** (how bands affect flow).  
  *Used by*: Doc 4C Frontier rules; Doc 5B Frontier stage; optional FrontierMap (Doc 1A §4.6).

**4.4 Protected & autonomy controls**

* **VM-VAR-045** — **Protected-area override** (allow/deny policy when flagged).
* **VM-VAR-046** — **Autonomy package map** (selection for autonomy ladder mode).  
  *Used by*: Doc 4C §Protected/Autonomy; Doc 6C edge-case tests.

**4.5 Ties — pointer only (variables live in Doc 2B)**

* **(Referential note)**: Tie controls are **VM-VAR-050 (tie\_policy)** and **VM-VAR-052 (tie\_seed)**.  
  They are specified and defaulted in **Doc 2B** but are **outcome-affecting** and therefore **included in FID**.  
  *Used by*: Doc 4C Tie resolution; Doc 5C ResolveTies; Doc 6C determinism.

**Complete 2A membership for FID** (by range):  
**001–007, 010–017, 020–029 (incl. 021), 030–031 (if present in Annex A), 040–048, 050–052, 073**.  
Presentation/reporting ranges (e.g., **060–062**) are **not** in 2A (see Doc 2B).

**5) Cross-doc contract (how 2A is consumed)**

| **Group** | **Consumed by** | **Contract highlights** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Global & scope (001–007, 021) | Doc 4A, Doc 5A | Fix step order/rounding and run scope before any counting. |
| Thresholds (010–017, 020–029) | Doc 4B, Doc 6B | Apply before allocation; failing gates invalidate/branch as defined. |
| Frontier (040–042) | Doc 4C, Doc 5B, FrontierMap | Drive band selection and gating; emit band\_met diagnostics if enabled. |
| Protected/Autonomy (045–046) | Doc 4C, Doc 6C | Override rules when units are protected; map autonomy packages deterministically. |
| Ties (050, 052) | Doc 4C, Doc 5C, Doc 6C | Policy & deterministic RNG; events logged in RunRecord.ties. |

**6) Defaults & mutability (where set)**

* **Defaults** for all 2A variables are declared in **Annex A** and surfaced in **Doc 2B** tables for operational clarity.
* Any change to a **2A** default or domain is a **normative change** → **new FID** (Doc 3B change policy).
* Variables in 2A are **stable IDs**: do not renumber or repurpose.

**7) Conformance checks**

* **C-2A-INC**: ParameterSet contains explicit values for **all** 2A variables listed as “Included” in Annex A.
* **C-2A-DOM**: Each value is within the Annex A domain; engine rejects out-of-range.
* **C-2A-USE**: Engine consumes 2A variables exactly at the documented points (Doc 4/5 references).
* **C-FID-LOCK**: Recomputing FID with these variables yields Result.formula\_id (Doc 1A §2.3).

**8) Notes for implementers**

* Treat **Annex A** as the *single source of truth* for per-variable domains & defaults; Doc 2A fixes **membership** and **usage points**.
* Do **not** add engine-specific hidden toggles that alter outcomes; propose new VM-VAR IDs via Annex A if a feature becomes normative.
* When adding diagnostics, ensure they don’t alter any 2A flow or array ordering (Doc 1A §5).

**Appendix (traceability stubs)**

* **VM-VAR-040/041/042 →** Doc 4C Frontier; Doc 5B Frontier stage; FrontierMap schema (Doc 1A §4.6).
* **VM-VAR-045 →** Doc 4C Protected override; Doc 6C tests.
* **VM-VAR-050/052 →** Doc 4C Ties; Doc 5C ResolveTies; Doc 6C determinism.

*End Doc 2A.*

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**Doc 2B — Operational Defaults & Presentation (Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **operational defaults** and **presentation/reporting toggles** the engine and renderer read at runtime. This part integrates the former integration/addendum notes and removes legacy numbering.  
Two classes of variables live here:

* **Outcome-affecting operational defaults** (e.g., *tie policy*). Some of these **are included** in the Formula ID (FID) per Doc 1A/Annex A.
* **Presentation/report toggles** (labels, language, layout). These are **not included** in FID.

Unless stated otherwise, values are carried in ParameterSet.vars["VM-VAR-###"] and are read deterministically by Docs 4/5/7. Canonicalization rules are in Doc 1A.

**2) Grouping & FID policy (at a glance)**

| **Group** | **IDs** | **FID?** | **What they influence** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A. Tie & RNG controls | **050, 051 (reserved), 052** | **Policy: YES** / **Seed: NO** | Winner/rank resolution when ties occur (Doc 4C, Doc 5C). |
| B. Pipeline/Report toggles | **032–035** | **NO** | Whether to emit diagnostic artifacts/sections; report section ordering. |
| C. Labeling & language | **060–062** | **NO** | Outcome *labels* and display language (Doc 4C labels, Doc 7). |

FID inclusion/exclusion is authoritative in **Annex A — VM-VAR Registry**. This doc mirrors that policy.

**3) Variables — specifications**

**A) Tie & RNG controls (operational; outcome-affecting)**

These control **how** ties are resolved. They affect outcomes; thus **tie\_policy** is in FID. The **seed** is a run parameter and **not** in FID; it is recorded in RunRecord.

| **ID** | **Name** | **Type / Domain** | **Default** | **FID?** | **Used by** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-050** | tie\_policy | enum: status\_quo | deterministic\_order | random | status\_quo | **Yes** | Doc 4C (§Ties), Doc 5C (ResolveTies), Doc 6C | deterministic\_order uses Option.order\_index; no separate variable exists for the order key. |
| **VM-VAR-051** | *(reserved)* | — | — | — | — | Intentionally unused (kept to avoid future renumbering). |
| **VM-VAR-052** | tie\_seed | integer ≥ 0 | 0 | **No** | Doc 3A (RNG), Doc 4C (§Ties), Doc 5C, Doc 6C | Used **only** when tie\_policy= random. Recorded in RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed and RunRecord.ties[]. |

**B) Pipeline / report toggles (operational; non-FID)**

These **do not** change outcomes. They gate diagnostics or influence **report layout only**. JSON serialization and algorithm arrays still follow Doc 1A ordering rules.

| **ID** | **Name** | **Type / Domain** | **Default** | **FID?** | **Used by** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-032** | unit\_sort\_order | enum: unit\_id | label\_priority | turnout | unit\_id | **No** | Doc 7 (rendering) | Affects **report section order only**. JSON arrays remain ordered by canonical rules (Doc 1A §5). |
| **VM-VAR-033** | ties\_section\_visibility | enum: auto | always | never | auto | **No** | Doc 7 (report templates) | auto shows the Ties section only if any event exists in RunRecord.ties[]. |
| **VM-VAR-034** | frontier\_map\_enabled | boolean | true | **No** | Doc 5B (Frontier stage), Doc 7 (appendix), FrontierMap | When false, skip emitting frontier\_map.json and hide the appendix. |
| **VM-VAR-035** | sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled | boolean | false | **No** | Doc 5C (CompareScenarios), Doc 7 (appendix) | Runs diagnostic comparisons (does **not** alter Result). |

**C) Labeling & language (presentation; non-FID)**

These variables influence **labels** and language in outputs. They never alter counts/allocations.

| **ID** | **Name** | **Type / Domain** | **Default** | **FID?** | **Used by** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-060** | majority\_label\_threshold | integer % in **0..100** | 55 | **No** | Doc 4C (§Labels), Doc 7 | National (or configured scope) margin ≥ threshold ⇒ “Decisive” if no blocking flags (policy-dependent). |
| **VM-VAR-061** | decisiveness\_label\_policy | enum: fixed | dynamic\_margin | dynamic\_margin | **No** | Doc 4C (§Labels), Doc 7 | fixed: label by margin only. dynamic\_margin: also consider mediation/protected flags when labeling. |
| **VM-VAR-062** | unit\_display\_language | auto | IETF tag (e.g., en, fr) | auto | **No** | Doc 7 (bilingual handling) | Controls display language for unit names in the rendered report(s). |

**4) Cross-doc integration map**

| **Variable(s)** | **Consumed by** | **Contract highlights** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 050, 052 | Doc 4C (Ties), Doc 5C (ResolveTies), Doc 6C | Policy drives branch; if random, RNG seeded by 052; events captured in RunRecord.ties[]. |
| 034 | Doc 5B, Doc 7, FrontierMap | If false, skip Frontier stage emission and hide appendix; never affects allocations. |
| 035 | Doc 5C, Doc 7 | If true, run scenario comparisons; results live in report appendix only. |
| 032 | Doc 7 | Affects ordering of **sections in the report**; JSON ordering stays canonical (Doc 1A §5). |
| 033 | Doc 7 | Show/hide “Ties” section (auto when any tie occurred). |
| 060–062 | Doc 4C (labels), Doc 7 | Compute and render labels & language; do **not** enter FID. |

**5) Stability & change policy**

* IDs **032–035** and **060–062** are **stable**; they are **never** part of FID.
* **050/052** are stable; **050** participates in FID, **052** does not.
* Any proposal to move a variable between FID/non-FID classes requires updating **Annex A** and a release decision per Doc 3B.

**6) Conformance checks**

* **C-2B-REF-01**: Engine/renderer **must** ignore these toggles for canonical JSON ordering (Doc 1A §5).
* **C-2B-TIE-02**: If tie\_policy = random, the engine uses tie\_seed and records seed and events in RunRecord.
* **C-2B-LBL-03**: Labels rendered per 060/061; allocations and tallies unaffected.
* **C-2B-EMIT-04**: frontier\_map\_enabled=false results in no frontier\_map.json; report omits the appendix.
* **C-2B-SCN-05**: sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled=true does not change Result or any hashable artifact other than the added appendix.

**7) ParameterSet example (excerpt)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": {

"VM-VAR-050": "status\_quo",

"VM-VAR-052": 0,

"VM-VAR-032": "unit\_id",

"VM-VAR-033": "auto",

"VM-VAR-034": true,

"VM-VAR-035": false,

"VM-VAR-060": 55,

"VM-VAR-061": "dynamic\_margin",

"VM-VAR-062": "auto"

}

}

**8) Notes**

* There is **no variable** for the deterministic tie order key: it is always Option.order\_index (Doc 1A §5).
* Report **decimal precision** is fixed by Doc 7; there is **no** VM-VAR controlling it.
* This document supersedes any earlier text that placed tie variables at 032–033 or labeled 050–052 as legacy.

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**Doc 2C — Advanced Controls (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **expert/outcome-affecting** controls that are not part of everyday operation but must be fixed for reproducibility. These variables are **included in the FID** (Doc 1A) when present because they can change outcomes. Presentation/report toggles remain in Doc 2B and are excluded from FID.

This part completes **Doc 2 (A/B/C)** so the engine, pipeline, and tests have a single canonical map of variables.

**2) FID policy (for 2C variables)**

* All variables in this section are **outcome-affecting ⇒ FID = YES**.
* Defaults are declared in **Annex A — VM-VAR Registry** and surfaced in ParameterSet.
* If a 2C variable is **unset**, the engine uses its Annex A default (still part of FID via the normative manifest).

**3) Variables — specifications**

**D) Exceptions & scope refinements**

Controls that narrowly refine eligibility, symmetry, or validity guardrails.

| **ID** | **Name** | **Type / Domain (see Annex A for exact domain)** | **Default** | **FID?** | **Used by** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-021** | run\_scope | enum/map (scope selector) | all\_units | **Yes** | Doc 4A preconditions; Doc 5A | Defines inclusion scope (e.g., all units vs filtered set). Included here for traceability although grouped with “global” in 2A membership. |
| **VM-VAR-029** | symmetry\_exceptions | array of selectors (unit/option patterns) | [] | **Yes** | Doc 4B gates; Doc 6B | Narrow, explicit exceptions to otherwise symmetric rules. Engine must match deterministically and only where permitted. |
| **VM-VAR-030** | eligibility\_override\_list | array of `{unit\_id: string, mode: include | exclude}` | [] | **Yes** | Doc 4B gates; Doc 5A |
| **VM-VAR-031** | ballot\_integrity\_floor | integer % in **0..100** | 0 | **Yes** | Doc 4B invalidation; Doc 6B | If a unit’s integrity KPI < floor ⇒ unit invalid/branch per algorithm family. |

Rationale: these are rarely used, but when set they can alter eligibility/validity and therefore outcomes.

**E) Frontier tuning (advanced)**

Fine-grained controls for band/window behavior beyond the core frontier settings (**040–042** in 2A).

| **ID** | **Name** | **Type / Domain** | **Default** | **FID?** | **Used by** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-047** | frontier\_band\_window | number in **[0,1]** or enum per Annex A | 0.00 | **Yes** | Doc 4C Frontier; Doc 5B | Expands/contracts the effective band around the core cut(s) in 041. |
| **VM-VAR-048** | frontier\_backoff\_policy | enum: none | soften | harden | none | **Yes** | Doc 4C Frontier; Doc 6C | How the engine resolves borderline cases at the edge of bands. |
| **VM-VAR-049** | frontier\_strictness | enum: strict | lenient | strict | **Yes** | Doc 4C Frontier | Coarse toggle that multiplies effects of 047/048 in a defined way. |

These do **not** replace **040–042**; they refine them. Annex A formalizes the combination rules (e.g., precedence, clamping).

**F) Algorithm minor variant anchor**

A controlled switch for sanctioned micro-variants (use sparingly).

| **ID** | **Name** | **Type / Domain** | **Default** | **FID?** | **Used by** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-073** | algorithm\_variant | enum (e.g., v1) | v1 | **Yes** | Doc 4A step order; Doc 3B change policy | Locks a documented micro-variant (e.g., rounding tie-break preference within identical formulas). Not a presentation switch. |

**4) Cross-doc integration map**

| **Variable(s)** | **Consumed by** | **Contract highlights** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 021, 029–031 | Doc 4A/4B; Doc 5A; Doc 6A/6B | Evaluated before allocation; alter eligibility/validity branches deterministically. |
| 047–049 | Doc 4C; Doc 5B; Doc 6C | Modify frontier behavior around the core band selection (040–042). Effects must be fully documented in RunRecord summary if they change gating outcomes. |
| 073 | Doc 4A; Doc 3B | Selects a documented micro-variant; any change requires new FID (and Engine Version per Doc 3B). |

**5) Conformance checks**

* **C-2C-SCOPE**: If run\_scope ≠ all\_units, the filtered set is recorded in RunRecord.summary and applied consistently across inputs.
* **C-2C-EXC**: symmetry\_exceptions are matched deterministically (no regex entropy); unmatched patterns are rejected.
* **C-2C-ELIG**: eligibility\_override\_list is applied before threshold gates; conflicts with core rules are resolved per Annex A precedence.
* **C-2C-INT**: If ballot\_integrity\_floor causes invalidation, the reason is logged (Doc 7 integrity note).
* **C-2C-FRONTIER**: 047–049 tuning cannot invert the meaning of 040–042; only refine within documented bounds.
* **C-2C-VARIANT**: algorithm\_variant MUST be printed in the report footer beside Formula ID and Engine Version.

**6) ParameterSet example (excerpt)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": {

"VM-VAR-021": "all\_units",

"VM-VAR-029": [],

"VM-VAR-030": [],

"VM-VAR-031": 0,

"VM-VAR-047": 0.00,

"VM-VAR-048": "none",

"VM-VAR-049": "strict",

"VM-VAR-073": "v1",

"VM-VAR-040": "banded", // from 2A

"VM-VAR-041": 0.10,

"VM-VAR-042": "apply\_on\_entry",

"VM-VAR-050": "status\_quo", // from 2B (outcome-affecting)

"VM-VAR-052": 0,

"VM-VAR-060": 55, // presentation (2B)

"VM-VAR-061": "dynamic\_margin",

"VM-VAR-062": "auto"

}

}

**7) Notes for implementers**

* Keep 2C switches **well-documented** in Annex A (domains, defaults, precedence).
* If your deployment doesn’t need 2C, leave defaults in place; they still contribute to FID via the normative manifest.
* Do **not** add new hidden “advanced” toggles in code paths; propose new VM-VARs (and update Annex A) when behavior changes outcomes.

*End Doc 2C.*

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**Doc 3A — Tech Platform & Determinism (Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **execution environment**, **determinism guarantees**, and **build/runtime constraints** for the engine and renderer. Normative where it affects reproducibility. Integrates prior addenda so no separate platform addendum is needed.

Outputs from identical inputs + ParameterSet (incl. seeds) MUST be **byte-identical** across OS/arch.

**2) Determinism targets (normative)**

* **Offline, pure computation**: no network, no nondeterministic external calls.
* **Locale-neutral**: behavior MUST NOT depend on OS locale/timezone.
* **Time-agnostic**: wall-clock/timezone MUST NOT affect any computed field (timestamps are metadata only, set in UTC).
* **Canonical JSON** and hashing as per Doc 1A §2.1–2.2.
* **Stable ordering**: all algorithmic arrays obey Doc 1A §5 (never rely on input or map iteration order).

**3) Runtime environment constraints**

* **Process I/O**
  + Inputs: file paths to **DivisionRegistry**, **BallotTally**, **ParameterSet**.
  + Outputs: result.json, run\_record.json, optional frontier\_map.json (Doc 1A §2.2 / §4).
  + No temp artifacts may influence output content; temp files are optional and ignored for hashing.
* **Filesystem**
  + Treat paths case-sensitively internally.
  + Normalize line endings to **LF** for all emitted JSON.
* **Concurrency**
  + Parallelism permitted, but **observable order** MUST match Doc 1A §5.
  + Reductions/aggregations MUST be order-stable (e.g., sort before fold; avoid nondeterministic hash-map iteration).
  + No data races that could change floating-point summation order.
* **Numeric model**
  + IEEE-754 semantics. Use deterministic rounding paths; avoid hardware/BLAS paths with nondeterministic reduction.
  + Percentages & shares formatting controlled by reporting rules (Doc 7). Internal precision is engine-defined but MUST be stable across builds.

**4) RNG profile for ties (normative)**

* **Controls**: VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy, VM-VAR-052 tie\_seed (051 reserved).
* **Seeding**: Initialize the run’s RNG with **exactly** VM-VAR-052 (integer ≥ 0).
* **Usage**: Consume draws **only** when tie\_policy="random" and a tie event actually requires resolution.
* **Event recording**: Each random tie creates a RunRecord.ties[] entry; RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed is present iff any random tie occurred (Doc 1A §4.5).
* **Reproducibility**: The RNG algorithm/profile is fixed by **Annex A (RNG profile)** to ensure identical sequences across languages/platforms.

Deterministic and deterministic\_order paths MUST NOT consult RNG.

**5) CLI contract & exit codes**

* **CLI**
  + vm\_cli --registry path --tally path --params path --out dir [--seed N overrides VM-VAR-052]
  + MUST refuse unknown flags; MUST error if inputs are missing/invalid.
* **Exit codes**
  + 0 success (all artifacts emitted & hashes verified)
  + 2 validation error (Doc 1B domains/refs/order)
  + 3 hash/FID mismatch on self-verify
  + 4 runtime error (I/O, parse)
  + 5 spec violation (ordering, determinism, disallowed features)

**6) Build & release reproducibility (engine)**

* **Dependency pinning**: compiler/toolchain and libs MUST be version-pinned (lockfiles or exact versions).
* **Reproducible builds**: remove timestamps from binaries where possible; record engine.build metadata (e.g., VCS commit) in **RunRecord.engine**.
* **Hermeticity**: no optional system-wide plugins that can alter numeric behavior; all runtime feature flags must be explicit.
* **Verification**: a release MUST pass the full Doc 6 canonical test pack on all supported platforms before tagging (see Doc 3B for tag policy).

**7) Hashing, FID & manifest linkage**

* **SHA-256** for result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id, and input digests (Doc 1A §2.2, §4.5).
* **FID scope**: only outcome-affecting rules & variables (see **Annex A — Included**).  
  Presentation/report toggles (e.g., **VM-VAR-060..062**) are **excluded** from FID.
* **RunRecord.nm\_digest**: MUST include nm\_sha256 over the Normative Manifest used to compute FID, enabling independent recomputation.

**8) Logging & integrity checks**

* **Self-verify**: after emitting each artifact, recompute its sha256 and compare to the embedded ID; fail with code 3 on mismatch.
* **Determinism log** (optional JSON): MAY include timing and thread counts, but MUST NOT influence artifacts.
* **No network**: engine MUST refuse network I/O unless explicitly running in a non-deterministic debug mode (not for official runs).

**9) Security & trust boundaries**

* Treat all inputs as untrusted: validate schema (Doc 1B) before use.
* Sandboxed execution recommended for public data runs.
* No code-loading from inputs; ParameterSet and Registry are data only.

**10) Renderer constraints (Doc 7 interplay)**

* Renderer MUST consume **Result** and **RunRecord** only; it MUST NOT re-compute allocations.
* Renderer MAY use **FrontierMap** when present.
* Section ordering and visibility controlled by **Doc 2B (032–035)**; does **not** affect canonical JSON or FID.

**11) Conformance checklist**

* **C-PLAT-01**: No network calls during official runs.
* **C-PLAT-02**: Canonical JSON (UTF-8, LF, sorted keys) for all artifacts.
* **C-PLAT-03**: Ordering contract satisfied regardless of parallelism.
* **C-PLAT-04**: RNG seeded **only** from VM-VAR-052; identical sequences on all supported platforms.
* **C-PLAT-05**: Self-verification passes (result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id, input digests).
* **C-PLAT-06**: FID recomputation matches Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.

**12) Minimal example (CLI → artifacts)**

shell

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vm\_cli --registry reg.json --tally tally.json --params params.json --out ./run01

# Emits:

# ./run01/result.json

# ./run01/run\_record.json

# ./run01/frontier\_map.json (only if VM-VAR-034=true and feature used)

# run\_record.json contains:

# engine { vendor, name, version, build }

# inputs { \*\_sha256 }

# nm\_digest { nm\_sha256 }

# determinism { tie\_policy, rng\_seed? }

# ties [ ... ] // if any random tie occurred

*End Doc 3A.*

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**Doc 3B — Build & Release Policy (Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines how we **version**, **tag**, **verify**, and **publish** the engine and renderer so runs are reproducible and auditable. Integrates all former addendum content—no separate addendum is needed.

This part is **normative** wherever it governs FID/Engine versioning and release gates.

**2) Versioning model (two tracks)**

* **Formula ID (FID)** — **64-hex** digest of the **Normative Manifest** (rules + outcome-affecting defaults).
  + Printed in Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.
  + Changes **only** when outcome logic or outcome-affecting defaults change.
* **Engine Version** — semantic version **vMAJOR.MINOR.PATCH** of the implementation.
  + Printed in Result.engine\_version and RunRecord.engine.version.
  + Changes for code changes (including non-normative), build/tooling, or packaging.

The **Normative Manifest** content and canonicalization are defined in Doc 1A + Annex A. Presentation/report toggles (e.g., **VM-VAR-060..062**) are **excluded** from FID.

**3) What requires a new FID (and Engine Version)**

Any change that can change outcomes across any valid input set:

1. **Algorithmic rules**
   * Step order, allocation/gate semantics, tie-resolution logic, rounding/denominator rules.
2. **Outcome-affecting VM-VAR set**
   * Adding/removing a variable in the **Included** list (Annex A).
   * Changing a default, domain/range, or enumerated value semantics of an **Included** variable.
3. **Advanced/frontier semantics**
   * Behavior of **040–048**, **045–046**, **029–031**, **073** that alters gating/eligibility/frontier results.
4. **Determinism primitives**
   * Changing the deterministic tie key (must remain Option.order\_index).
   * RNG profile/sequence for ties (when policy = random).
5. **Canonicalization rules** (Doc 1A §2.1)
   * JSON formatting, key sorting, array ordering, or hash inputs.

**Release action:**

* Compute a **new FID**, **bump Engine Version** (see §5), update Annex A, and regenerate all golden fixtures (Doc 6).
* Update Doc 7 footer rules if display or disclosure changes.

**4) What does not change the FID (Engine Version only)**

* **Performance** improvements; memory usage; parallelization refactors (ordering preserved).
* **I/O/CLI UX** changes; logging; error messages; packaging; build toolchain updates.
* **Renderer** changes that affect **only presentation** (layout, language selection, section visibility).
* Changing **presentation/report variables** (**032–035**, **060–062**) or their defaults (they remain outside FID).
* Bug fixes that **do not** alter any computed outcome (verified by the Doc 6 test pack).

**Release action:**

* **Bump Engine Version** only. No FID change.

If a “bug fix” alters any outcome on any supported test, it is **normative** ⇒ **new FID** (and Engine Version).

**5) Engine Version bump rules (semver)**

* **MAJOR**: removal/incompatible behavior in CLI or artifacts; support matrix change; or any normative change shipping **with** new FID.
* **MINOR**: new non-breaking features; CLI flags added; report appendices added.
* **PATCH**: bug fixes; internal refactors; performance improvements.

**Tag example:** engine/v1.4.2  
**Build metadata** recorded in RunRecord.engine.build (e.g., commit:abcd1234).

**6) Release gates (must pass before tagging)**

1. **Determinism checks**
   * Canonical JSON conformance (Doc 1A §2.1).
   * Cross-OS/arch byte-identical artifacts on the official matrix.
2. **Test pack** (Doc 6)
   * All **A/B/C** suites pass; hashes and expected Result match exactly.
   * Random-tie tests repeatability with fixed VM-VAR-052.
3. **FID audit**
   * Independent recomputation of FID from the Normative Manifest equals Result.formula\_id.
4. **Security/IO policy**
   * No network I/O; sandboxed run OK.
   * Inputs validated (Doc 1B); self-hash verification passes.
5. **Annex A alignment**
   * Included/Excluded lists, domains, and defaults match the code.
   * Any new VM-VAR IDs registered and documented.

Only after all gates pass may the release be tagged and published.

**7) Publication requirements**

**Artifacts to publish per release:**

* **Binaries/containers** (pinned toolchain).
* **Spec bundle**: Docs 1–7 + Annex A/B/C at the release tag.
* **Canonical Test Pack** (Annex B): machine-readable fixtures (inputs, expected outputs, hashes).
* **Change log**: human-readable summary (see §8 template).
* **Provenance**: checksums/signatures for binaries and spec bundle.

**Runtime disclosure (renderer/report footer):**

* Show **Formula ID (64-hex)**, **Engine Version**, and (if any) algorithm\_variant (VM-VAR-073).
* If any **2B toggles** differ from Annex A defaults, append a **“Non-normative toggles”** note listing key/value pairs.

**8) Change log template (per release)**

yaml

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Release: engine vX.Y.Z | Formula ID: <64hex> (if changed)

Date (UTC): YYYY-MM-DD

Normative changes (FID):

- <summary> [Doc/Section; VM-VAR impact]

- <summary>

Non-normative changes:

- <summary> [perf/UX/build]

Spec & Annex updates:

- Annex A: <IDs/domains/defaults updated>

- Doc 6: <tests added/updated>

**9) Forks & reproducibility**

* Forks MUST set RunRecord.engine.vendor and SHOULD rename engine.name.
* Forks **must** preserve Doc 1A canonicalization, Doc 1A §5 ordering, RNG profile for ties, and Annex A Included/Excluded unless they intentionally create a **new FID**.
* Public results SHOULD include the spec bundle commit or URL for independent verification.

**10) Hotfix protocol**

* **PATCH** hotfixes are allowed **only** if Doc 6 passes with **no** output diffs; otherwise it is normative ⇒ new FID and at least **MINOR** bump.
* Re-run release gates (§6); republish hashes.

**11) Deprecation policy (IDs & flags)**

* **VM-VAR IDs are stable.** Do not renumber or repurpose.
* To retire a variable: mark **Deprecated** in Annex A with a sunset version; keep behavior until the next **MAJOR**.
* **VM-VAR-051** remains **reserved** (tie deterministic key is always order\_index, not a variable).

**12) CLI compatibility**

* New flags require at least **MINOR** bump.
* Removing/renaming flags requires **MAJOR**.
* --seed MAY override VM-VAR-052 at runtime; this does **not** alter FID (seed is non-FID) but must be echoed in RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed.

**13) Compliance checklist**

* **C-REL-FID**: Any outcome change ⇒ new FID; Engine Version bumped.
* **C-REL-SEMVER**: Changes categorized per §5.
* **C-REL-GATES**: All §6 gates pass on matrix.
* **C-REL-PUB**: Required artifacts & checksums published; footer disclosures correct.
* **C-REL-ANNEX**: Annex A is the single source of truth for Included/Excluded and domains; bundled with the release.

*End Doc 3B.*

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**Doc 4A — Algorithm: Step Order, Tabulation & Global Flow (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **end-to-end step order** and tabulation flow the engine MUST follow to produce deterministic, byte-identical results. 4A fixes *when* each rule applies; 4B covers **gates & edge cases**; 4C covers **Frontier, Ties, and Labels**. No legacy numbering.

**Inputs:** DivisionRegistry, BallotTally, ParameterSet  
**Outputs:** Result, RunRecord, optional FrontierMap  
**Determinism primitives:** Doc 1A §5 (ordering), VM-VARs per Doc 2/Annex A

**2) Preconditions (must hold before counting)**

1. **Schema/refs valid** (Doc 1B).
2. **ParameterSet** includes all outcome-affecting VM-VARs listed “Included” in Annex A.
3. **Order keys ready:** each Registry unit has unique option.order\_index (Doc 1B).
4. **Run scope fixed:** apply **VM-VAR-021** to derive the working set of units (default: all\_units). Record in RunRecord.summary if filtered.

**3) Step order (canonical pipeline)**

**S0. Normalize & seed (determinism)**

* Canonicalize inputs (Doc 1A §2.1); compute input digests for RunRecord.inputs.
* Bind **Algorithm family & rounding** constants (**VM-VAR-001…007**) and optional **algorithm\_variant** (**VM-VAR-073**).
* Initialize RNG **only** if needed later: store **VM-VAR-052** (no draws yet).

**S1. Per-unit tallies**

For each included unit\_id (iterate in ascending unit\_id):

1. Load valid\_ballots, invalid\_ballots, and per-option votes.
2. Compute raw shares (engine precision policy; stable across builds).
3. Compute any base metrics required by 4B/4C (e.g., margins, turnout).

**S2. Eligibility & validity gates (4B)**

Apply gates in a fixed order using **VM-VAR-010…017**, **020…029**, and advanced **029–031** where present:

* If a gate marks the unit **invalid**, branch as defined in 4B (result label Invalid, allocations empty or per family rule).
* Record reasons in RunRecord.summary/notes as required by 4B.

**S3. Frontier model hook (4C)**

If **VM-VAR-040** enables Frontier:

* Select band/cut params via **041**; apply strategy via **042**.
* Optionally refine by **047–049** (advanced).
* Emit per-unit diagnostics into FrontierMap (if **VM-VAR-034=true**), using band\_met etc.
* Frontier never violates canonical ordering.

**S4. Core allocation**

Using the algorithm family constants **001…007** (and **073** if defined):

* Compute per-unit **allocations[]** deterministically.
* Respect Registry option order (order\_index) for any rank-sensitive operation.
* No randomization at this stage.

**S5. Tie resolution (4C)**

If a tie affects an allocation/ordering decision:

* Read **VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy**:
  + status\_quo: apply family’s status-quo rule.
  + deterministic\_order: break ties by ascending option.order\_index (no variable; **051 reserved**).
  + random: use deterministic RNG seeded with **VM-VAR-052**; log each event in RunRecord.ties[] and set RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed.
* Never consume RNG draws unless tie\_policy=random **and** a tie actually occurs.

**S6. National/aggregate metrics & labels (4C/7)**

* Aggregate required national metrics (e.g., national margin).
* Compute **Outcome label** per policy:
  + Threshold **VM-VAR-060** and policy **VM-VAR-061** (“fixed” vs “dynamic\_margin”) influence labeling **only** (presentation).
  + Labels do not affect allocations; they are excluded from FID.

**S7. Emit artifacts (Doc 1A)**

* Build Result (units ordered by unit\_id; allocations per order\_index).
* Build RunRecord (engine info, nm\_digest, vars\_effective, tie log).
* Optionally build FrontierMap (if enabled and applicable).
* Canonicalize JSON and compute IDs (result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id).
* Set formula\_id from the Normative Manifest (Doc 1A/Annex A).
* Self-verify hashes; fail if any mismatch (Doc 3A/3B gates).

**4) Deterministic ordering (reiterated for algorithm use)**

* **Units:** iterate strictly in ascending unit\_id.
* **Options within a unit:** ascending order\_index; on equal, ascending option\_id.
* **Allocations arrays:** mirror Registry option order.
* **No iteration over map/dict order** may influence results.

**5) Variable touchpoints used in 4A**

* **Global & scope:** **001…007**, **021**, **073**
* **Gates/thresholds:** **010…017**, **020…029**, **030–031** (if set)
* **Frontier (hook only; details in 4C):** **040–042**, **047–049**
* **Ties (delegated to 4C):** **050 (policy)**, **052 (seed), 051 reserved**
* **Presentation (labels only):** **060–062** (do not alter counts; excluded from FID)

**6) Pseudocode (normative skeleton)**

pseudo

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init\_context(params, registry, tally):

assert validate\_all()

scope\_units = select\_units(registry.units, VM\_VAR\_021)

bind\_family(VM\_VAR\_001..007, VM\_VAR\_073)

rng\_seed = VM\_VAR\_052

for unit in sort\_by\_unit\_id(scope\_units):

u = prepare\_unit(unit, tally[unit])

apply\_gates(u, VM\_VAR\_010..017, VM\_VAR\_020..029, VM\_VAR\_030..031) // 4B

if u.invalid:

result.units.append(invalid\_record(u))

continue

frontier\_ctx = frontier\_hook(u, VM\_VAR\_040, VM\_VAR\_041, VM\_VAR\_042, VM\_VAR\_047..049) // 4C

allocations = compute\_allocations(u, family\_consts) // deterministic

if has\_tie(allocations):

allocations = resolve\_ties(allocations, VM\_VAR\_050, rng\_seed) // 4C; uses 052 only if random

label = compute\_label(u, allocations, VM\_VAR\_060, VM\_VAR\_061) // presentation only

emit\_unit\_result(u.unit\_id, allocations, label, frontier\_ctx)

finalize\_and\_emit(Result, RunRecord, FrontierMap) // Doc 1A

**7) Conformance checklist (4A)**

* **C-4A-ORDER:** All loops honor Doc 1A ordering; no nondeterministic iteration affects results.
* **C-4A-GATES:** Gates applied before allocation, in fixed order, with recorded reasons when invalid.
* **C-4A-TIES:** Ties handled strictly per **VM-VAR-050**; RNG used only when required, with events logged.
* **C-4A-FRONTIER:** Frontier hook executes when enabled; diagnostics emitted only if **VM-VAR-034=true**.
* **C-4A-LABELS:** Labels computed per **060/061**; allocations unaffected.
* **C-4A-EMIT:** Artifacts canonicalized; IDs verified; FID matches Normative Manifest.

*End Doc 4A.*

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**Doc 4B — Gates & Edge Cases (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines **when a unit is valid/invalid** for allocation and how **edge cases** are handled, in a **fixed, deterministic order**. Variables come from **Doc 2A/2C**; exact domains/defaults live in **Annex A**. No legacy numbering.

* Gate families (outcome-affecting; **FID = YES**):  
  **VM-VAR-010…017**, **020…029**, **030–031**.
* Interplay with other parts: Frontier hook (4C), Ties (4C), Labels (4C/Doc 7), Protected/Autonomy (2A §4.4).

Outputs must be **byte-identical** across OS/arch when inputs + ParameterSet match.

**2) Evaluation order (canonical)**

Gates execute **before allocation** (4A S2) in the following fixed order. The first failing stage **does not short-circuit**; record **all** reasons, then branch as defined in §3.1.

1. **Sanity gates** (data plausibility) — uses 010…017 group if defined for sanity.
2. **Eligibility gates** (thresholds & scope) — uses 020…029, 021, 029.
3. **Validity gates** (integrity floors & overrides) — uses 030–031, 045.
4. **Frontier pre-check** (if enabled) — consistency with 040–042, 047–049 (4C).

Deterministic ordering matters: implementations MUST follow this stage order and, within a stage, evaluate gates in ascending **VM-VAR** ID order.

**3) Gate behavior (normative patterns)**

**3.1 Branching rule**

* If **any** gate fails for a unit → mark **unit.invalid=true** and **do not allocate** in S4.
* Emit a **unit result** with:
  + allocations: **empty array**
  + label: "Invalid" (Doc 7 will render accordingly)
  + Optional diagnostic fields in RunRecord.summary (see §6)

No other branch (e.g., “provisional allocation”) is allowed in v1.

**3.2 Sanity gates (010…017)**

Deterministic checks on tallies and basic ratios (exact set per Annex A). Examples of required behavior (independent of names):

* **Non-negativity**: votes/ballots cannot be negative.
* **Consistency**: sum(option.votes) ≤ totals.valid\_ballots.
* **Bounds**: any declared percentage thresholds must lie within their domain.

**Failure →** record reason(s); continue evaluating remaining gates; final branch per §3.1.

**3.3 Eligibility gates (020…029, plus scope 021)**

Apply **run scope** (**VM-VAR-021**) first to pick included units (4A S2 precondition). Within an included unit, evaluate thresholds in ascending ID order. Required behavior patterns:

* **Minimum participation/turnout** gate(s).
* **Minimum share/eligibility** gate(s) for options or unit-level continuation.
* **Symmetry exceptions** (**VM-VAR-029**): an explicit, deterministic allow/deny list that **narrowly** overrides a corresponding eligibility rule (never the sanity/validity gates). Matching is deterministic (Annex A defines the selector grammar).

**Failure →** record reason(s); final branch per §3.1.

**3.4 Validity gates (030–031) & overrides**

* **Eligibility override list** (**VM-VAR-030**): explicit {unit\_id, mode} directives applied **before** integrity floors. mode=include can re-include a unit that would be excluded by **eligibility** gates; it **cannot** override **sanity** failures.
* **Ballot integrity floor** (**VM-VAR-031**): if a unit’s integrity KPI falls **below** the floor, mark invalid.
* **Protected-area override** (**VM-VAR-045**, from 2A): when DivisionRegistry.units[].protected\_area=true, behavior is:
  + If **045 = deny** (default): protected status does **not** bypass validity; treat like any unit.
  + If **045 = allow**: a protected unit may **bypass an eligibility gate** (020…029) but **never** a sanity failure (010…017) nor the integrity floor (031). All bypasses must be recorded (see §6).

**Failure →** record reason(s); final branch per §3.1.

**3.5 Frontier pre-check (040–042, 047–049)**

If Frontier is enabled (4C S3), confirm that required inputs/metrics exist for the unit and that advanced tuning (047–049) is within bounds. Frontier logic itself runs in 4C; this pre-check only detects **configuration errors** (treated as validity failures).

**4) Edge cases (normative handling)**

* **Zero valid ballots**:
  + Sanity passes (non-negative); eligibility typically fails (share/turnout).
  + Result: allocations=[], label="Invalid", reasons include the failing gate(s).
* **Sum of votes < valid\_ballots**: Allowed (abstentions/blank). Sanity passes; other gates decide.
* **Missing option tallies**: Missing option\_id entries are treated as **0 votes** only if **explicitly permitted** by Annex A; otherwise it’s a **sanity failure**.
* **All options tied with zero**: Not a gate failure. If unit remains valid, allocation yields all zeros; 4C ties do **not** trigger because no rank decision is required.
* **Protected area without override**: Protected flag alone has **no effect** unless **045=allow**. Never bypass sanity/integrity.
* **Conflicting directives** (e.g., 029 vs 030): Precedence is fixed — **030 (eligibility override) → 029 (symmetry exceptions)**. Implementations must document the applied precedence in RunRecord.summary.
* **Frontier inputs missing** when Frontier enabled: validity failure with reason “frontier\_missing\_inputs”.

**5) Deterministic order of recording reasons**

When multiple reasons exist, record them in **ascending VM-VAR ID order**, then any symbolic reasons (e.g., frontier\_missing\_inputs) in lexicographic order. This guarantees byte-identical RunRecord.summary across platforms.

**6) RunRecord requirements (per-unit)**

For each unit evaluated:

json

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{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"gate\_status": "valid" | "invalid",

"reasons": ["VM-VAR-020:min\_turnout", "VM-VAR-031:integrity\_floor"], // ordered, see §5

"protected\_bypass": true | false, // present only if 045 allowed a bypass

"applied\_exceptions": ["VM-VAR-029:U-001"], // if any selector matched

"frontier\_ready": true | false // pre-check result if Frontier enabled

}

* reasons[] lists **all** failing gates (or empty if none).
* protected\_bypass=true appears **only** if **045=allow** caused an eligibility bypass.
* applied\_exceptions[] lists matched 029 selectors (deterministic string form per Annex A).
* This structure may live under RunRecord.summary.units[] (producer’s choice), but ordering rules apply (Doc 1A §5).

**7) Conformance checklist (4B)**

* **C-4B-ORDER**: Gates evaluated in stage order **Sanity → Eligibility → Validity → Frontier pre-check**, ascending ID within stage.
* **C-4B-BRANCH**: Any failure ⇒ allocations=[], label="Invalid". No silent partial allocations.
* **C-4B-PROT**: protected\_area may bypass **eligibility** only when **045=allow**; never bypasses Sanity or Integrity Floor (031).
* **C-4B-EXC**: 030 overrides applied before 029 and recorded.
* **C-4B-RR**: All reasons and applied exceptions recorded deterministically (ordered as in §5).
* **C-4B-FRONTIER**: Frontier pre-check failures recorded; 4C logic not executed for invalid units.

**8) Pseudocode (reference)**

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reasons = []

valid = true

// Sanity (010..017)

for v in sort\_ids(010..017):

if !check\_sanity(v, unit, tally): reasons.append(reason(v)); valid = false

// Eligibility scope

if !in\_scope(unit, VM\_VAR\_021): reasons.append("VM-VAR-021:out\_of\_scope"); valid = false

// Eligibility (020..029)

for v in sort\_ids(020..029):

if !check\_eligibility(v, unit, tally):

if protected(unit) && VM\_VAR\_045 == "allow" && is\_eligibility\_gate(v):

record\_bypass(v); // no reason added

else:

reasons.append(reason(v)); valid = false

// Overrides & validity (030..031)

apply\_overrides(VM\_VAR\_030, unit, reasons) // may flip prior eligibility failure, not sanity

if !check\_integrity\_floor(VM\_VAR\_031, unit): reasons.append(reason(031)); valid = false

// Frontier pre-check if enabled

if frontier\_enabled(VM\_VAR\_040):

if !frontier\_ready(unit): reasons.append("frontier\_missing\_inputs"); valid = false

if !valid:

emit\_invalid\_unit(unit\_id, reasons, protected\_bypass, applied\_exceptions)

else:

proceed\_to\_allocation()

*End Doc 4B.*

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**Doc 4C — Frontier, Ties & Labels (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **frontier model**, **tie resolution**, and **outcome labeling** used by the engine. Frontier and ties are **outcome-affecting** (⇒ included in FID via Doc 2A/2C & Annex A); labels/language are **presentation-only** (⇒ excluded from FID per Doc 1A).

**Inputs:** DivisionRegistry, BallotTally, ParameterSet  
**Consumes VM-VARs:** Frontier **040–042**, advanced **047–049**; Ties **050 (policy)**, **052 (seed)**; Labels **060–062** (presentation)  
**Emits:** Result, RunRecord, optional FrontierMap (diagnostics)

**2) Frontier model (outcome-affecting)**

**2.1 Enablement & selection**

* **VM-VAR-040 frontier\_mode** — selects the frontier model (e.g., none, banded, ladder).
* **VM-VAR-041 frontier\_band/cut** — primary numeric or enumerated cut parameter(s).
* **VM-VAR-042 frontier\_strategy** — how/when the frontier applies (e.g., apply\_on\_entry, apply\_on\_exit, sticky).

Advanced refinements (still outcome-affecting):

* **VM-VAR-047 frontier\_band\_window** — expands/contracts effective band around 041.
* **VM-VAR-048 frontier\_backoff\_policy** — resolves borderline cases (none/soften/harden).
* **VM-VAR-049 frontier\_strictness** — coarse multiplier for 047/048 effects.

**2.2 Deterministic evaluation**

For each included unit (Doc 4A S3), compute frontier predicates **before** allocation in a deterministic order:

1. Derive required metrics from BallotTally (and any prior stage outputs).
2. Apply **040/041/042** exactly; apply **047–049** per Annex A precedence (047 window → 048 backoff → 049 strictness).
3. Produce a boolean **band\_met** and optional numeric **band\_value** used by the algorithm to gate/branch.

Rules:

* If frontier\_mode = none, skip all frontier logic (no gating by frontier).
* Frontier must **not** mutate array ordering (Doc 1A §5).
* If configuration is invalid (missing metrics/out-of-domain value), treat as a **4B validity failure** (unit becomes Invalid).

**2.3 Diagnostics (FrontierMap)**

If **VM-VAR-034 = true** and frontier is enabled:

* Emit frontier\_map.json with, for each evaluated unit:

json

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{ "unit\_id": "...", "band\_met": true|false, "band\_value": <number>, "notes": "..." }

* Arrays ordered per Doc 1A §5. Field name is **band\_met** (normalized).
* Presence/absence of frontier\_map.json does **not** affect outcomes.

**3) Tie resolution (outcome-affecting)**

**3.1 Controls**

* **VM-VAR-050 tie\_policy** ∈ { status\_quo, deterministic\_order, random }.
* **VM-VAR-051** is **reserved** (no variable exists for deterministic order key).
* **VM-VAR-052 tie\_seed** ∈ integers ≥ 0; used **only** if tie\_policy = random.

**3.2 Where ties apply**

Any stage where a **relative order** among options affects allocation or ranking (post-frontier, pre-emit), including:

* Winner/seat assignment ties.
* Rank ordering ties that drive subsequent algorithm branches.

**3.3 Deterministic procedures**

* **status\_quo** — Apply the family’s fixed rule (e.g., keep prior holder). Must not rely on input file order; any “prior holder” notion must be derived from explicit, deterministic data.
* **deterministic\_order** — Break ties by ascending Option.order\_index; if equal, ascending option\_id. No variable controls this; **051 remains unused**.
* **random** — Use a deterministic RNG seeded with **052**:
  + For a tie among **k** options, generate a **deterministic permutation** of the tied set:
    1. For each tied option\_id, draw one uniform 64-bit value from the run RNG.
    2. Sort the tied options by (draw\_value, option\_id) ascending to get a stable random order.
  + Consume **exactly k draws** per tie event. Do not draw when no tie exists.
  + Record an entry in RunRecord.ties[] with unit\_id, tie type (e.g., winner\_tie/rank\_tie), policy="random".  
    Set RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed = VM-VAR-052 iff at least one random tie occurred.

Constraints:

* RNG algorithm/profile is fixed in Annex A to produce **identical sequences** across platforms.
* Ties **never** read presentation VM-VARs.
* Random tie resolution must not leak into any ordering beyond the tied subset.

**4) Outcome labels (presentation-only)**

**4.1 Controls**

* **VM-VAR-060 majority\_label\_threshold** — integer percent (0..100).
* **VM-VAR-061 decisiveness\_label\_policy** ∈ { fixed, dynamic\_margin }.
* **VM-VAR-062 unit\_display\_language** — auto or IETF tag (used by renderer; see Doc 7).

**4.2 Label computation**

Compute per-unit label **after** allocation and tie resolution, without altering allocations:

* **fixed** policy:
  + If national\_or\_unit\_margin ≥ 060 ⇒ "Decisive", else "Marginal" (unless the unit is invalid ⇒ "Invalid").
* **dynamic\_margin** policy (default):
  + "Decisive" iff margin ≥ 060 **and** no **blocking flags** are set.
  + "Marginal" if margin < 060 **or** any blocking flag is set.
  + Blocking flags are deterministic boolean signals produced elsewhere in the algorithm (e.g., mediation in effect, protected override used). Their exact sources are defined in Docs 4A/4B and Annex A; labels **only** read those booleans.

Notes:

* Labels and language are **excluded from FID** (Doc 1A).
* Renderer obeys Doc 7 visual rules; language selection via **062** does not change JSON ordering/content.

**5) RunRecord requirements (4C-specific)**

* **Frontier**: if enabled, record at least { unit\_id, frontier\_applied: true|false } per unit in RunRecord.summary or equivalent; implementations may also copy band\_met/band\_value summary stats.
* **Ties**: maintain RunRecord.ties[] entries in the canonical order of unit evaluation (ascending unit\_id), each with:

json

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{ "unit\_id":"...", "type":"winner\_tie|rank\_tie|other", "policy":"status\_quo|deterministic\_order|random" }

Include "seed": <int> only when policy="random".

* **Determinism**: RunRecord.determinism.tie\_policy mirrors **050**; rng\_seed present iff any random tie event occurred.

**6) Ordering & determinism (reiterated)**

* Evaluate frontier and ties **after** gates (4B) and **before** emit (4A S7).
* Never depend on map/dict iteration order; always use Doc 1A §5 canonical ordering.
* In random ties, consume **exactly k** RNG draws for a **k-way** tie and **no draws otherwise**.

**7) Conformance checklist (4C)**

* **C-4C-FR-CFG**: Frontier parameters (040–042, 047–049) in domain; invalid config ⇒ validity failure (4B), not undefined behavior.
* **C-4C-FR-DET**: Frontier decisions are deterministic for a given ParameterSet; FrontierMap (if emitted) matches those decisions.
* **C-4C-TIE-POL**: Tie resolution strictly follows **050**; deterministic\_order uses order\_index; **051 is unused**.
* **C-4C-TIE-RNG**: RNG seeded only from **052**; exactly **k** draws per k-way tie; events logged; seed echoed iff any random tie.
* **C-4C-LBL-PRES**: Labels computed per **060/061** and do not affect allocations or FID.
* **C-4C-ORDER**: Unit and allocation arrays retain canonical order after ties/frontier.

**8) Reference pseudocode**

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// Frontier

if VM\_VAR\_040 != "none":

fm = compute\_frontier\_metrics(unit, tally)

frontier = apply\_frontier(VM\_VAR\_040, VM\_VAR\_041, VM\_VAR\_042, VM\_VAR\_047..049, fm)

if VM\_VAR\_034: record\_frontier\_map(unit\_id, frontier.band\_met, frontier.band\_value)

// Allocation already computed (4A S4)

// Ties

if has\_tie(allocations):

switch VM\_VAR\_050:

case "status\_quo": allocations = apply\_status\_quo(allocations)

case "deterministic\_order": allocations = sort\_by(order\_index, option\_id, within\_tied\_groups(allocations))

case "random":

draws = {}

for opt in tied\_group(allocations):

draws[opt] = rng\_next64() // seeded once at run start from VM\_VAR\_052

allocations = sort\_tied\_by(draws[opt], option\_id)

RunRecord.ties.append({unit\_id, type, policy:"random", seed: VM\_VAR\_052})

// Labels (presentation)

if unit\_invalid: label = "Invalid"

else:

margin = compute\_margin(unit, allocations)

if VM\_VAR\_061 == "fixed":

label = (margin >= VM\_VAR\_060) ? "Decisive" : "Marginal"

else:

flags = read\_blocking\_flags(unit) // deterministic booleans from earlier stages

label = (margin >= VM\_VAR\_060 && !flags.any) ? "Decisive" : "Marginal"

emit\_unit\_label(unit\_id, label)

*End Doc 4C.*

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**Doc 5A — Pipeline: State Machine & Data Exchange (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **canonical run pipeline**, its **states**, **transitions**, and the **data exchanged** between stages. This is the engine’s single source of truth for execution order and I/O. Normative wherever it affects reproducibility.

Inputs: DivisionRegistry, BallotTally, ParameterSet  
Outputs: Result, RunRecord, optional FrontierMap  
Ordering, canonical JSON, RNG, and FID rules: see Docs **1A–1B–3A–3B**, algorithm details in **4A–4C**, variables in **2A–2C**.

**2) State machine (canonical)**

**2.1 States & transitions**

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S0 INIT & LOAD

└─> S1 VALIDATE

├─(fail)-> E\_VALIDATE

└─> S2 MANIFEST & SEED

└─> S3 PER-UNIT LOOP

├─> S3.1 GATES (4B)

│ ├─invalid→ S3.4 EMIT-UNIT-INVALID

│ └─valid→ S3.2 FRONTIER HOOK (4C)

│ └─> S3.3 ALLOCATE (4A)

│ ├─tie?→ S3.3a TIES (4C)

│ └─> S3.4 EMIT-UNIT

└─(all units done)→ S4 AGGREGATE & LABELS (4C/7)

└─> S5 BUILD ARTIFACTS

└─> S6 SELF-VERIFY

├─(fail)-> E\_VERIFY

└─> S7 DONE

**2.2 Stage purposes**

* **S0 INIT & LOAD** — Open/read three inputs; normalize to in-memory canonical forms.
* **S1 VALIDATE** — Enforce Doc 1B schemas, referential integrity, and ordering preconditions.
* **S2 MANIFEST & SEED** — Build **Normative Manifest**, compute **FID**, capture nm\_digest; stash VM-VAR-052 (no RNG draws yet).
* **S3 PER-UNIT LOOP** — Deterministic iteration over units (ascending unit\_id):
  + **S3.1 GATES** (Doc 4B) — sanity → eligibility → validity → frontier pre-check.
  + **S3.2 FRONTIER HOOK** (Doc 4C) — evaluate 040–042 (+047–049) if enabled.
  + **S3.3 ALLOCATE** (Doc 4A) — compute allocations; if tie, go to **S3.3a TIES** (Doc 4C with 050/052).
  + **S3.4 EMIT-UNIT** — append per-unit result record; optional frontier diagnostics.
* **S4 AGGREGATE & LABELS** — compute national/aggregate metrics; compute labels with 060/061 (presentation-only).
* **S5 BUILD ARTIFACTS** — assemble canonical Result, RunRecord, optional FrontierMap; set IDs and formula\_id.
* **S6 SELF-VERIFY** — recompute hashes/IDs; fail if mismatch.
* **S7 DONE** — exit 0.

**Error states**  
E\_VALIDATE (exit 2): schema/domain/ref/order errors.  
E\_VERIFY (exit 3): any post-emit hash/FID mismatch.  
Other runtime I/O/parse issues: exit 4; spec violation (e.g., RNG misuse): exit 5 (Doc 3A).

**3) Pipeline context & data exchange**

**3.1 RunContext (in-memory, normative fields)**

json

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{

"registry": { /\* DivisionRegistry canonical \*/ },

"tally": { /\* BallotTally canonical \*/ },

"params": { /\* ParameterSet canonical \*/ },

"normative\_manifest": { /\* Included rules & 2A/2C values \*/ },

"formula\_id": "<64hex>",

"nm\_digest": { "schema\_version":"1.x", "nm\_sha256":"<64hex>" },

"engine": { "vendor":"...", "name":"...", "version":"vX.Y.Z", "build":"commit:..." },

"rng": { "seed": 0, "used": false }, // 052; used=true iff a random tie occurred

"frontier\_enabled": true,

"frontier\_map\_enabled": true, // 034

"sensitivity\_enabled": false, // 035 (appendix only)

"per\_unit": {

"U-001": {

"gate\_status": "valid|invalid",

"reasons": [ /\* ordered tokens per 4B §5 \*/ ],

"frontier": { "band\_met": true, "band\_value": 0.12 }, // if enabled

"allocations": [ /\* ordered by order\_index \*/ ],

"label": "Decisive|Marginal|Invalid"

}

/\* ... \*/

},

"run\_record\_scaffold": {

"inputs\_sha256": { "registry":"<64hex>", "tally":"<64hex>", "params":"<64hex>" },

"vars\_effective": { "VM-VAR-###": <value>, /\* all outcome-affecting \*/ },

"determinism": { "tie\_policy":"...", "rng\_seed": 0? },

"ties": [ /\* events appended in unit order \*/ ]

}

}

**3.2 Artifact construction (S5)**

* **Result** pulls formula\_id, engine\_version, aggregates, and per\_unit[\*].allocations/label.
* **RunRecord** pulls engine, inputs\_sha256, nm\_digest, vars\_effective, determinism, ties, and any per-unit gate summaries (4B §6).
* **FrontierMap** is emitted iff frontier\_map\_enabled=true **and** frontier evaluated in run; array ordered by unit\_id.

**4) Stage contracts (what each stage MUST do)**

| **Stage** | **Consumes** | **Produces** | **Determinism/notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **S0 INIT & LOAD** | file paths | registry,tally,params | No network; parse to canonical in-memory forms (Doc 1A §2.1). |
| **S1 VALIDATE** | S0 outputs | — | Enforce Doc 1B domains; establish Option order\_index uniqueness; fail → E\_VALIDATE. |
| **S2 MANIFEST & SEED** | S0,S1 | normative\_manifest,formula\_id,nm\_digest,rng.seed | FID built from Included set (Annex A); stash **052**; do not draw RNG. |
| **S3.1 GATES** | ctx + 2A/2C | gate\_status,reasons | Evaluate in fixed order (4B §2); never short-circuit recording of reasons. |
| **S3.2 FRONTIER HOOK** | ctx + 040–042 (+047–049) | frontier.\* | If 040!="none"; invalid config → treat as 4B validity failure. |
| **S3.3 ALLOCATE** | ctx + family 001–007 (+073) | allocations[] | Deterministic; obey option order. |
| **S3.3a TIES** | 050,052 | adjusted allocations[], ties[], rng.used=true | Consume **k** draws for a **k-way** tie; never draw otherwise. |
| **S3.4 EMIT-UNIT** | unit ctx | append to per\_unit | Unit records ordered by unit\_id; allocations by order\_index. |
| **S4 AGG & LABELS** | per-unit data | aggregates, labels | Labels via 060/061 (presentation only); do not alter allocations. |
| **S5 BUILD** | ctx | Result,RunRecord,FrontierMap? | Canonical JSON (Doc 1A); set IDs. |
| **S6 SELF-VERIFY** | artifacts | — | Recompute sha256; verify IDs; verify FID; fail → E\_VERIFY. |

**5) Canonical functions (IDs reserved; details in 5B)**

| **VM-FUN** | **Name** | **Summary** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **001** | LoadInputs | Read files; normalize JSON. |
| **002** | ValidateInputs | Doc 1B schema/domain/ref/order checks. |
| **003** | ComputeNormativeManifest | Build Included set snapshot; hash → FID; fill nm\_digest. |
| **004** | PrepareUnit | Assemble unit view (registry+tally). |
| **005** | ApplyGates | Run gates in order; produce reasons. |
| **006** | FrontierHook | Evaluate 040–042 (+047–049); per-unit diagnostics. |
| **007** | ComputeAllocations | Deterministic allocation per family 001–007 (+073). |
| **008** | ResolveTies | Apply 050 policy; use 052 only when random. |
| **009** | LabelDecisiveness | Compute label via 060/061 (presentation). |
| **010** | BuildResult | Assemble canonical Result. |
| **011** | BuildRunRecord | Assemble canonical RunRecord (vars\_effective, ties, determinism). |
| **012** | EmitFrontierMap | Optional canonical FrontierMap. |
| **013** | CompareScenarios | Optional sensitivity appendix when 035=true (report-only). |
| **014** | SelfVerify | Recompute hashes/IDs; verify FID/engine disclosures. |

Function specs (inputs/outputs/pre/postconditions) are defined in **Doc 5B**.

**6) Determinism requirements (reiterated)**

* Iterate **units in ascending unit\_id**; options **by order\_index** (ties by option\_id).
* Never depend on map/dict iteration order.
* RNG draws occur **only** within ResolveTies and **only** when tie\_policy="random" and a tie exists; exactly **k** draws for a **k-way** tie.
* Presentation toggles (032–035, 060–062) **never** change canonical JSON or FID.

**7) Exit codes & failure mapping**

* **2** — Validation failure (Doc 1B): any schema/domain/ref/order violation.
* **3** — Self-verification failure: any artifact hash or FID mismatch.
* **4** — I/O/parse/runtime error.
* **5** — Spec violation (ordering, RNG misuse, non-canonical JSON, network I/O).

**8) Conformance checklist (5A)**

* **C-5A-ORDER**: All loops honor Doc 1A ordering; no nondeterministic aggregation.
* **C-5A-FID**: FID built from Included set (Annex A) and equals both artifact fields.
* **C-5A-RNG**: RNG seeded from **052**; no draws outside ResolveTies; draws counted per tie size.
* **C-5A-REC**: RunRecord contains vars\_effective, inputs\_sha256, nm\_digest, and ties[] in unit order.
* **C-5A-PRES**: Labels/language (060–062) affect only presentation; artifacts remain canonical.
* **C-5A-VERIFY**: Self-verify passes before exit.

**9) Minimal pseudocode (reference)**

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ctx = LoadInputs(paths)

ValidateInputs(ctx) // exit 2 on failure

ctx.normative\_manifest, ctx.formula\_id, ctx.nm\_digest = ComputeNormativeManifest(ctx.params)

ctx.rng.seed = VM\_VAR\_052

for unit in sort\_by\_unit\_id(ctx.registry.units):

u = PrepareUnit(unit, ctx.tally)

valid, reasons = ApplyGates(u, ctx.params) // 4B

if !valid:

record\_invalid\_unit(ctx, u, reasons)

continue

if VM\_VAR\_040 != "none":

u.frontier = FrontierHook(u, ctx.params) // 4C

u.allocations = ComputeAllocations(u, ctx.params) // 4A

if has\_tie(u.allocations):

u.allocations = ResolveTies(u.allocations, ctx.params, ctx.rng) // 4C

u.label = LabelDecisiveness(u, ctx.params) // 4C (presentation)

append\_unit(ctx, u)

Result = BuildResult(ctx)

RunRecord = BuildRunRecord(ctx)

if VM\_VAR\_034: FrontierMap = EmitFrontierMap(ctx)

SelfVerify(Result, RunRecord, FrontierMap?) // exit 3 on failure

exit 0

*End Doc 5A.*

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**Doc 5B — Canonical Function Specs (Updated, Normative)**

**Scope.** This part defines each pipeline function’s **inputs**, **outputs**, **pre/postconditions**, **side-effects**, and **determinism** rules. Function IDs are stable. JSON formats & ordering: Doc 1A. Variables: Docs 2A/2B/2C (+ Annex A). Platform & RNG: Doc 3A. Release: Doc 3B.

**VM-FUN-001 LoadInputs(paths) *(S0)***

**In:** file paths {registry, tally, params}  
**Out:** in-memory canonical objects {registry, tally, params}  
**Pre:** paths exist; readable  
**Post:**

* Parsed to canonical in-mem forms (UTF-8, LF, sorted keys when re-emitting).
* No network I/O.  
  **Fail:** exit 4 on I/O/parse error.  
  **Determinism:** independent of locale/timezone.

**VM-FUN-002 ValidateInputs(ctx) *(S1)***

**In:** {registry, tally, params}  
**Out:** none (throws on error)  
**Pre:** FUN-001 done  
**Checks (Doc 1B):** schema domains, referential integrity, uniqueness of order\_index per unit; non-negativity; vote sums ≤ valid ballots.  
**Fail:** exit 2 with first error code; MUST list **all** per-unit reasons if aggregating.  
**Determinism:** error listing order = ascending VM-VAR (if applicable) then lexicographic.

**VM-FUN-003 ComputeNormativeManifest(ctx) *(S2)***

**In:** {params}, algorithm constants (001..007, 073)  
**Out:** {normative\_manifest, formula\_id, nm\_digest}  
**Pre:** FUN-002 passed  
**Rules:**

* Manifest = outcome-affecting rules + Included VM-VARs (Annex A).
* Canonicalize then sha256 → formula\_id (64-hex).
* nm\_digest = {schema\_version, nm\_sha256} for verifier use.  
  **Determinism:** identical manifest ⇒ identical FID.  
  **Fail:** exit 5 if Included list/values incomplete.

**VM-FUN-004 PrepareUnit(unit, ctx) *(S3 loop)***

**In:** registry.units[unit\_id], tally.units[unit\_id]  
**Out:** per-unit working view {unit\_id, totals, option\_rows[], flags}  
**Pre:** FUN-002 passed  
**Rules:**

* Build option\_rows[] in **Registry order** (order\_index, then option\_id).
* Compute base metrics needed by 4B/4C (e.g., shares, margin scaffolding).  
  **Determinism:** no map-order dependence.

**VM-FUN-005 ApplyGates(u, params) *(S3.1)***

**In:** unit view u, VM-VARs **010..017, 020..029, 021, 030..031, 045**  
**Out:** {valid: bool, reasons[], protected\_bypass?: bool, applied\_exceptions[]}  
**Rules:** stage order **Sanity → Eligibility → Validity → Frontier pre-check**, ascending ID within stage (Doc 4B).

* 045=allow may bypass **eligibility** only; never sanity or integrity floor (031).
* 030 overrides applied before 029 exceptions.  
  **Recording:** reasons ordered: ascending VM-VAR ID, then symbolic tokens.  
  **Fail:** none; returns valid=false when any gate fails.

**VM-FUN-006 FrontierHook(u, params) *(S3.2)***

**In:** u, VM-VARs **040–042**, **047–049**  
**Out:** {band\_met: bool, band\_value?: number}  
**Rules:** apply 040/041/042; refine 047→048→049 precedence. If 040="none", return {band\_met:false} without side-effects.  
**Fail:** if config invalid/missing inputs ⇒ treat as **validity failure** per Doc 4B; producer MUST record reason frontier\_missing\_inputs.  
**Determinism:** pure given inputs/params.

**VM-FUN-007 ComputeAllocations(u, family) *(S3.3)***

**In:** u, family constants **001..007**, optional **073**  
**Out:** allocations[] (ordered by Registry order)  
**Rules:** deterministic; no RNG; no presentation vars.  
**Fail:** exit 5 on under-specified family behavior.  
**Determinism:** invariant to thread count.

**VM-FUN-008 ResolveTies(allocations, params, rng) *(S3.3a)***

**In:** allocations[], VM-VARs **050 (tie\_policy)**, **052 (tie\_seed)**; RNG state {seed, used}  
**Out:** adjusted allocations[]; append to RunRecord.ties[]; set rng.used=true iff random tie occurred  
**Policy:**

* status\_quo ⇒ apply family rule; no RNG.
* deterministic\_order ⇒ sort tied subset by order\_index, then option\_id; **no VM-VAR controls order key**; **051 reserved**.
* random ⇒ seed RNG with **052** (once per run). For a k-way tie draw exactly **k** 64-bit values, sort tied subset by (draw, option\_id).  
  **Side-effects:** add {unit\_id, type, policy, seed?} to RunRecord.ties[] when policy=random.  
  **Determinism:** draw counts MUST equal **k per tie**; no draws otherwise.  
  **Fail:** exit 5 if RNG used outside random policy or draw count deviates.

**VM-FUN-009 LabelDecisiveness(u, params) *(S4)***

**In:** per-unit metrics, allocations[]; VM-VARs **060 (threshold)**, **061 (policy)**  
**Out:** "Decisive" | "Marginal" | "Invalid"  
**Rules:** presentation-only; does not alter allocations or any hash input.

* fixed ⇒ label by margin ≥ 060.
* dynamic\_margin ⇒ label by margin & blocking flags (deterministic booleans from earlier stages).  
  **Determinism:** identical inputs ⇒ identical label.  
  **Fail:** none (fallback to Marginal if inputs insufficient and unit not invalid).

**VM-FUN-010 BuildResult(ctx) *(S5)***

**In:** per-unit records, formula\_id, engine.version  
**Out:** canonical Result JSON object  
**Rules:**

* Units ordered by unit\_id; allocations by order\_index.
* Include aggregates & label per Doc 4A/4C/7; exclude diagnostics.
* Compute result\_id = "RES:"+sha256(canonical(Result)).  
  **Fail:** exit 5 on ordering/canonicalization violation.

**VM-FUN-011 BuildRunRecord(ctx) *(S5)***

**In:** engine{vendor,name,version,build}, input digests, nm\_digest, formula\_id, params, tie events, per-unit gate summaries  
**Out:** canonical RunRecord JSON object  
**Rules:**

* vars\_effective MUST list **all outcome-affecting** VM-VARs actually used; presentation vars MAY be included.
* determinism.tie\_policy reflects **050**; determinism.rng\_seed present iff any random tie occurred (value = **052** used).
* Compute run\_id = "RUN:"+<ts>+"-"+sha256(canonical(RunRecord)).  
  **Fail:** exit 5 if any required field missing or non-canonical.

**VM-FUN-012 EmitFrontierMap(ctx) *(S5, optional)***

**In:** per-unit frontier diagnostics; VM-VAR-034  
**Out:** canonical FrontierMap JSON (if emitted)  
**Rules:** emit only when 034=true **and** frontier evaluated. Use band\_met field name.

* Compute frontier\_id = "FR:"+sha256(canonical(FrontierMap)).  
  **Fail:** none (skip emission if disabled or unused).

**VM-FUN-013 CompareScenarios(ctx) *(S4/S7 appendix, optional)***

**In:** base context; a fixed set of diagnostic scenario deltas (implementation-defined, non-FID) gated by **VM-VAR-035=true**  
**Out:** report-only appendix data; **must not** alter Result or RunRecord hashes  
**Rules:**

* Runs as a **separate sandbox** after canonical artifacts are built.
* No changes to canonical JSON; renderer may display appendix.  
  **Fail:** non-fatal; appendix omitted on error.

**VM-FUN-014 SelfVerify(Result, RunRecord, FrontierMap?) *(S6)***

**In:** artifacts  
**Out:** none (throws on mismatch)  
**Checks:**

* Recompute sha256 and compare to result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id?.
* Independently recompute FID from nm\_digest/manifest equals Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.  
  **Fail:** exit 3 on any mismatch.

**Shared conventions (all functions)**

* **No network** during official runs (Doc 3A).
* **Ordering**: arrays must follow Doc 1A §5 (units by unit\_id; options by order\_index, then option\_id).
* **RNG**: only FUN-008 may consume draws, and only under tie\_policy="random".
* **Error classification**:
  + Spec violation / determinism breach ⇒ exit 5.
  + Validation (inputs) ⇒ exit 2.
  + Hash/FID mismatch ⇒ exit 3.
  + I/O/parse ⇒ exit 4.

**Minimal I/O signatures (reference)**

text

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001 LoadInputs(paths) -> ctx.{registry,tally,params}

002 ValidateInputs(ctx) -> void | exit 2

003 ComputeNormativeManifest(ctx) -> {manifest, formula\_id, nm\_digest}

004 PrepareUnit(unit, ctx) -> unit\_ctx

005 ApplyGates(unit\_ctx, params) -> {valid, reasons[], protected\_bypass?, applied\_exceptions[]}

006 FrontierHook(unit\_ctx, params) -> {band\_met, band\_value?}

007 ComputeAllocations(unit\_ctx, family) -> allocations[]

008 ResolveTies(allocations, params, rng) -> allocations'[], ties[], rng.used?

009 LabelDecisiveness(unit\_ctx, params) -> "Decisive"|"Marginal"|"Invalid"

010 BuildResult(ctx) -> Result

011 BuildRunRecord(ctx) -> RunRecord

012 EmitFrontierMap(ctx) -> FrontierMap?

013 CompareScenarios(ctx) -> AppendixData (non-canonical)

014 SelfVerify(Result, RunRecord, FrontierMap?) -> void | exit 3

*End Doc 5B.*

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**Doc 5C — Audit Data, TieLog & Non-Canonical Appendices (Updated, Normative where stated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Completes **Doc 5** by fixing the **audit data model**, **TieLog**, and the **optional diagnostics/appendices** that never affect outcomes.

* **Normative**: anything that lands in canonical artifacts (Result, RunRecord, optional FrontierMap) or constrains determinism.
* **Informative**: optional diagnostics/appendices emitted outside canonical artifacts.

Inputs/outputs, ordering, hashing, FID: Docs **1A–1B–3A–3B**. Algorithm: **4A–4C**. Variables: **2A–2C** (+ Annex A).

**2) Canonical audit content (lives inside RunRecord)**

**2.1 Determinism block (normative)**

json

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"determinism": {

"tie\_policy": "status\_quo|deterministic\_order|random", // mirrors VM-VAR-050

"rng\_seed": 424242 // present iff any random tie occurred; value = VM-VAR-052

}

* rng\_seed MUST be omitted if no random tie occurred.

**2.2 Effective variables (normative)**

json

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"vars\_effective": {

"VM-VAR-001": "...",

...

"VM-VAR-050": "status\_quo",

"VM-VAR-052": 0,

/\* all outcome-affecting variables included; presentation (e.g., 060–062) MAY be echoed \*/

}

Rules:

* MUST include **all outcome-affecting** VM-VARs (Annex A “Included”).
* **Presentation/report toggles** (032–035, 060–062) do **not** affect FID; echoing them is optional.

**2.3 TieLog (normative)**

Array ordered by **ascending unit\_id**, then event creation order within the unit evaluation.

Event schema:

json

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{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"type": "winner\_tie|rank\_tie|other",

"policy": "status\_quo|deterministic\_order|random",

"seed": 424242 // present only when policy="random"

}

Rules:

* An entry is added **only** when a tie actually affects allocation/ranking (Doc 4C §3).
* For random, engine consumes **exactly k draws** for a k-way tie and records seed.

**2.4 Gate summary (normative)**

Per-unit gate outcome, if producer opts to embed it in RunRecord:

json

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{

"unit\_id": "U-001",

"gate\_status": "valid|invalid",

"reasons": [ "VM-VAR-020:min\_turnout", "VM-VAR-031:integrity\_floor" ],

"protected\_bypass": true, // only if 045=allow bypassed an eligibility gate

"applied\_exceptions": [ "VM-VAR-029:U-001" ],

"frontier\_ready": true // frontier pre-check result if frontier is enabled

}

Ordering:

* reasons[] sorted by **VM-VAR numeric ID**, then lexical for symbolic tokens (Doc 4B §5).
* The array of these unit records is ordered by **unit\_id**.

**2.5 Inputs digest scaffold (normative)**

json

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"inputs": {

"division\_registry\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"ballot\_tally\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"parameter\_set\_sha256": "<64hex>"

},

"nm\_digest": { "schema\_version": "1.x", "nm\_sha256": "<64hex>" }

* All digests computed over **canonical JSON** (Doc 1A §2.1).

**3) FrontierMap (optional canonical artifact, recap)**

* Emitted **only** if VM-VAR-034 = true and frontier executed in the run.
* Schema per Doc 1A §4.6; field is **band\_met**.
* Units ordered by unit\_id. Presence/absence never alters outcomes.

**4) Non-canonical diagnostics & appendices (informative)**

Diagnostics here are **outside** the hashed canonical artifacts. They MUST NOT change Result/RunRecord IDs or FID.

**4.1 Sensitivity appendix (gated by VM-VAR-035)**

* Runs **after** canonical artifacts are finalized.
* Explores a fixed, documented set of scenario deltas (implementation-defined), e.g.:

json

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{

"scenarios": [

{ "name": "Turnout+1pp", "deltas": { "counterfactual\_turnout": "+1pp" } },

{ "name": "Turnout-1pp", "deltas": { "counterfactual\_turnout": "-1pp" } }

],

"results": [

{ "name": "Turnout+1pp", "summary\_diff": { /\* report-only \*/ } }

]

}

* Emission location is a renderer concern (appendix PDF/HTML/JSON).
* MUST NOT write into canonical Result or RunRecord.

**4.2 Debug traces (developer mode)**

* Optional JSON/NDJSON with per-stage timings, thread counts, and intermediate metrics.
* File naming SHOULD avoid collisions (e.g., debug\_trace.ndjson).
* MUST NOT be read by the renderer for official reports; MUST NOT influence canonical artifacts.

**5) ParameterSet export & echo policy**

* **Input ParameterSet** is hashed into parameter\_set\_sha256.
* **Echo rules**:
  + All **outcome-affecting** VM-VARs MUST be echoed in vars\_effective.
  + **Tie controls**: VM-VAR-050 **and** VM-VAR-052 are echoed; 051 is **reserved** (no value).
  + **Presentation VM-VARs** (032–035, 060–062) MAY be echoed for transparency but are **excluded from FID**.
* **CLI overrides** (e.g., --seed N) MUST be reflected in vars\_effective and, if used for random ties, in determinism.rng\_seed.

**6) Error mapping & exit codes (recap, normative)**

* **Validation failure** (Doc 1B): exit **2**; no canonical artifacts emitted.
* **Self-verification failure** (hash/FID mismatch): exit **3**.
* **I/O or parse** errors: exit **4**.
* **Spec violation** (ordering, RNG misuse, network I/O): exit **5**.

**7) Conformance checklist (5C)**

* **C-5C-VARS**: vars\_effective lists every outcome-affecting VM-VAR actually used (Annex A “Included”); presentation vars optional.
* **C-5C-TIELOG**: Each recorded tie corresponds to an actual allocation/ranking tie; seed present only for random.
* **C-5C-GATESUM**: Gate summaries (if emitted) follow ordering and tokenization rules; reasons are complete and deterministic.
* **C-5C-FRMAP**: FrontierMap uses band\_met; units ordered by unit\_id; emission gated by VM-VAR-034.
* **C-5C-APPX**: Sensitivity/debug outputs do not alter canonical artifacts or their hashes.

**8) Minimal example fragments**

**RunRecord (excerpt)**

json

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{

"determinism": { "tie\_policy": "random", "rng\_seed": 424242 },

"vars\_effective": {

"VM-VAR-050": "random",

"VM-VAR-052": 424242,

"VM-VAR-040": "banded",

"VM-VAR-041": 0.10,

"VM-VAR-042": "apply\_on\_entry"

},

"ties": [

{ "unit\_id": "U-003", "type": "winner\_tie", "policy": "random", "seed": 424242 }

],

"summary\_units": [

{

"unit\_id": "U-003",

"gate\_status": "valid",

"reasons": [],

"frontier\_ready": true

}

]

}

**FrontierMap (excerpt)**

json

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{

"frontier\_id": "FR:<64hex>",

"units": [

{ "unit\_id": "U-001", "band\_met": true, "band\_value": 0.12, "notes": "within band-1" }

]

}

*End Doc 5C.*

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**Doc 6A — Test Harness & Allocation Correctness (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **official test harness**, **fixtures format**, and the **allocation-correctness** test set. This part ensures engines implement 4A flow correctly with no reliance on ties, frontier, or presentation toggles. Determinism, ties, gates, and frontier have focused suites in **6B/6C**.

Outcomes from these tests must be **byte-identical** across OS/arch when inputs and ParameterSet match.

**2) Test harness (normative)**

**2.1 Invocation**

Each test case supplies three canonical JSON files and a directory for outputs:

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vm\_cli --registry <case>/registry.json \

--tally <case>/tally.json \

--params <case>/params.json \

--out <run-dir>

No network. Exit codes per Doc 3A/5A.

**2.2 Required outputs per test**

* result.json (canonical; Doc 1A §2.1, §4.4)
* run\_record.json (canonical; Doc 1A §4.5)
* Optional frontier\_map.json **only** if frontier is enabled **and** VM-VAR-034=true (Doc 1A §4.6)

**2.3 Verification workflow**

Implement the following assertions for every case:

1. **Canonical form**
   * UTF-8, LF, sorted keys; arrays ordered per Doc 1A §5.
2. **IDs & hashes**
   * result\_id == "RES:" + sha256(canonical(result.json))
   * run\_id suffix (after timestamp and hyphen) equals sha256(canonical(run\_record.json))
   * If frontier\_map.json exists: frontier\_id == "FR:" + sha256(canonical(frontier\_map.json))
3. **Referential integrity** (Doc 1B)
4. **FID integrity**
   * Recompute FID from the **Included** set (Annex A) and confirm it equals both Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.
5. **Vars echo**
   * RunRecord.vars\_effective lists **all** outcome-affecting VM-VARs actually used; 032–035 and 060–062 may appear but are **non-FID**.
6. **No RNG**
   * For all 6A cases: RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed MUST be absent; RunRecord.ties[] MUST be empty.

Annex B (Canonical Test Pack) provides machine-readable “expected” for allocations, labels, and selected aggregates.

**3) Fixture format (normative)**

**3.1 registry.json**

See Doc 1B/1C. Must contain:

* Stable unit\_id, option\_id
* Unique order\_index per unit (determinism primitive)

**3.2 tally.json**

* Non-negative integers; sum(option.votes) ≤ totals.valid\_ballots
* Units/options aligned to the Registry

**3.3 params.json (ParameterSet)**

* schema\_version
* vars map with explicit values for **all** VM-VARs listed “Included” in Annex A **except** tie/advanced/frontier where each 6A case **disables** them:
  + **Ties**: VM-VAR-050="deterministic\_order" (051 reserved; 052 ignored)
  + **Frontier**: VM-VAR-040="none" (047–049 irrelevant)
  + **Presentation** (optional, non-FID): 060=55, 061="dynamic\_margin", 062="auto"
  + **034/035**: frontier\_map\_enabled=false, sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled=false

**4) Allocation-correctness test set (normative)**

Each case includes **expected allocations** (unit-ordered; options by order\_index) and **expected labels** (presentation; informative). Hashes for canonical artifacts are provided in Annex B.

**VM-TST-101 — Simple 2-option majority**

* **Intent:** Baseline allocation; no ties; no gates triggered.
* **Params:** 050="deterministic\_order", 040="none"
* **Expect:** Allocations match vote shares; label depends on 060/061 but is non-FID.

**VM-TST-102 — Three options, strict registry order**

* **Intent:** Confirms allocations preserve order\_index in arrays.
* **Expect:** Output allocations[] appear in Registry option order even if votes are descending/ascending differently.

**VM-TST-103 — Zero-vote minor option**

* **Intent:** Zero votes do not create ties or invalid states by themselves.
* **Expect:** Minor option present with votes=0; no ties; valid unit.

**VM-TST-104 — Multiple units, deterministic iteration**

* **Intent:** Confirms units processed in ascending unit\_id.
* **Expect:** Result.units[] sorted by unit\_id; per-unit allocations correct.

**VM-TST-105 — Rounding policy application**

* **Intent:** Verifies family constants **001…007** (and **073** if used) drive rounding deterministically.
* **Expect:** Aggregates and per-unit shares match fixtures to engine precision.

**VM-TST-106 — Large counts stability**

* **Intent:** 64-bit safety and stable arithmetic with big tallies.
* **Expect:** Correct totals/shares; canonicalization intact.

**VM-TST-107 — Missing option in tally is not auto-created**

* **Intent:** Enforce Doc 1B referential integrity.
* **Expect:** **Validation error** (exit 2), not a coerced zero row.

**VM-TST-108 — Order index uniqueness**

* **Intent:** Duplicate order\_index in a unit is invalid.
* **Expect:** **Validation error** (exit 2) with code E-DR-ORD-UNIQ.

**VM-TST-109 — Sum of votes > valid\_ballots**

* **Intent:** Sanity check per Doc 1B.
* **Expect:** **Validation error** (exit 2) E-BT-SUM.

**VM-TST-110 — FID recomputation lock**

* **Intent:** Confirms FID is independent of 060–062 and section ordering.
* **Params:** Change 061 (fixed ↔ dynamic\_margin) **only**.
* **Expect:** **Same FID**, identical Result allocations; only label may differ.

**5) Per-case acceptance template (normative)**

For every **passing** case (those not designed to fail validation):

1. **IDs & hashes** verified (2.3).
2. **Allocations** exactly match Annex B fixture (unit & option ordering).
3. **Labels** match fixture (informative; presentation-only).
4. **RunRecord**
   * vars\_effective includes all outcome-affecting VM-VARs
   * determinism.tie\_policy="deterministic\_order"; no rng\_seed; ties=[]
   * inputs.\*\_sha256 match canonical inputs
   * nm\_digest.nm\_sha256 present and consistent
5. **FID** recomputed equals both artifacts’ formula\_id.

For **validation-error** cases, assert correct **exit code 2** and the specific error token(s).

**6) Harness conformance (producer & verifier)**

* **Producer** (engine) MUST emit only canonical artifacts and exit with codes defined in Doc 3A/5A.
* **Verifier** (test runner) MUST:
  + Re-canonicalize artifacts before hashing.
  + Recompute FID from the Included set (Annex A).
  + Compare allocations and labels against Annex B fixtures.
  + Enforce ordering rules strictly (Doc 1A §5).

**7) Notes & boundaries**

* 6A cases **never** require RNG or frontier; those are covered in **6C** and **6B** respectively.
* Presentation variables (032–035, 060–062) may vary without changing FID; 6A uses fixed defaults for consistency.
* All fixtures are provided machine-readable in **Annex B — Canonical Test Pack**.

*End Doc 6A.*

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**Doc 6B — Gates & Frontier Test Suite (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **official tests** for **unit gating** (Doc 4B) and the **frontier model** (Doc 4C §2). These tests verify:

* Gate **order**, **semantics**, and **reason recording**.
* Protected/override logic (**045**, **029**, **030**, **031**).
* Frontier enablement (**040–042**), advanced tuning (**047–049**), and **FrontierMap** emission (**034**).

This suite is **normative**. Fixtures live in **Annex B — Canonical Test Pack**. Determinism, hashing, and FID rules per Docs **1A/3A/3B**.

**2) Harness & invariants (reuse of 6A §2–§3)**

* Invocation, required outputs, verification workflow, and canonical JSON rules are identical to **Doc 6A §2–§3**.
* **Gate failures are not schema errors**: a unit may become Invalid but the run still **succeeds** (exit 0).  
  Only schema/ref/order violations (Doc 1B) yield exit 2.

**ParameterSet conventions for this suite (unless a case overrides):**

* **Ties**: VM-VAR-050="deterministic\_order"; VM-VAR-052 ignored (no RNG).
* **Frontier**: varies per case (VM-VAR-040), with **047–049** as needed.
* **Presentation** (non-FID): 060=55, 061="dynamic\_margin", 062="auto".
* **034 frontier\_map\_enabled** and **035 sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled** set per case.

**3) Test cases — Gates (020–031, 045, 029)**

**VM-TST-201 — Minimum turnout gate (eligibility)**

**Intent:** An eligibility threshold forces Invalid.  
**Setup:** Set a turnout-like threshold (e.g., VM-VAR-020) above the unit’s value.  
**Expect:**

* Result.units[i].label="Invalid", allocations=[].
* RunRecord.summary.units[i].reasons contains a token for **020**.
* Exit 0; hashes/FID valid.

**VM-TST-202 — Multiple eligibility gates; reason ordering**

**Intent:** Multiple failing gates record **all** reasons in **ascending VM-VAR ID**.  
**Setup:** Make **020** and **022** both fail.  
**Expect:** reasons=["VM-VAR-020:…","VM-VAR-022:…"] in that order; unit Invalid.

**VM-TST-203 — Symmetry exceptions (029) narrow override**

**Intent:** **029** selectively exempts a unit from an eligibility failure.  
**Setup:** Threshold via **020** would fail; VM-VAR-029 lists this unit.  
**Expect:** Unit **valid**; applied\_exceptions=["VM-VAR-029:<selector>"]; no **020** reason recorded.

**VM-TST-204 — Eligibility override list (030) before exceptions**

**Intent:** **030** applies **before** **029** per fixed precedence.  
**Setup:** Same as 203, but also set VM-VAR-030 to exclude the unit.  
**Expect:** Unit Invalid; reasons includes **030** token; **029** recorded under applied\_exceptions only if applicable; precedence documented.

**VM-TST-205 — Integrity floor (031) cannot be bypassed**

**Intent:** **031** invalidates a unit even if 029/030/045 would allow eligibility.  
**Setup:** Integrity KPI below **031**; other gates pass or are bypassed.  
**Expect:** Invalid; reasons includes **031**; no protected bypass allowed.

**VM-TST-206 — Protected-area override (045=allow) bypasses eligibility only**

**Intent:** **045=allow** may bypass an **eligibility** failure but never sanity/integrity.  
**Setup:** Mark unit protected\_area=true; make an eligibility gate fail.  
**Expect:** Unit **valid**; protected\_bypass=true; **no** reason for that eligibility gate.

**VM-TST-207 — Protected-area with integrity floor still invalid**

**Intent:** **045** cannot bypass **031**.  
**Setup:** As 206, but integrity KPI below **031**.  
**Expect:** Invalid; reasons includes **031**; protected\_bypass absent/false.

**VM-TST-208 — Frontier pre-check failure recorded as validity reason**

**Intent:** Missing required inputs for frontier triggers a **validity** failure token, not a schema error.  
**Setup:** Enable frontier (**040≠"none"**), remove a required metric.  
**Expect:** Unit Invalid; reasons includes "frontier\_missing\_inputs" (ordered after VM-VAR tokens); exit 0.

**4) Test cases — Frontier core (040–042) & diagnostics (034)**

**VM-TST-210 — Frontier disabled**

**Intent:** With VM-VAR-040="none", frontier does not run.  
**Setup:** Any inputs; 034=true.  
**Expect:** No frontier\_map.json emitted; results unchanged; FID unaffected.

**VM-TST-211 — Frontier banded (040), cut (041), strategy (042)**

**Intent:** Baseline frontier gating is deterministic and reflected in diagnostics.  
**Setup:** 040="banded", 041=<cut>, 042="apply\_on\_entry", 034=true.  
**Expect:** frontier\_map.json present; each unit has band\_met/band\_value per fixture; Result matches expected gating effect.

**VM-TST-212 — FrontierMap emission toggle (034)**

**Intent:** **Only** toggles presence of the file; allocations & FID unchanged.  
**Setup:** Same as 211 but run twice with 034=true then 034=false.  
**Expect:** Identical Result and FID; frontier\_map.json emitted only when 034=true.

**VM-TST-213 — Advanced window (047) affects band\_met at margins**

**Intent:** **047** expands/contracts the effective band around **041**.  
**Setup:** Units near the cut; compare 047=0.00 vs 047=0.02.  
**Expect:** Borderline units flip band\_met exactly as fixtures specify; deterministic across runs.

**VM-TST-214 — Backoff policy (048) softens/hardens borderline**

**Intent:** **048** resolves edges; compare none vs soften vs harden.  
**Setup:** Units at the threshold.  
**Expect:** band\_met differences per fixture; order and hashes stable.

**VM-TST-215 — Strictness (049) multiplies effects**

**Intent:** **049** coarsely strengthens/weakens 047/048.  
**Setup:** Fix 047/048; vary 049 between strict and lenient.  
**Expect:** Predictable, documented change in band\_met; allocations follow accordingly.

**VM-TST-216 — Ladder mode uses autonomy map (046)**

**Intent:** In ladder mode, autonomy package selection is deterministic.  
**Setup:** 040="ladder", define **046** map; provide tallies that traverse steps.  
**Expect:** Selected packages match fixture; stable across OS/arch.

**5) Per-case acceptance template (normative)**

For every **passing** case (non-schema-failure):

1. **Canonical form & IDs** verified (as in 6A §2.3).
2. **Gate behavior**
   * Units Invalid when any gate fails; allocations=[]; label="Invalid".
   * reasons[] complete and ordered: **ascending VM-VAR ID**, then symbolic (e.g., "frontier\_missing\_inputs").
   * protected\_bypass appears **only** when 045=allow bypassed **eligibility**.
   * applied\_exceptions[] lists **029** matches deterministically.
3. **Frontier**
   * If 040!="none" and 034=true: frontier\_map.json exists; entries match fixture (band\_met, band\_value); units ordered by unit\_id.
   * If 034=false: **no** frontier\_map.json; Result/FID unchanged (compare to 034=true run).
4. **FID integrity**
   * Changing **034** or any presentation variables (060–062) does **not** change FID.
   * Changes to outcome-affecting frontier/gate variables **do** produce the expected allocation differences and FID remains consistent with the Included set.

**6) Conformance checklist (6B)**

* **C-6B-ORDER**: Reasons ordered by VM-VAR ID then symbolic; unit arrays by unit\_id.
* **C-6B-PROT**: 045 can bypass **eligibility** only; cannot bypass sanity or **031**.
* **C-6B-PREC**: 030 precedence over 029 is honored and recorded.
* **C-6B-FRONTIER**: 040–042 (+047–049) produce deterministic band\_met; invalid config recorded as "frontier\_missing\_inputs", not a schema error.
* **C-6B-FRMAP**: frontier\_map.json emitted **only** if 034=true and frontier executed; FID unaffected by 034.

**7) Notes**

* Keep ties **off** in this suite (050="deterministic\_order") to isolate gate/frontier behavior.
* RNG and tie behavior are exercised in **Doc 6C — Determinism & Ties** (next).

*End Doc 6B.*

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**Doc 6C — Determinism & Ties Test Suite (Updated, Normative)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Validates **determinism** and **tie resolution** behavior per Docs **3A**, **4C**, **5A–5C**:

* Reproducibility with identical inputs + ParameterSet (incl. seed).
* Correct application of **tie\_policy** (**VM-VAR-050**) and **tie\_seed** (**VM-VAR-052**).
* No RNG used unless tie\_policy="random" **and** a tie actually occurs.
* Canonical logging of tie events in RunRecord.ties[].
* FID behavior: **050 affects FID; 052 does not** (seed is non-FID).

Fixtures live in **Annex B — Canonical Test Pack**. Canonical JSON, hashing, and exit codes per **Docs 1A, 3A, 5A**.

**2) Harness & invariants (reuse from 6A §2–§3)**

Invocation, required outputs, verification workflow, canonical form, IDs/hashes, FID recomputation, and vars\_effective checks are identical to **Doc 6A §2–§3**. Differences for this suite:

* tie\_policy varies by case.
* Some cases require multiple runs (same/different seeds).
* Frontier disabled unless a case states otherwise (VM-VAR-040="none").

Common ParameterSet defaults unless overridden:

yaml

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050: varies by case

052: 424242 (or as specified)

040: "none"

034: false

035: false

060: 55

061: "dynamic\_margin"

062: "auto"

**3) Test cases — determinism (no RNG path)**

**VM-TST-301 — Full-run reproducibility (no RNG)**

**Intent:** Identical runs produce byte-identical artifacts.  
**Setup:** 050="deterministic\_order". Execute the same case twice.  
**Expect:** result.json, run\_record.json identical; same result\_id, run\_id (except timestamp prefix is same format), same formula\_id; ties=[]; rng\_seed **absent**.

**VM-TST-302 — Deterministic tie by order\_index**

**Intent:** Two-way and three-way ties resolved by **Registry order**.  
**Setup:** Construct ties; 050="deterministic\_order".  
**Expect:** Within tied groups, ascending order\_index then option\_id; ties=[]; rng\_seed **absent**.

**VM-TST-303 — Status quo policy path**

**Intent:** Uses the family’s status-quo rule; no RNG.  
**Setup:** Ties exist; 050="status\_quo".  
**Expect:** Allocations follow the family rule; ties[] entries present with "policy":"status\_quo"; no seed field; rng\_seed **absent**.

**4) Test cases — random ties (RNG path)**

**VM-TST-304 — Random tie with fixed seed (2-way)**

**Intent:** Seeded random tie is reproducible.  
**Setup:** 2-way tie; 050="random", 052=424242. Run twice.  
**Expect:** Same permutation of the tied pair both runs; ties[0].policy="random", ties[0].seed=424242; RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed=424242.

**VM-TST-305 — Random tie with fixed seed (3-way)**

**Intent:** k-way permutation is stable and sorted by (draw, option\_id).  
**Setup:** 3-way tie; 050="random", 052=424242.  
**Expect:** Tied subset ordering exactly matches Annex B fixture (canonical RNG draws); rng\_seed=424242.

**VM-TST-306 — Seed variation changes outcome, FID unchanged**

**Intent:** Outcomes may differ across seeds; FID stays the same.  
**Setup:** Same input; run A: 052=111111, run B: 052=222222; 050="random".  
**Expect:**

* Allocations differ **only** where ties exist.
* **Same formula\_id** in both runs (seed excluded from FID).
* RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed equals the chosen seed for each run.

**VM-TST-307 — Random policy but no ties ⇒ no RNG use**

**Intent:** Seed recorded only if a random tie actually occurred.  
**Setup:** No ties; 050="random", 052=999.  
**Expect:** ties=[]; RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed **absent**; artifacts identical to a run with 050="deterministic\_order".

**VM-TST-308 — Multiple tie events consume exact draws**

**Intent:** Exactly **k** draws per k-way tie; subsequent ties use subsequent draws.  
**Setup:** Two units, first has 3-way tie, second has 2-way tie; 050="random", 052=424242.  
**Expect:** Permutations match Annex B (which encodes the canonical RNG sequence). A regression in draw counts will flip the second unit’s permutation and fail the fixture.

**VM-TST-309 — Repeated ties within a unit**

**Intent:** Multiple independent tie resolutions within the **same** unit consume draws in event order.  
**Setup:** One unit, two separate tie points in the algorithm; 050="random", 052=424242.  
**Expect:** First tie uses first **k1** draws; second tie uses next **k2** draws; permutations match Annex B.

**VM-TST-310 — Mixed policies across runs don’t collide**

**Intent:** Changing policy alters FID; seed remains non-FID.  
**Setup:** Run A: 050="deterministic\_order", Run B: 050="random" (same inputs).  
**Expect:** **Different formula\_id** across runs (policy included in FID). rng\_seed present only for Run B if a random tie occurs.

**VM-TST-311 — Random ties with frontier disabled/enabled (no interference)**

**Intent:** Frontier configuration doesn’t change RNG usage rules.  
**Setup:** Same tie case; (A) 040="none", (B) 040="banded";034=true (frontier diagnostics on). Both 050="random", 052=424242.  
**Expect:** Identical allocations and tie permutations in A and B; B may emit frontier\_map.json. formula\_id may differ only if frontier variables are outcome-affecting in the case; seed handling unchanged.

**VM-TST-312 — Invalid unit ⇒ no tie resolution**

**Intent:** Gates pre-empt ties.  
**Setup:** Unit fails a validity gate (e.g., 031), while a tie would otherwise occur. 050="random".  
**Expect:** Unit is Invalid; allocations=[]; **no** tie event for that unit; rng\_seed only present if some **other** unit had a random tie.

**5) Per-case acceptance template (normative)**

For every **passing** case (non-schema-failure):

1. **Canonical form & IDs** verified (as in 6A §2.3).
2. **FID integrity**
   * Changing **050** (policy) ⇒ FID changes as per Included set.
   * Changing **052** (seed) alone ⇒ **FID unchanged**.
3. **Tie behavior**
   * When 050="random" and a tie occurs: RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed = <052>, and each ties[] entry has "policy":"random" and "seed":<052>.
   * When no random tie occurred (even if 050="random"): rng\_seed **absent**; ties=[].
   * Tied subsets are ordered by (draw, option\_id) using the canonical RNG; counts of draws match **exactly k per tie**.
4. **Determinism**
   * Same inputs + ParameterSet (incl. seed) ⇒ **byte-identical** artifacts across repeated runs.
   * Arrays preserve canonical ordering (units by unit\_id; allocations by order\_index).
5. **Scope**
   * Ties only resolved for **valid** units (after gates), post-frontier (Doc 4A S5/S3).

**6) Conformance checklist (6C)**

* **C-6C-RNG-ONLY-WHEN-NEEDED**: RNG used **only** when 050="random" **and** a tie exists.
* **C-6C-SEED-ECHO**: rng\_seed echoed in RunRecord **iff** any random tie occurred; value equals **052**.
* **C-6C-DRAWS-K**: Exactly **k** draws per k-way tie; permutations match Annex B.
* **C-6C-FID-SEED**: Changing **052** alone does **not** change FID; changing **050** does.
* **C-6C-REPRO**: Re-running with the same seed yields byte-identical artifacts.

**7) Notes**

* Annex B fixes the **RNG profile** and provides expected permutations; engines must implement the same RNG to pass.
* VM-VAR-051 remains **reserved**; there is no test that sets it—engines should ignore unknown/non-Included keys for FID while still enforcing Annex A’s Included list.

*End Doc 6C.*

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**Doc 7A — Reporting: Structure & Visual Rules (Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines **how to render** official outputs from the canonical artifacts without changing them. The renderer **must not** re-compute allocations or alter canonical JSON; it only formats and displays data from Result, RunRecord, and (optionally) FrontierMap.

* **Outcome-affecting logic** lives in Docs 4A–4C (already executed by the engine).
* **Presentation toggles** come from Doc 2B (non-FID): VM-VAR-032..035, 060..062.

**2) Inputs & may/must rules**

**Consumes (read-only):**

* Result (Doc 1A §4.4) — allocations, labels, aggregates, IDs.
* RunRecord (Doc 1A §4.5) — engine/version, FID, vars echo, tie log, input digests.
* FrontierMap (optional; Doc 1A §4.6) — frontier diagnostics when emitted.

**Renderer MUST:**

* Use only the above artifacts (no recalculation).
* Honor **section ordering/visibility** toggles (Doc 2B).
* Print required disclosures (FID, Engine Version, etc.).
* Treat missing optional artifacts (e.g., FrontierMap) as “not applicable” (never error).

**Renderer MUST NOT:**

* Change array orders or numeric values.
* Depend on system locale/timezone for numeric formats (use rules below).
* Leak non-canonical diagnostics into canonical artifacts.

**3) Presentation toggles (Doc 2B recap)**

| **ID** | **Name** | **Effect on report** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-032** unit\_sort\_order | Ordering of **unit detail sections**: unit\_id (default) | label\_priority | turnout. Does **not** change JSON order. |  |
| **VM-VAR-033** ties\_section\_visibility | auto (default: show only if RunRecord.ties[] non-empty) | always | never. |  |
| **VM-VAR-034** frontier\_map\_enabled | If true **and** frontier executed, include **Frontier Appendix** sourced from FrontierMap. |  |
| **VM-VAR-035** sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled | If true, include **Sensitivity Appendix** (non-canonical, Doc 5C §4.1). |  |
| **VM-VAR-060** majority\_label\_threshold | Threshold used **by engine** to derive labels; renderer displays label only. |  |
| **VM-VAR-061** decisiveness\_label\_policy | fixed/dynamic\_margin — affects label text computed by engine; renderer displays. |  |
| **VM-VAR-062** unit\_display\_language | auto or IETF tag (en, fr, …) for unit names and static strings. |  |

All above are **non-FID** (presentation only).

**4) Document structure (sections)**

1. **Cover & metadata (required)**
   * Title, run date (created\_at from Result), jurisdiction.
   * **Disclosures** block (see §7): *Formula ID*, *Engine Version*, optional *Algorithm Variant (VM-VAR-073)*.
2. **Executive summary (required)**
   * Key national metrics from Result.summary.
   * Aggregate label context (Decisive/Marginal counts).
3. **National overview (required)**
   * Charts/tables sourced from Result.summary (no recompute).
   * If labels depend on 060/061, show the policy string (e.g., “dynamic margin, threshold 55%”).
4. **Unit detail sections (required)**
   * One section per Result.units[].
   * **Ordering of sections** per VM-VAR-032 (renderer-only).
   * Each section shows: unit name/ID, label, allocation table (votes & shares), any gate notes if available in RunRecord summary.
5. **Ties section (conditional)**
   * Visibility per VM-VAR-033.
   * Table from RunRecord.ties[]: {unit\_id, type, policy, seed?}.
   * If any policy="random", echo RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed.
6. **Frontier appendix (conditional)**
   * Included iff **VM-VAR-034=true** and frontier executed.
   * Table from FrontierMap.units[]: {unit\_id, band\_met, band\_value, notes}.
7. **Sensitivity appendix (conditional, non-canonical)**
   * Included iff **VM-VAR-035=true** and producer provided data (Doc 5C §4.1).
   * Clearly marked “diagnostic; does not affect results”.
8. **Integrity & audit (required)**
   * Display result\_id, run\_id, formula\_id.
   * Input digests from RunRecord.inputs.\*\_sha256.
   * Non-normative toggles delta (if any) — see §7.3.

**5) Numeric & text formatting (visual rules)**

* **Percentages**: display with **one decimal place** (e.g., 54.5%).  
  Rounding: **round half up** (0.05 → 0.1). Do **not** localize decimal separator.
* **Shares**: if shown as decimals, show **three** places (e.g., 0.545).
* **Integers**: thousands separator thin space or comma; pick one consistently for the whole doc; do not localize by OS.
* **Dates**: render in UTC ISO 8601 or spelled UTC date (e.g., 2025-08-12).
* **Language (VM-VAR-062)**:
  + auto: choose the report bundle language;
  + explicit tag: use provided IETF tag for unit names and static strings; if a localized name is unavailable, fall back to canonical name.

Accessibility:

* Provide text equivalents for charts.
* Use colorblind-safe palettes; never encode information by color alone.
* Minimum font size and contrast per WCAG 2.1 AA.

**6) Section content mappings (no recomputation)**

**6.1 Unit detail**

* **Header**: unit\_id + localized name (per 062) + label from Result.units[i].label.
* **Allocations table** (engine order):
  + Columns: Option name, votes, share (from Result.units[i].allocations[]).
  + Do **not** sort by votes; keep registry order.

**6.2 Gate notes (if present)**

If producer embedded per-unit gate summary in RunRecord (Doc 5C §2.4), render:

* Gate status: Valid / Invalid.
* Reasons: ordered tokens as recorded.
* Protected bypass indicator and matched exceptions, if any.

**6.3 Ties**

From RunRecord.ties[] (Doc 5C §2.3):

* Table columns: Unit, Type, Policy, Seed (blank unless policy=random).
* If empty and ties\_section\_visibility=auto, omit the section.

**6.4 Frontier appendix**

If FrontierMap present:

* List {unit\_id, band\_met, band\_value, notes} in ascending unit\_id.
* Do not back-fill or compute missing metrics.

**6.5 Sensitivity appendix**

Render whatever diagnostic structure producer emitted; clearly marked as **non-canonical**.

**7) Required disclosures & footers**

**7.1 Identity & provenance (footer on every page)**

* **Formula ID** (64-hex).
* **Engine Version** (e.g., vX.Y.Z).
* **Algorithm Variant** (VM-VAR-073) if not the default.
* Page number / total.

**7.2 Determinism snippet (end matter)**

* If any random tie occurred:  
  Tie policy: random; RNG seed: <VM-VAR-052>; events: <count>.
* Otherwise: Tie policy: <status\_quo|deterministic\_order>; no RNG used.

**7.3 Non-normative toggles delta**

If any **2B toggles** differ from **Annex A defaults**, add a small table:

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Non-normative toggles (differences from defaults)

VM-VAR-032 unit\_sort\_order label\_priority

VM-VAR-033 ties\_section\_visibility always

VM-VAR-034 frontier\_map\_enabled false

...

This is disclosure only; it must not affect canonical artifacts.

**8) Section ordering logic (renderer-only)**

* Default: VM-VAR-032 = unit\_id.
* label\_priority: sort sections by label rank Decisive → Marginal → Invalid, then unit\_id.
* turnout: if available in Result.summary/per-unit metrics, sort descending turnout, then unit\_id.
* Sorting here affects **report sections only**; **never** reorders canonical JSON.

**9) Conformance checklist (7A)**

* **C-7A-CANON**: Renderer reads canonical artifacts only; never mutates them.
* **C-7A-TOGGLES**: Honors 032–035 and 060–062 exactly as defined; no effect on FID.
* **C-7A-NUM**: One-decimal percent with round-half-up; stable thousands separators; no OS locale leakage.
* **C-7A-ORDER**: Unit sections ordered per 032; allocation tables in registry order.
* **C-7A-TIES**: Ties section per 033; seed shown only for random policy.
* **C-7A-APPX**: Frontier appendix shown only if FrontierMap exists and 034=true; Sensitivity appendix when 035=true; both non-canonical.
* **C-7A-DISCLOSE**: Footer shows FID, Engine Version, (optional) Variant; non-normative toggles delta included when applicable.
* **C-7A-A11Y**: Accessibility rules applied (text alternatives, contrast, color-safe).

**10) Minimal wireframe (illustrative)**

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[Cover]

Title

Date (UTC) • Formula ID • Engine vX.Y.Z • Variant (if any)

[Executive summary]

• Valid ballots: …

• Invalid ballots: …

• Decisive units: … / Marginal: … / Invalid: …

[National overview]

Figure 1: Share chart (text alternate)

Table 1: National metrics

[Units — ordered by VM-VAR-032]

Unit U-001 — District 1 — Label: Decisive

Option Votes Share

O-A1 6000 54.5%

O-B1 5000 45.5%

[Ties] (conditional by VM-VAR-033)

Unit Type Policy Seed

U-003 winner\_tie random 424242

[Frontier appendix] (conditional by VM-VAR-034)

Unit band\_met band\_value Notes

[Sensitivity appendix] (conditional by VM-VAR-035)

Scenario Summary (diagnostic)

[Integrity & audit]

result\_id: RES:…

run\_id: RUN:…

inputs: registry sha256=…, tally sha256=…, params sha256=…

Non-normative toggles (diffs): …

*End Doc 7A.*

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**Doc 7B — Reporting Templates, Data Binding & Export Profiles (Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Defines the **template system**, **data bindings**, and **export rules** for rendering official reports from canonical artifacts. Templates are **presentation-only** (non-FID). They must **never** recompute allocations or alter canonical JSON.

Upstream truths: data & IDs (Doc 1A), variables (Doc 2), algorithm (Doc 4), pipeline (Doc 5), platform/determinism (Doc 3). Visual structure rules live in **Doc 7A**; this part makes them executable.

**2) Template model (engine-agnostic)**

* Any text templating engine is acceptable (Mustache/Handlebars/Jinja/ETC) provided:
  + **No code execution** inside templates (logicless or restricted logic).
  + Only **formatting** helpers are allowed (no arithmetic that could change outcomes).
  + Rendering is locale-neutral unless driven by **VM-VAR-062**.
* Canonical artifacts are loaded **read-only** into a **RenderContext** (below).  
  The renderer **must not** write back to canonical files.

**3) RenderContext (read-only)**

Renderer builds a single context object for templates:

json

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{

"result": { /\* Result (Doc 1A §4.4) \*/ },

"run\_record": { /\* RunRecord (Doc 1A §4.5) \*/ },

"frontier\_map": { /\* optional (Doc 1A §4.6) \*/ },

"toggles": {

"unit\_sort\_order": "unit\_id|label\_priority|turnout", // VM-VAR-032

"ties\_section\_visibility": "auto|always|never", // VM-VAR-033

"frontier\_map\_enabled": true|false, // VM-VAR-034

"sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled": true|false, // VM-VAR-035

"label\_threshold": 55, // VM-VAR-060

"label\_policy": "fixed|dynamic\_margin", // VM-VAR-061

"unit\_display\_language": "auto|en|fr|..." // VM-VAR-062

},

"computed": {

"units\_ordered": [ /\* result.units[] reordered for display only per 032 \*/ ],

"ties\_present": true|false, // run\_record.ties[].length > 0

"frontier\_present": true|false, // toggles.frontier\_map\_enabled && frontier\_map exists

"non\_normative\_diffs": [ { "id":"VM-VAR-033", "from":"auto", "to":"always" }, ... ],

"counts": { "decisive": 0, "marginal": 0, "invalid": 0 } // derived from result.units[].label

}

}

Rules:

* computed.units\_ordered affects **document section order only**; JSON remains untouched.
* non\_normative\_diffs compares Doc 2B toggle values to **Annex A defaults** for disclosure (Doc 7A §7.3).

**4) Allowed helpers (formatting-only)**

Template engines may expose only these pure helpers:

| **Helper** | **Input** | **Output** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| pct1(x) | number (0..1) | string like 54.5% | One decimal, round half up (Doc 7A §5). |
| dec3(x) | number | string like 0.545 | Three decimals; no locale. |
| int(x) | integer | string | Thousands sep consistent within doc. |
| date\_utc(ts) | RFC3339 | YYYY-MM-DD | UTC only. |
| i18n(key, lang) | key, IETF tag | localized string | Uses 062; fallback to canonical. |

**Not allowed:** arithmetic that changes inputs, sorting other than per §5, RNG, network access.

**5) Section iterators & ordering (render-only)**

* **Unit sections iterator** uses computed.units\_ordered:
  + unit\_id (default): ascending unit\_id.
  + label\_priority: Decisive → Marginal → Invalid, then unit\_id.
  + turnout: descending turnout (if present in result.summary or unit metrics), then unit\_id. If turnout absent, fall back to unit\_id.
* **Allocations tables**: iterate **exactly** in the order of result.units[i].allocations[] (registry order\_index), no resorting.

**6) Data binding map (normative)**

Common tokens (illustrative for Mustache/Handlebars style):

**6.1 Cover & metadata**

* {{result.created\_at}}
* {{run\_record.engine.vendor}} / {{run\_record.engine.name}} {{run\_record.engine.version}}
* {{result.formula\_id}}, {{result.result\_id}}, {{run\_record.run\_id}}

**6.2 Executive summary**

* {{result.summary.valid\_ballots\_total}}, {{result.summary.invalid\_ballots\_total}}
* {{computed.counts.decisive}}, {{computed.counts.marginal}}, {{computed.counts.invalid}}
* If policy display: {{toggles.label\_policy}} and {{toggles.label\_threshold}}

**6.3 Unit section**

Within {{#computed.units\_ordered}} … {{/computed.units\_ordered}}:

* Header: {{unit\_id}}, localized name via {{i18n name toggles.unit\_display\_language}}, {{label}}
* Table row (iterate allocations):
  + {{option\_id}} (or localized option name if provided out-of-band)
  + {{int votes}}
  + {{pct1 share}}

Optional gate notes if producer embedded them in run\_record (Doc 5C §2.4):

* {{gate\_status}}, {{#reasons}}{{.}}{{/reasons}}, {{protected\_bypass}}, {{#applied\_exceptions}}{{.}}{{/applied\_exceptions}}

**6.4 Ties section**

Shown per **033**:

* Iterate {{#run\_record.ties}} → {{unit\_id}}, {{type}}, {{policy}}, {{seed}}?
* If any policy="random": echo {{run\_record.determinism.rng\_seed}}

**6.5 Frontier appendix**

Shown iff **034=true** and frontier\_map exists:

* Iterate {{#frontier\_map.units}} → {{unit\_id}}, {{band\_met}}, {{band\_value}}, {{notes}}

**6.6 Non-normative toggles delta**

* Iterate {{#computed.non\_normative\_diffs}} → {{id}} {{from}} → {{to}}

**7) Template packs & file layout**

A release must ship a **Template Pack** containing:

bash

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/templates

cover.hbs

summary.hbs

unit.hbs

ties.hbs

frontier.hbs

appendix\_sensitivity.hbs

audit.hbs

/locales

en.json

fr.json

/theme

base.css

print.css

Requirements:

* **Locales**: key→string maps; no dynamic code. Missing keys fallback to English or canonical strings.
* **CSS**: deterministic; no external fonts or network. If fonts are bundled, embed WOFF/WOFF2.

**8) Export profiles (HTML/PDF)**

* **HTML**: single self-contained file (inline CSS and fonts allowed), UTF-8, no external requests.
* **PDF**: A4 or Letter; margins ≥ 12 mm; embed fonts; rasterize figures at ≥ 150 DPI.  
  Page footer on every page: Formula ID • Engine vX.Y.Z • (Variant if any) • Page X/Y (Doc 7A §7.1).

Numeric/text formatting exactly per Doc 7A §5. Timezone must be UTC.

**9) Sensitivity & debug appendices (non-canonical)**

* Render appendix\_sensitivity.hbs **only** when toggles.sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled=true **and** data provided (Doc 5C §4.1).
* Debug traces (if any) must **not** be referenced by official templates.

**10) Conformance checks (renderer)**

* **R-7B-BIND**: Every template token resolves to data from RenderContext; no hidden computations.
* **R-7B-ORD**: Unit section ordering follows **032**; allocation rows follow engine order.
* **R-7B-VIS**: Sections/appendices appear only per **033/034/035** rules.
* **R-7B-I18N**: Language selection per **062**; fallback deterministic.
* **R-7B-FOOT**: Footer shows Formula ID, Engine Version, (optional) Algorithm Variant.
* **R-7B-SELF**: Renderer never writes back to canonical artifacts; exports are reproducible from the same inputs.

**11) Minimal example snippets**

**11.1 Unit template (unit.hbs)**

hbs

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<h2>{{unit\_id}} — {{i18n name toggles.unit\_display\_language}} — {{label}}</h2>

<table>

<thead><tr><th>Option</th><th>Votes</th><th>Share</th></tr></thead>

<tbody>

{{#allocations}}

<tr>

<td>{{option\_id}}</td>

<td>{{int votes}}</td>

<td>{{pct1 share}}</td>

</tr>

{{/allocations}}

</tbody>

</table>

{{#gate\_status}}

<p>Status: {{gate\_status}}</p>

{{#reasons}}<code>{{.}}</code> {{/reasons}}

{{#protected\_bypass}}<p>Protected bypass applied.</p>{{/protected\_bypass}}

{{/gate\_status}}

**11.2 Footer fragment**

hbs

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<footer>

Formula ID {{result.formula\_id}} • Engine {{run\_record.engine.version}}

{{#run\_record.engine}}{{#build}} • {{.}}{{/build}}{{/run\_record.engine}}

</footer>

**12) Accessibility & theming**

* WCAG 2.1 AA minimum; provide text alternatives for charts; do not encode information by color alone.
* Theme may define light/dark palettes; must preserve contrast ratios.
* Font choices must support required locales for 062; include fallback stack.

**13) Change policy**

* Template content and theme are **non-FID**. Updating them does **not** change FID.
* Any addition of new canonical fields or changes to binding semantics requires updating Doc 7A/7B and **Annex A** (if variables are involved).
* Default template pack lives with each release tag (Doc 3B §7).

*End Doc 7B.*

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**Annex A — VM-VAR Registry (Canonical Reference, Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

Single source of truth for **IDs, names, domains, defaults, FID inclusion, and usage**. This annex replaces legacy/reserved notes; there is **no** backward-compatibility layer.

* **Included in FID** ⇒ variable participates in Formula ID hashing (Doc 1A §2.3).
* **Excluded from FID** ⇒ presentation/report only; never changes outcomes.

Registry keys follow VM-VAR-### (three digits, zero-padded).

**2) Registry fields (normative)**

Each entry defines:

* id — VM-VAR-###
* name — canonical snake\_case
* type — enum | integer | number | boolean | string | array<…> | object{…}
* domain — allowed set/range/shape (deterministic)
* default — canonical default value (used if unset)
* fid — Included | Excluded
* used\_by — Doc/section pointers (implementation touchpoints)
* notes — brief constraints (deterministic behavior, ordering, precedence)

**3) Registry (by group)**

**3.1 Global & algorithm family**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **fid** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VM-VAR-001 | algorithm\_family | enum | per release (e.g., family\_v1) | family\_v1 | Included | 4A, 5B-007 | Drives step semantics. |
| VM-VAR-002 | rounding\_policy | enum | bankers | half\_up | half\_up | Included | 4A, 6A-105 | Must be stable. |
| VM-VAR-003 | share\_precision | integer | 0..6 | 3 | Included | 4A, 7A | Internal precision; rendering still follows 7A. |
| VM-VAR-004 | denom\_rule | enum | per family | standard | Included | 4A | — |
| VM-VAR-005 | aggregation\_mode | enum | per family | sum | Included | 4A | — |
| VM-VAR-006 | seat\_allocation\_rule | enum | per family | none | Included | 4A | If not used, keep none. |
| VM-VAR-007 | tie\_scope\_model | enum | winner\_only | rank\_all | winner\_only | Included | 4C | Defines where ties can trigger. |
| VM-VAR-073 | algorithm\_variant | enum | v1 (others per release) | v1 | Included | 3B, 4A | Micro-variant anchor. |

**3.2 Scope & eligibility / thresholds**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **fid** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VM-VAR-021 | run\_scope | enum/map | all\_units or selector map | all\_units | Included | 4A,5A | Filters working set; must be recorded. |
| VM-VAR-010 | min\_turnout\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B | Example threshold; concrete semantics per release. |
| VM-VAR-011 | min\_valid\_share\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B | — |
| VM-VAR-012 | eligibility\_gate\_1 | enum/number | per release | value | Included | 4B | Placeholder for additional gate; same pattern applies. |
| VM-VAR-013 | eligibility\_gate\_2 | enum/number | per release | value | Included | 4B | — |
| VM-VAR-014 | participation\_floor\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B | — |
| VM-VAR-015 | unit\_quorum\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B | — |
| VM-VAR-016 | option\_quorum\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B | — |
| VM-VAR-017 | reserved\_threshold | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B | Reserved slot (in use if documented by release). |
| VM-VAR-020 | threshold\_A | number/int | per release | value | Included | 4B | Canonical naming preserved even if unused in a deployment. |
| VM-VAR-022..029 | threshold\_B…exceptions | mixed | per release | values | Included | 4B | 029 is the **symmetry\_exceptions** entry (see below). |

**Explicit advanced entries in this family**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **fid** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VM-VAR-029 | symmetry\_exceptions | array<string> | deterministic selectors | [] | Included | 4B,6B | Narrow overrides; no regex entropy; exact grammar fixed by release. |
| VM-VAR-030 | eligibility\_override\_list | array<object> | `[{unit\_id, mode:include | exclude}]` | [] | Included | 4B,5B-005 |
| VM-VAR-031 | ballot\_integrity\_floor | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Included | 4B,6B | Failure ⇒ invalid; cannot be bypassed. |

**3.3 Frontier model (core + advanced)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **fid** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VM-VAR-040 | frontier\_mode | enum | none | banded | ladder | none | Included | 4C-§2,5B-006 | Enables frontier. |
| VM-VAR-041 | frontier\_cut | number/enum | per mode | 0.00 | Included | 4C | Core cut/band parameter. |
| VM-VAR-042 | frontier\_strategy | enum | apply\_on\_entry | apply\_on\_exit | sticky | apply\_on\_entry | Included | 4C | — |
| VM-VAR-047 | frontier\_band\_window | number | 0.00..1.00 | 0.00 | Included | 4C | Expands/contracts around 041. |
| VM-VAR-048 | frontier\_backoff\_policy | enum | none | soften | harden | none | Included | 4C | Borderline behavior. |
| VM-VAR-049 | frontier\_strictness | enum | strict | lenient | strict | Included | 4C | Coarse multiplier on 047/048. |
| VM-VAR-046 | autonomy\_package\_map | object | documented map | {} | Included | 4C | Used in ladder/autonomy flows. |
| VM-VAR-045 | protected\_area\_override | enum | deny | allow | deny | Included | 4B/4C | May bypass **eligibility** only. |

**3.4 Ties (outcome path) — canonical**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **fid** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VM-VAR-050 | tie\_policy | enum | status\_quo | deterministic\_order | random | status\_quo | **Included** | 4C,5B-008,6C | Controls resolution path. |
| VM-VAR-051 | — (reserved) | — | — | — | — | — | **Reserved**. Deterministic order always uses order\_index. |
| VM-VAR-052 | tie\_seed | integer | ≥ 0 | 0 | **Excluded** | 3A RNG, 4C, 6C | Run parameter; recorded only if random tie occurs. |

**3.5 Pipeline/report toggles (presentation; non-FID)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **fid** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VM-VAR-032 | unit\_sort\_order | enum | unit\_id | label\_priority | turnout | unit\_id | Excluded | 7A/7B | Report section order only. |
| VM-VAR-033 | ties\_section\_visibility | enum | auto | always | never | auto | Excluded | 7A/7B | Display rule; no JSON change. |
| VM-VAR-034 | frontier\_map\_enabled | boolean | — | true | Excluded | 5A/5C/7A | Controls **file emission** & appendix only. |
| VM-VAR-035 | sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled | boolean | — | false | Excluded | 5C/7A/7B | Non-canonical appendix toggle. |
| VM-VAR-060 | majority\_label\_threshold | integer | 0..100 | 55 | Excluded | 4C,7A/7B | Labels only. |
| VM-VAR-061 | decisiveness\_label\_policy | enum | fixed | dynamic\_margin | dynamic\_margin | Excluded | 4C,7A/7B | Labels only. |
| VM-VAR-062 | unit\_display\_language | string | auto or IETF tag | auto | Excluded | 7A/7B | Localization only. |

**4) RNG profile (normative; ties)**

* RNG used **only** when VM-VAR-050 = random **and** a real tie occurs.
* Seed = **VM-VAR-052** (integer ≥ 0).
* Draws: **exactly *k* 64-bit** draws for a *k*-way tie; stable permutation by (draw, option\_id) ascending.
* RNG algorithm/profile is fixed per release (documented alongside Annex B fixtures) to ensure **cross-platform identical sequences**.

**5) Included vs Excluded list (manifest snapshot)**

* **Included (FID)**: 001–007, 010–017, 020–031, 040–049, 050, 021, 029, 030, 031, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 073.  
  (Concretely: all outcome-affecting entries above; **050 included**, **052 excluded**.)
* **Excluded (non-FID)**: 032–035, 052, 060–062.

The **Normative Manifest** is the ordered, canonical map of Included variables + algorithm constants used to compute the FID (Doc 1A).

**6) Reserved/unused IDs (cleanup)**

* **VM-VAR-051** — reserved; do not assign.
* Any unspecified IDs remain unassigned; do **not** reuse legacy numbers.

**7) Machine-readable registry (authoritative excerpt)**

(Producers should ship this JSON with releases; verifiers use it to recompute FID domains/defaults.)

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": [

{ "id":"VM-VAR-050","name":"tie\_policy","type":"enum",

"domain":["status\_quo","deterministic\_order","random"],

"default":"status\_quo","fid":"Included",

"used\_by":["Doc4C","Doc5B-008","Doc6C"] },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-052","name":"tie\_seed","type":"integer",

"domain":{ "min":0 }, "default":0,"fid":"Excluded",

"used\_by":["Doc3A","Doc4C","Doc6C"] },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-040","name":"frontier\_mode","type":"enum",

"domain":["none","banded","ladder"],"default":"none","fid":"Included",

"used\_by":["Doc4C","Doc5B-006"] }

/\* … all other entries from the tables above … \*/

]

}

**8) Change control**

* Any change to **domain**, **default**, or **semantics** of an **Included** variable ⇒ **new FID** and release per Doc 3B.
* Presentation variables (Excluded) may change without affecting FID, but changes must be disclosed in Doc 7 footers when differing from defaults.

**9) Conformance checklist (Annex A)**

* **A-REG-ID**: All variables used by the engine exist here with exact ID/name.
* **A-REG-FID**: Engine’s Included set equals this annex; FID recomputation matches.
* **A-REG-DOM**: Engine enforces domains/defaults exactly.
* **A-REG-TIES**:

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**Annex B — Canonical Test Pack (Machine-Readable, Updated)**

**1) Purpose & scope**

A complete, machine-readable pack of **inputs, expected outputs, and hashes** for **Doc 6** test suites (6A/6B/6C). Used by producers and verifiers to prove byte-identical behavior across OS/arch. No legacy/back-compat: this annex is canonical for the current spec.

* Canonicalization, IDs, FID: Doc 1A.
* Platform/RNG: Doc 3A.
* What each suite proves: Docs 6A, 6B, 6C.
* Variable registry & FID inclusion: Annex A.

**2) Repository layout (normative)**

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/annex-b/

manifest.json # index of all cases (schema §3)

rng\_profile.json # fixed RNG spec for ties (ref §7; matches Annex A)

/cases/

VM-TST-101/

registry.json # canonical inputs

tally.json

params.json

expected/

result.json # canonical expected outputs (preferred “fat” mode)

run\_record.json

frontier\_map.json # only when applicable

hashes.json # sha256 of canonical expected/\* (schema §4.3)

VM-TST-102/

...

...

**Thin mode (allowed):** omit expected/\*.json and ship only hashes.json (schema §4.3). Fat mode is recommended for transparency.

**3) manifest.json (normative schema)**

One index for all cases:

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"engine\_matrix": ["linux-x86\_64", "macos-arm64", "windows-x86\_64"],

"cases": [

{

"id": "VM-TST-101",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Simple 2-option majority",

"purpose": "Baseline allocation; no ties; no gates; frontier off.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat|thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false

}

/\* … all tests from 6A (101–110), 6B (201–216), 6C (301–312) … \*/

]

}

Rules:

* Every case listed **must** exist under /cases/<id>/.
* suite ∈ { "6A","6B","6C" } (maps to Docs 6A/6B/6C).
* frontier\_expected=true only when a frontier\_map.json is part of the expected set (6B frontier cases).
* tie\_expected=true only when RunRecord.ties[] must be non-empty (6C random-tie cases).

**4) Case folder contents (normative)**

**4.1 registry.json, tally.json, params.json**

* Must conform to Doc 1B and Annex A domains.
* Already in **canonical JSON** (Doc 1A §2.1).

**4.2 Expected outputs (fat mode)**

* expected/result.json — full canonical Result (Doc 1A §4.4).
* expected/run\_record.json — full canonical RunRecord (Doc 1A §4.5).
* expected/frontier\_map.json — present only if frontier\_expected=true.

**4.3 expected/hashes.json (fat or thin mode)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"result\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"run\_record\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"frontier\_map\_sha256": "<64hex or null>",

"notes": {

"fid": "<64hex>", // same as in expected artifacts

"rng\_seed\_expected": 424242, // only for 6C random-tie cases

"ties\_expected\_count": 2 // only when tie\_expected=true

}

}

* Hashes computed over **canonical** JSON bytes.
* If thin mode, hashes.json is the only expected artifact; verifiers compare producer outputs’ hashes to these values.

**5) Verification algorithm (normative)**

For each case:

1. **Run** producer via Doc 6 harness (CLI from Doc 3A/5A).
2. **Canonical form check** (Doc 1A §2.1).
3. **Hashes**: recompute and match result\_sha256, run\_record\_sha256, (optional) frontier\_map\_sha256.
4. **FID**: recompute from Included set (Annex A); must equal both Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.
5. **Vars echo**: RunRecord.vars\_effective lists **all outcome-affecting** VM-VARs; presentation vars may appear.
6. **Suite-specific assertions**:
   * 6A: no RNG; ties=[]; rng\_seed absent.
   * 6B: gate reasons ordering, protected/override behavior, frontier presence per case.
   * 6C: tie policy/seed rules; draws only when needed; rng\_seed present iff any random tie occurred; event count matches ties\_expected\_count where set.
7. **IDs**: result\_id, run\_id, frontier\_id? equal "RES:"|"RUN:"|"FR:" + sha256(canonical(...)).

Exit criteria: pass only if **all** checks succeed.

**6) Mapping to Doc 6 test list (informative)**

* **6A (Allocation)**: VM-TST-101 … 110
* **6B (Gates/Frontier)**: VM-TST-201 … 216
* **6C (Determinism/Ties)**: VM-TST-301 … 312

Each folder’s params.json encodes the case-specific VM-VARs described in Docs 6A/6B/6C (e.g., 040="banded", 050="random", 052=424242, 034=true).

**7) RNG profile file (normative)**

/annex-b/rng\_profile.json pins the RNG used for random ties (cross-platform identity):

json

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{

"name": "xorshift128plus", // example; pick one and freeze it per release

"seed\_type": "u64",

"next\_u64\_spec": "defined as per paper/impl X",

"endianness": "little",

"draws\_per\_tie\_item": 1, // EXACTLY k draws for a k-way tie

"tiebreak\_sort\_key": ["draw","option\_id"]

}

* This **must** match engine behavior (Doc 3A; Doc 4C §3.3; Annex A §4).
* Change to RNG profile ⇒ **new FID** and refreshed Annex B.

**8) Example case (fat mode)**

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/cases/VM-TST-304/ # 6C: random tie, 2-way

registry.json

tally.json

params.json # 050="random", 052=424242, 040="none"

expected/

result.json

run\_record.json

hashes.json

hashes.json (illustrative):

json

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{

"schema\_version":"1.x",

"result\_sha256":"f1c2...9a",

"run\_record\_sha256":"0ab4...d7",

"frontier\_map\_sha256": null,

"notes": { "fid":"7e5c...12", "rng\_seed\_expected":424242, "ties\_expected\_count":1 }

}

**9) Change control (normative)**

* Any change to Included variables’ domains/defaults/semantics, frontier/tie rules, or canonicalization ⇒ **new FID** and **regenerate all expected hashes**.
* Presentation/template changes (Doc 7) **do not** require updates here.
* The pack version is tied to the **spec bundle tag** (Doc 3B §7); publish checksums for /annex-b/\*\*.

**10) Conformance checklist (Annex B)**

* **B-PACK-SCHEMA**: manifest.json and each hashes.json validate against schemas in §3/§4.
* **B-CANON-IN/OUT**: All inputs and expected outputs are canonical JSON.
* **B-RNG-FIXED**: RNG profile file matches engine implementation.
* **B-SUITE-RULES**: Suite-specific assertions enforced (6A/6B/6C).
* **B-ID/FID**: IDs and FID recomputation pass for every case on the engine matrix.

*End Annex B.*

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**Annex C — Glossary & Definitions (Updated)**

**1) Scope**

Canonical, one-page definitions for recurring terms and tokens used across Docs **1–7** and Annexes **A–B**. Aligns IDs to the **current scheme** (e.g., ties = **VM-VAR-050/052**, **051 reserved**; presentation **060–062** are non-FID).

**2) Terms**

**Algorithm family**  
The counted method and rounding/denominator rules selected by **VM-VAR-001..007** (+ optional **VM-VAR-073**). Controls allocation semantics (Doc 4A). *Outcome-affecting; in FID.*

**Algorithm variant (VM-VAR-073)**  
Documented micro-variant within the same family (e.g., a prescribed rounding preference). Printed in report footer if not default (Doc 3B, 7A). *In FID.*

**Allocation**  
Per-unit mapping of option\_id → votes/share produced after gates/frontier/ties (Docs 4A–4C). Ordered by Registry order\_index.

**Annex A — VM-VAR Registry**  
Single source of truth for variable **domains, defaults, and FID inclusion**. The “Included” list defines the **Normative Manifest** inputs (Doc 1A).

**Annex B — Canonical Test Pack**  
Machine-readable fixtures (inputs, expected outputs/hashes) for suites 6A/6B/6C, plus RNG profile (Annex B §7).

**Band / band\_met**  
Frontier predicate indicating whether a unit lies within the effective band/cut for the configured model. Emitted in FrontierMap.units[i].band\_met (Doc 4C). Field name is **band\_met**.

**BallotTally**  
Input JSON giving per-unit totals and per-option votes (Doc 1B). Must align to **DivisionRegistry**.

**Canonical JSON**  
Serialization used for hashing: UTF-8, LF newlines, **sorted keys** at all object levels; arrays ordered per Doc 1A §5; no BOM (Doc 1A §2.1).

**Determinism (byte-identical outputs)**  
Given identical inputs + ParameterSet (incl. seed), all artifacts are bit-for-bit identical across OS/arch (Doc 3A). Enforced by ordering rules, canonical JSON, and fixed RNG profile (Annex B §7).

**DivisionRegistry**  
Input JSON defining the universe of units and their options, including deterministic order\_index per option (Docs 1B–1C). Source of all FK references.

**FID — Formula ID**  
64-hex SHA-256 over the **Normative Manifest** (algorithm rules + “Included” VM-VAR values). Recorded at Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id (Doc 1A §2.3). *Presentation toggles are excluded.*

**Frontier (040–042, 047–049)**  
Outcome-affecting gating model (e.g., banded, ladder) applied pre-allocation (Doc 4C). Advanced refinements: window/backoff/strictness. *In FID.*

**FrontierMap**  
Optional canonical artifact with per-unit frontier diagnostics (Doc 1A §4.6). Emitted only if **VM-VAR-034=true** and frontier executed.

**Gate (sanity/eligibility/validity)**  
Deterministic checks applied before allocation (Doc 4B) using **010–017**, **020–031** (+ **045**, **029**, **030** precedence). Failure ⇒ unit Invalid.

**Included / Excluded (FID)**  
A VM-VAR is **Included** if it can change outcomes (in FID); **Excluded** if it is presentation-only (not in FID). See Annex A §5.

**Invalid (label)**  
Unit state when any gate fails; allocations=[]; label is "Invalid" (Docs 4B, 7A).

**Label (Decisive/Marginal)**  
Presentation-only outcome text computed **after** allocation using **VM-VAR-060/061**; never affects counts or FID (Doc 4C).

**Normative Manifest**  
Ordered, canonical snapshot of all outcome-affecting rules + Included VM-VAR values used to compute **FID** (Doc 1A §2.3; Annex A §5).

**Option / option\_id**  
A selectable alternative within a unit (e.g., party/candidate). Identified by stable option\_id and deterministic order\_index (Docs 1B–1C).

**Order index (order\_index)**  
Deterministic integer ordering key for options within a unit. Used to break ties under deterministic\_order policy (Docs 1A §5, 4C).

**ParameterSet**  
Input JSON map vars{ "VM-VAR-###": value }. Must provide explicit values for all **Included** VM-VARs; presentation vars may be present but are non-FID (Docs 1B, 2A–2C).

**Protected area / override (045)**  
Registry flag protected\_area on a unit; **VM-VAR-045** may bypass **eligibility** only; never bypasses **sanity** nor **integrity floor (031)** (Doc 4B).

**Random tie (050= random, 052 seed)**  
Policy that resolves ties via a deterministic RNG seeded by **VM-VAR-052**. Exactly **k** 64-bit draws for a k-way tie; permutation sorted by (draw, option\_id); events logged (Docs 3A, 4C, 5C; Annex B §7). *050 is in FID; 052 is not.*

**Renderer**  
Read-only consumer of canonical artifacts. Applies Doc 7A visual rules and 7B templates; never re-computes allocations; may include optional appendices (Doc 5C) (Docs 7A–7B).

**Result / result\_id**  
Canonical outcome artifact; result\_id = "RES:" + sha256(canonical(Result)) (Doc 1A §4.4).

**RNG profile**  
Frozen algorithm/spec used for random ties; defined in Annex B §7 to ensure cross-platform identical sequences. Changing it ⇒ new FID.

**RunRecord / run\_id**  
Canonical provenance artifact containing engine info, input digests, vars\_effective, determinism block, and TieLog. run\_id = "RUN:" + <ts> + "-" + sha256(canonical(RunRecord)) (Doc 1A §4.5).

**Scope (run\_scope, 021)**  
Selector that fixes which units are included in the run before counting (Docs 2A/2C, 4A).

**Sensitivity analysis (035)**  
Non-canonical appendix switch for diagnostic comparisons. No changes to canonical artifacts/hashes (Docs 5C, 7A–7B). *Excluded from FID.*

**Symmetry exceptions (029)**  
Deterministic allow/deny selectors that narrowly override **eligibility** gates; applied after 030 precedence (Doc 4B). *In FID.*

**Tie policy (050) / deterministic order**  
Tie policy ∈ { status\_quo | deterministic\_order | random }. Deterministic order uses **Registry order\_index** (then option\_id); **VM-VAR-051 is reserved** (Docs 4C, Annex A).

**Tie seed (052)**  
Run parameter for random ties. Echoed in RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed **iff** any random tie occurred; otherwise omitted (Docs 3A, 5C). *Excluded from FID.*

**TieLog**  
Ordered list of tie events in RunRecord.ties[] with {unit\_id, type, policy, seed?} (Doc 5C §2.3).

**Unit / unit\_id**  
A counting division (e.g., district). Primary key for per-unit results; arrays of units ordered by ascending unit\_id (Doc 1A §5).

**3) Token & naming conventions (normative)**

* **Variables:** VM-VAR-### (three digits, zero-padded).
* **Reason tokens (4B):** "VM-VAR-0xx:<short\_name>" ordered by numeric ID; symbolic reasons (e.g., "frontier\_missing\_inputs") appear **after** ID-based reasons and are sorted lexicographically.
* **Field names:** snake\_case. Use **band\_met** (not variants).
* **IDs & hashes:** lowercase 64-hex; prefixes RES:, RUN:, FR: as defined in Doc 1A.

**4) Quick cross-reference (where defined)**

| **Concept** | **Primary definition** | **Also referenced** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Canonical JSON & IDs | Doc 1A §2, §4 | Doc 3A, Doc 5A/S5 |
| VM-VAR registry & FID inclusion | Annex A §3–§5 | Doc 2A–2C |
| Algorithm flow | Doc 4A | Doc 5A/S3 |
| Gates & edge cases | Doc 4B | Doc 6B |
| Frontier model | Doc 4C §2 | Doc 6B, FrontierMap in Doc 1A §4.6 |
| Ties & RNG | Doc 4C §3 | Doc 3A (RNG), Doc 6C, Doc 5C (TieLog) |
| Labels & presentation | Doc 4C §4, Doc 7A | Doc 2B, Doc 7B |
| Test harness & cases | Doc 6A–6C | Annex B |
| Release/versioning | Doc 3B | Footers in Doc 7A |

**5) ID alignment notes (this edition)**

* **Tie controls** live at **VM-VAR-050 (policy)** and **VM-VAR-052 (seed)**; **VM-VAR-051 reserved**.
* **Presentation & language** (VM-VAR-060..062) are **Excluded from FID**.
* Any previous references to ties at **032–033** or to “seed at 033” are obsolete.

*End Annex C.*

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Here’s the next deliverable you queued earlier: concise **cover pages + one-line scope summaries** for each unified doc (Docs 1–7) and the three annexes (A–C). These are drop-in first pages; wording is aligned with the updated spec you and I just finalized (ties at 050/052; 051 reserved; presentation 060–062 non-FID).

**Cover Page Templates (filled)**

**Doc 1 — Database Specification (Entities, Fields, Relationships)**

**Scope (one line):** Canonical data model, identifiers, and cross-artifact constraints for all inputs/outputs, including canonical JSON and ordering rules.  
**Parts:** 1A Canonicalization & IDs; 1B Field Catalog & Validation; 1C ER Mapping & Worked Examples.  
**Audience:** Engine & data engineers; verifiers.  
**Normativity:** Normative (examples in 1C are illustrative).  
**Depends on:** Annex A (VM-VAR domains), Doc 3A (determinism).

**Doc 2 — Common Variables Specification (Core, Operational Defaults, Advanced Controls)**

**Scope (one line):** Definitive registry usage for outcome-affecting variables (FID-included) and presentation toggles (non-FID), with grouping and cross-doc touchpoints.  
**Parts:** 2A Core (FID); 2B Operational Defaults & Presentation (non-FID + tie policy/seed placement); 2C Advanced Controls (FID).  
**Audience:** Engine implementers; config owners.  
**Normativity:** Normative (2B has non-FID variables but binding semantics).  
**Depends on:** Annex A (IDs, domains, defaults).

**Doc 3 — Technical Platform & Release Policy**

**Scope (one line):** Deterministic runtime/build requirements and the versioning/release gates linking Engine Version to Formula ID changes.  
**Parts:** 3A Tech Platform & Determinism; 3B Build & Release Policy.  
**Audience:** Platform/DevOps; release managers.  
**Normativity:** Normative.  
**Depends on:** Doc 1A (IDs/hashing), Annex A (Included set).

**Doc 4 — Algorithm Specification (Steps, Allocation, Gates & Edge Cases)**

**Scope (one line):** Canonical step order, gates/frontier/ties semantics, and where labeling occurs (presentation-only).  
**Parts:** 4A Step Order & Flow; 4B Gates & Edge Cases; 4C Frontier, Ties & Labels.  
**Audience:** Engine authors; QA.  
**Normativity:** Normative (labels are presentation but placement is binding).  
**Depends on:** Doc 2 (VM-VARs), Doc 1A (ordering).

**Doc 5 — Processing Pipeline Specification (State Machine & Functions)**

**Scope (one line):** Deterministic pipeline, function-level contracts, audit data, TieLog, and optional non-canonical appendices.  
**Parts:** 5A State Machine & Data Exchange; 5B Canonical Function Specs; 5C Audit Data, TieLog & Appendices.  
**Audience:** Engine developers; integrators.  
**Normativity:** Normative where artifacts/determinism are affected.  
**Depends on:** Docs 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Doc 6 — Test Specifications (Allocation, Gates, Frontier & Determinism)**

**Scope (one line):** Official harness and case suites ensuring allocation correctness, gate/frontier behavior, and deterministic/seeded ties.  
**Parts:** 6A Allocation Correctness; 6B Gates & Frontier; 6C Determinism & Ties.  
**Audience:** QA; independent verifiers.  
**Normativity:** Normative (fixtures in Annex B).  
**Depends on:** Annex B (cases & hashes), Annex A (Included set).

**Doc 7 — Reporting Specification (Structure, Templates & Visual Rules)**

**Scope (one line):** Renderer rules, template bindings, numeric/visual standards, and export profiles—without altering canonical JSON.  
**Parts:** 7A Structure & Visual Rules; 7B Templates, Data Binding & Exports.  
**Audience:** Front-end/report devs.  
**Normativity:** Presentation is non-FID, but renderer constraints are normative.  
**Depends on:** Docs 1 & 5 (artifacts), Doc 2B (toggles).

**Annex A — VM-VAR Registry (Canonical Reference)**

**Scope (one line):** Single source of truth for IDs, domains, defaults, FID inclusion, and usage pointers.  
**Status:** Normative.  
**Notes:** Ties at **VM-VAR-050/052**; **051 reserved**; **060–062** excluded from FID.

**Annex B — Canonical Test Pack (Machine-Readable)**

**Scope (one line):** Machine-readable fixtures (inputs, expected outputs/hashes) and pinned RNG profile for cross-platform identity.  
**Status:** Normative.  
**Notes:** Any normative change regenerates all expected hashes.

**Annex C — Glossary & Definitions**

**Scope (one line):** Tight, spec-wide terminology to prevent drift; tokens aligned to current IDs and ordering rules.  
**Status:** Normative for terminology.

If you want, I can drop these as first pages into your .docx files (matching your heading styles), or generate a single “Spec Bundle” cover with a table of contents.

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**You said:**

Write an index which will be used by AI to navigate those docs

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Here’s a compact, machine-usable **navigation index** you can drop into your repo as spec\_index.json. It’s designed for AI routing: stable doc IDs, anchors, short summaries, keywords, and intent → section rules. It reflects the fully updated scheme (ties at **050/052**, **051 reserved**, presentation **060–062** excluded from FID).

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**Annex A — VM-VAR Registry (Updated)**

**Part 1 of 3 — Scope, FID/Manifest Rules, Schema & Conventions**

**1) Status & scope**

* **Normative.** Single source of truth for VM-VAR **IDs, names, domains, defaults, FID inclusion, and usage pointers**.
* No backward compatibility notes. The scheme in this edition is: **ties at 050/052; 051 reserved; presentation 060–062 excluded from FID.**

**2) Normative Manifest & FID rules**

**What goes into the Formula ID (FID):**

* All **outcome-affecting rules** + the **Included** VM-VAR keys/values from this annex.
* Canonicalized and hashed per Doc 1A.

**Included (FID) — variable ranges/IDs**  
001–007, 010–017, 020–031, 040–049, 050, 021, 029, 030, 031, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 073  
(De-duplicated list; same meaning: *all outcome-affecting groups, including 050; seed 052 is excluded*.)

**Excluded (non-FID)**  
032–035, 052, 060–062 (presentation/report toggles and the tie seed).

**Ordering when building the manifest:**

1. Sort variables by **numeric ID** ascending (e.g., 001, 002, …, 073).
2. For each, serialize as canonical JSON key/value ("VM-VAR-###": value).
3. Do not include absent **Excluded** vars; may be echoed in RunRecord but never change FID.

**Canonicalization:** bytes = UTF-8, LF, **sorted keys** at all object levels (Doc 1A).

**3) Registry entry schema (authoritative fields)**

Every variable is defined with these fields:

| **Field** | **Meaning** |
| --- | --- |
| id | VM-VAR-### (three digits, zero-padded) |
| name | canonical snake\_case |
| type | `enum |
| domain | precise allowed set/range/shape (deterministic) |
| default | canonical default value (used if unset) |
| fid | Included or Excluded |
| used\_by | pointers to consuming docs/sections (e.g., Doc4C) |
| notes | brief constraints (precedence, ordering, reserved, etc.) |

**Machine-readable envelope (packaged with releases):**

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// ... all other entries appear here in numeric order

]

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**4) Determinism & RNG anchors (ties)**

* **VM-VAR-050** (*tie\_policy*) is **Included** in FID.
* **VM-VAR-052** (*tie\_seed*) is **Excluded** from FID; recorded in RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed **iff** a random tie occurred.
* **VM-VAR-051** is **reserved** (no meaning).
* RNG algorithm/profile is pinned in **Annex B**; engines must draw **exactly *k* 64-bit values for a *k*-way tie**, sort tied items by (draw, option\_id).

**5) Naming & reserved IDs**

* IDs are **stable**; do not renumber/repurpose.
* **051** stays reserved across releases.
* Any future variable must claim an unused ID and be added here with full schema.

**6) Cross-doc pointers (where these rules bite)**

* **Doc 1A** — canonicalization & hashing; **Doc 1B** — schema/validation; **Doc 1C** — ER & lifecycle.
* **Doc 2A/2B/2C** — grouping of Included vs Excluded, operational/presentation split.
* **Doc 3A** — determinism & RNG behavior; **Doc 3B** — when FID/Engine Version must change.
* **Doc 4A–4C** — algorithm touchpoints (gates, frontier, ties, labels).
* **Doc 5A–5C** — pipeline, function contracts, RunRecord echo rules.
* **Doc 6A–6C** — conformance tests; **Annex B** — expected hashes, RNG profile.

**7) Conformance checklist (annex-level)**

* **A-REG-ID:** Every engine variable used exists here with correct ID/name.
* **A-REG-DOM:** Engine enforces the declared domains/defaults exactly.
* **A-REG-FID:** FID recomputation from the **Included** set equals artifacts’ formula\_id.
* **A-REG-TIES:** 050/052 handled per rules; 051 ignored; RNG profile matches Annex B.

**Next:** *Part 2 of 3 — Full Registry Tables (Outcome-affecting: Global/Thresholds/Frontier/Protected/Ties)*.

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**Annex A — VM-VAR Registry (Updated)**

**Part 2 of 3 — Full Registry Tables (Outcome-affecting variables only; FID = Included)**

This part lists every **Included** (outcome-affecting) variable with domains, defaults, and consumption points.  
Excluded/presentation variables (032–035, 052, 060–062) are in **Part 3**.

**A. Global & algorithm family (IDs 001–007, 073, 021)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-001** | algorithm\_family | enum | per release (e.g., family\_v1) | family\_v1 | Doc 4A; 5B-007; 6A-105 | Chooses allocation/rounding semantics. |
| **VM-VAR-002** | rounding\_policy | enum | half\_up | bankers | half\_up | Doc 4A; 6A-105 | Must be stable across builds. |
| **VM-VAR-003** | share\_precision | integer | 0..6 | 3 | Doc 4A; 7A | Internal calc/display base; renderer still formats per 7A. |
| **VM-VAR-004** | denom\_rule | enum | per family | standard | Doc 4A | Family-defined denominators. |
| **VM-VAR-005** | aggregation\_mode | enum | per family | sum | Doc 4A | Aggregate strategy. |
| **VM-VAR-006** | seat\_allocation\_rule | enum | per family | none | Doc 4A | Use none if seats not modeled. |
| **VM-VAR-007** | tie\_scope\_model | enum | winner\_only | rank\_all | winner\_only | Doc 4C | Where ties can trigger. |
| **VM-VAR-073** | algorithm\_variant | enum | v1 (others per release) | v1 | Doc 4A; 3B | Micro-variant anchor; print in footer if ≠ default. |
| **VM-VAR-021** | run\_scope | enum/object | all\_units | selector map | all\_units | Doc 4A (S0/S2); 5A | Fixes working set; record in RunRecord. |

**B. Thresholds, eligibility, overrides & integrity (IDs 010–017, 020–031, 029–031)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-010** | min\_turnout\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B; 6B-201 | Eligibility gate. |
| **VM-VAR-011** | min\_valid\_share\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B | Eligibility gate. |
| **VM-VAR-012** | eligibility\_gate\_1 | enum/number | per release | value | Doc 4B | If unused this release, omit from params. |
| **VM-VAR-013** | eligibility\_gate\_2 | enum/number | per release | value | Doc 4B | — |
| **VM-VAR-014** | participation\_floor\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B | — |
| **VM-VAR-015** | unit\_quorum\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B | — |
| **VM-VAR-016** | option\_quorum\_pct | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B | Option-level continuation. |
| **VM-VAR-017** | reserved\_threshold | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B | Reserved slot; define only if used. |
| **VM-VAR-020** | threshold\_A | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-022** | threshold\_B | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-023** | threshold\_C | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-024** | threshold\_D | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-025** | threshold\_E | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-026** | threshold\_F | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-027** | threshold\_G | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-028** | threshold\_H | number/int | per release | value | Doc 4B | Generic named cutoff. |
| **VM-VAR-029** | symmetry\_exceptions | array<string> | deterministic selectors | [] | Doc 4B; 6B-203 | Narrow eligibility overrides; deterministic grammar; no regex entropy. |
| **VM-VAR-030** | eligibility\_override\_list | array<object> | `{unit\_id, mode: include | exclude}` | [] | Doc 4B; 5B-005; 6B-204 |
| **VM-VAR-031** | ballot\_integrity\_floor | integer | 0..100 | 0 | Doc 4B; 6B-205/207 | Failure ⇒ unit invalid; cannot be bypassed. |

**C. Frontier & refinements (IDs 040–042, 047–049) + Protected/Autonomy (045–046)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-040** | frontier\_mode | enum | none | banded | ladder | none | Doc 4C §2; 6B-210..216 | Master switch. |
| **VM-VAR-041** | frontier\_cut | number/enum | per mode | 0.00 | Doc 4C §2; 6B-211 | Core band/cut parameter. |
| **VM-VAR-042** | frontier\_strategy | enum | apply\_on\_entry | apply\_on\_exit | sticky | apply\_on\_entry | Doc 4C §2; 6B-211 | Application timing. |
| **VM-VAR-047** | frontier\_band\_window | number | 0.00..1.00 | 0.00 | Doc 4C §2; 6B-213 | Expands/contracts around 041. |
| **VM-VAR-048** | frontier\_backoff\_policy | enum | none | soften | harden | none | Doc 4C §2; 6B-214 | Borderline behavior. |
| **VM-VAR-049** | frontier\_strictness | enum | strict | lenient | strict | Doc 4C §2; 6B-215 | Coarse multiplier on 047/048. |
| **VM-VAR-045** | protected\_area\_override | enum | deny | allow | deny | Doc 4B §3.4; 6B-206/207 | May bypass **eligibility** only; never sanity/integrity. |
| **VM-VAR-046** | autonomy\_package\_map | object | documented map | {} | Doc 4C; 6B-216 | Ladder/autonomy step selection; deterministic keys. |

**D. Ties (Outcome-affecting policy; seed is Excluded)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-050** | tie\_policy | enum | status\_quo | deterministic\_order | random | status\_quo | Doc 4C §3; 5B-008; 6C | **Included** in FID. deterministic\_order uses option.order\_index (then option\_id). |
| **VM-VAR-051** | — | — | — | — | — | **Reserved**; do not assign. |
| *(see Part 3)* | tie\_seed | integer | ≥ 0 | 0 | Doc 3A; 4C; 6C | **VM-VAR-052** is **Excluded** from FID; recorded only if random ties occurred. |

**Notes on domains marked “per release”**

* Where domain is **per release**, you must enumerate allowed values (enums) or bounds (numbers) in the machine-readable registry you ship with the tag.
* Any change to the domain/default/semantics of these **Included** variables ⇒ **new FID** (Doc 3B).

**Next:** *Part 3 of 3 — Excluded/Presentation variables (032–035, 052, 060–062) + machine-readable export and examples.*

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**Annex A — VM-VAR Registry (Updated)**

**Part 3 of 3 — Excluded / Presentation Variables + Machine-Readable Export**

This part lists the **Excluded** (non-FID) variables and provides the machine-readable registry excerpt plus examples. Excluded variables **never** change outcomes or the FID; they only affect rendering or optional diagnostics.

**E. Presentation & pipeline toggles (Excluded from FID)**

**E.1 Report/pipeline toggles (IDs 032–035)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-032** | unit\_sort\_order | enum | unit\_id | label\_priority | turnout | unit\_id | Doc 7A §8; 7B §5 | Reorders **report sections only**. No effect on JSON array order. |
| **VM-VAR-033** | ties\_section\_visibility | enum | auto | always | never | auto | Doc 7A §4/§6.3 | Shows/omits Ties section. auto shows if RunRecord.ties[] non-empty. |
| **VM-VAR-034** | frontier\_map\_enabled | boolean | — | true | Doc 5C §3; 7A §4/§6.4 | Toggles emission of **FrontierMap** file and appendix visibility; allocations/FID unchanged. |
| **VM-VAR-035** | sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled | boolean | — | false | Doc 5C §4; 7A §4/§6.5 | Enables **non-canonical** diagnostics appendix. Never alters canonical artifacts. |

**E.2 Tie seed (non-FID)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-052** | tie\_seed | integer | ≥ 0 | 0 | Doc 3A RNG; 4C §3; 5C §2.1/§2.3 | Recorded in RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed **iff** a random tie occurred. Does not enter FID. |

**E.3 Labels & language (IDs 060–062)**

| **id** | **name** | **type** | **domain** | **default** | **used\_by** | **notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VM-VAR-060** | majority\_label\_threshold | integer | 0..100 | 55 | Doc 4C §4; 7A §3/§5 | Threshold for label text only. No effect on allocations. |
| **VM-VAR-061** | decisiveness\_label\_policy | enum | fixed | dynamic\_margin | dynamic\_margin | Doc 4C §4; 7A | Presentation policy; reads deterministic flags produced by the algorithm. |
| **VM-VAR-062** | unit\_display\_language | string | auto or IETF tag | auto | Doc 7A §5; 7B locales | Localizes unit names/strings in renderer; deterministic fallback. |

**F. Machine-readable registry (release payload excerpt)**

Ship a JSON file (e.g., annex-a.vars.json) containing **all variables** (Included and Excluded) in **numeric ID order**. Below is the **Excluded** slice (the Included slice appears in Part 2).

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": [

{ "id":"VM-VAR-032","name":"unit\_sort\_order","type":"enum",

"domain":["unit\_id","label\_priority","turnout"],"default":"unit\_id",

"fid":"Excluded","used\_by":["Doc7A","Doc7B"],

"notes":"Reorders report sections only; canonical JSON unchanged." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-033","name":"ties\_section\_visibility","type":"enum",

"domain":["auto","always","never"],"default":"auto",

"fid":"Excluded","used\_by":["Doc7A"],

"notes":"Show ties section based on RunRecord.ties[] unless overridden." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-034","name":"frontier\_map\_enabled","type":"boolean",

"default":true,"fid":"Excluded","used\_by":["Doc5C","Doc7A"],

"notes":"Controls FrontierMap emission and appendix visibility only." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-035","name":"sensitivity\_analysis\_enabled","type":"boolean",

"default":false,"fid":"Excluded","used\_by":["Doc5C","Doc7A","Doc7B"],

"notes":"Diagnostic appendix; never alters canonical artifacts." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-052","name":"tie\_seed","type":"integer",

"domain":{"min":0},"default":0,"fid":"Excluded",

"used\_by":["Doc3A","Doc4C","Doc5C"],

"notes":"Echoed as RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed iff any random tie occurred." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-060","name":"majority\_label\_threshold","type":"integer",

"domain":{"min":0,"max":100},"default":55,"fid":"Excluded",

"used\_by":["Doc4C","Doc7A"],

"notes":"Labels only; allocations unaffected." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-061","name":"decisiveness\_label\_policy","type":"enum",

"domain":["fixed","dynamic\_margin"],"default":"dynamic\_margin","fid":"Excluded",

"used\_by":["Doc4C","Doc7A"],

"notes":"Presentation policy; reads deterministic flags, does not change outputs." },

{ "id":"VM-VAR-062","name":"unit\_display\_language","type":"string",

"domain":["auto","IETF"],"default":"auto","fid":"Excluded",

"used\_by":["Doc7A","Doc7B"],

"notes":"Localization for renderer; deterministic fallback to canonical names." }

]

}

**Packaging rules**

* Place the combined file (Included + Excluded) under the release tag.
* The verifier uses **only** entries marked fid:"Included" when recomputing the FID.

**G. Examples & rules of use**

**G.1 ParameterSet excerpt (presentation toggles present; FID unchanged)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"vars": {

"VM-VAR-050": "random", // Included (affects FID)

"VM-VAR-052": 424242, // Excluded (seed)

"VM-VAR-040": "banded", // Included

"VM-VAR-034": true, // Excluded (appendix toggle)

"VM-VAR-060": 55, // Excluded (labels)

"VM-VAR-061": "dynamic\_margin",

"VM-VAR-062": "auto"

}

}

* Runs with different **052** values have **identical FID**.
* Toggling **034/035/032/033/060/061/062** never changes allocations nor FID.

**G.2 Normative Manifest build rule (reminder)**

* Include **only** variables with fid:"Included" (Parts 1–2 list).
* Sort by numeric ID; canonical JSON; then hash to FID (Doc 1A).

**G.3 RunRecord echo policy (non-FID)**

* Producer **may** echo Excluded vars in vars\_effective for transparency.
* rng\_seed appears **only** if a random tie occurred.

**H. Conformance (Excluded set)**

* **A-EX-IMMUT:** Changing any Excluded var **must not** alter canonical artifacts (Result, RunRecord) **except** optional presence/absence of FrontierMap.json (034).
* **A-EX-FID:** FID recomputation **ignores** Excluded vars (including 052).
* **A-EX-RPT:** Renderer behavior aligns with Doc 7A/7B; no recomputation; section ordering changes are presentation-only.

**I. Change policy (Excluded set)**

* You **may** change defaults or allowed values of Excluded vars between releases **without** a new FID, but you **must**:
  + Update Annex A and Doc 7A/7B as needed.
  + Disclose any non-default presentation toggles in the report footer “Non-normative toggles” block (Doc 7A §7.3).

*End Annex A (Part 3 of 3).*

**You said:**

you wrote annex B earlier. is this perfect, or should we split and rewrite

**ChatGPT said:**

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Short answer: it’s close, but not perfect. I wouldn’t split it by default—keep Annex B as a **single normative annex**—and make a few surgical fixes so it’s unambiguous and machine-verifiable. If you expect the case catalog to balloon, I’ll show a clean split plan at the end.

**What to fix (minimal, specific edits)**

1. **Make hashes.json the sole normative oracle**

In Annex B §4, state explicitly that **expected/\*.json are informative** (for transparency) and **verifiers MUST compare only the hashes in expected/hashes.json**. This avoids run-timestamp drift in run\_record.json.

1. **Bind outputs to inputs**

Add input digests to hashes.json so expected hashes can’t be paired with altered inputs.

1. **Clarify run\_id verification**

In §5 (Verification algorithm), say: *compare only the hash suffix of run\_id (after the first hyphen); the timestamp prefix is free to vary*.

1. **Tag each case with features it exercises**

In manifest.json, add a features array (e.g., ["gates","frontier","ties","protected","overrides"]) so tools can route quickly without reading payloads.

1. **Promote expected FID to first-class**

Move notes.fid → expected\_fid (top-level) in hashes.json for easier checks, and require it in every case.

1. **Provide JSON Schemas (machine validation)**

Add schemas/manifest.schema.json and schemas/hashes.schema.json; require CI to validate both.

1. **RNG profile immutability note**

In §7, add: *changing rng\_profile.json is a normative change that requires a new FID and regeneration of all case hashes* (you already imply this; make it explicit and bold).

1. **Thin vs fat mode precedence**

In §2, say: *If both fat and thin artifacts are present,* ***hashes.json governs****; ignore content diffs in expected/*.json.\*

**Revised snippets (drop-in)**

**manifest.json (add fields)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"engine\_matrix": ["linux-x86\_64","macos-arm64","windows-x86\_64"],

"cases": [

{

"id": "VM-TST-211",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Frontier banded — entry cut",

"purpose": "Deterministic frontier gating and diagnostics.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier"]

}

]

}

**expected/hashes.json (bind to inputs; promote FID)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"expected\_fid": "<64hex>",

"inputs\_sha256": {

"registry": "<64hex>",

"tally": "<64hex>",

"params": "<64hex>"

},

"result\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"run\_record\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"frontier\_map\_sha256": null,

"tie\_expectations": {

"policy": "random|deterministic\_order|status\_quo",

"rng\_seed\_expected": 424242, // required iff policy="random"

"events\_expected": 0 // optional sanity check

}

}

**Annex text deltas**

* **§2 Repository layout**: add /schemas/manifest.schema.json and /schemas/hashes.schema.json.
* **§4.2/§4.3**: mark expected/\*.json as *informative*; hashes.json = *normative*.
* **§5 Step 2/3**: specify run\_id suffix comparison; require inputs\_sha256 match.
* **§7 RNG profile**: bold the “new FID + regenerate all hashes” rule.

**Why not split (default recommendation)**

* The current Annex B is compact and coherent: **schema + verification + RNG profile + catalog** in one place makes CI simple.
* Splitting only adds cross-referencing overhead unless the case library becomes very large.

**When to split (optional path)**

If you anticipate hundreds of cases or multiple RNG families per year, split cleanly:

* **Annex B1 — Pack Schema & Verification (Normative):** repository layout, JSON schemas, verification algorithm, run\_id rule.
* **Annex B2 — RNG Profile (Normative):** the pinned RNG definition only.
* **Annex B3 — Case Catalog (Normative):** manifest.json + per-case hashes.json rules; cases grouped by suites (6A/6B/6C).

I can deliver the patched Annex B text (with the edits above) or generate the three-file split. Your call.

**You said:**

I wont split the file itself, onoly make you generate it in 3 passes. make part 1

**ChatGPT said:**

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**Annex B — Canonical Test Pack (Updated)**

**Part 1 of 3 — Scope, Repository Layout, Schemas & File Contracts**

**1) Status & scope**

* **Normative.** Annex B is the single source of truth for machine verification of Docs **6A–6C**.
* **Oracle:** expected/hashes.json is the **only** normative comparator. Any expected/\*.json files are **informative** convenience copies.
* **Alignment:** Uses the updated ID scheme (ties **050/052**, **051 reserved**; presentation **060–062** excluded from FID).

**2) Repository layout (must)**

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/annex-b/

manifest.json # Case index (schema §3.1)

rng\_profile.json # Pinned RNG spec for random ties (Part 2 §2)

/schemas/ # JSON Schemas (normative)

manifest.schema.json

hashes.schema.json

/cases/

<CASE-ID>/

registry.json # Canonical inputs (Doc 1B)

tally.json

params.json

/expected/ # Informative (fat mode) + Normative hashes

result.json # (informative) canonical Result

run\_record.json # (informative) canonical RunRecord

frontier\_map.json # (informative) only when frontier\_expected=true

hashes.json # (normative) see §3.2

**Thin mode:** Only expected/hashes.json is required. If fat and thin artifacts are both present, **hashes.json governs**.

**3) File contracts (normative)**

**3.1 manifest.json**

Purpose: enumerate all test cases and their essential properties so runners can select/route without opening each case folder.

**Required structure**

* schema\_version: "1.x"
* engine\_matrix: string[] — target OS/arch identifiers (e.g., "linux-x86\_64").
* cases: Case[]

**Case object (required fields)**

* id: string — stable ID (e.g., "VM-TST-211").
* suite: "6A" | "6B" | "6C" — maps to Doc 6 parts.
* title: string
* purpose: string
* files: ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"] (fixed)
* expected\_mode: "fat" | "thin"
* frontier\_expected: boolean — true only if a frontier\_map.json is part of expected artifacts.
* tie\_expected: boolean — true when RunRecord.ties[] must be non-empty.
* features: string[] — tags to speed routing (e.g., ["gates","frontier","ties","protected","overrides"]).

Schema constraints: id unique; suite ∈ {6A,6B,6C}; files exactly the three filenames above; features values are free-form but lower\_snake\_case.

**3.2 expected/hashes.json (the oracle)**

Purpose: bind **inputs** to **expected outputs** via hashes, and pin the expected **FID** and tie expectations.

**Required structure**

* schema\_version: "1.x"
* expected\_fid: "<64hex>" — the FID both artifacts must report.
* inputs\_sha256: { registry, tally, params } — 64-hex of the **canonical** input JSON bytes.
* result\_sha256: "<64hex>"
* run\_record\_sha256: "<64hex>"
* frontier\_map\_sha256: "<64hex>" | null — must be non-null iff frontier\_expected=true in manifest.json.
* tie\_expectations (object, required; fields conditional):
  + policy: "status\_quo" | "deterministic\_order" | "random"
  + rng\_seed\_expected: integer ≥ 0 — **required iff** policy="random".
  + events\_expected: integer ≥ 0 — optional sanity check count for RunRecord.ties[].

**Binding rule:** Verifiers **must** check that the producer’s input digests match inputs\_sha256 **before** comparing output hashes.

**3.3 Canonical input files (per case)**

* registry.json, tally.json, params.json **must** already be in canonical JSON form (Doc 1A §2.1: UTF-8, LF, sorted keys; arrays ordered).
* They **must** validate against Doc 1B schemas and Annex A domains.

**3.4 Informative expected artifacts (fat mode only)**

* expected/result.json, expected/run\_record.json, expected/frontier\_map.json
  + If present, they are **informative**. Tools may display diffs for human debugging, but **hash comparisons are authoritative**.

**4) JSON Schemas (normative envelopes)**

**4.1 /schemas/manifest.schema.json (outline)**

* Enforces schema\_version, engine\_matrix (array of non-empty strings), and cases as an array of Case objects with required fields in §3.1.
* Constraints:
  + cases[].id unique across the array.
  + cases[].files **exactly** ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"].
  + cases[].expected\_mode ∈ {"fat","thin"}.
  + cases[].frontier\_expected and cases[].tie\_expected are booleans.

**4.2 /schemas/hashes.schema.json (outline)**

* Enforces schema\_version, expected\_fid as 64-hex, each \*\_sha256 as 64-hex or null per §3.2, and tie\_expectations.
* Conditional logic:
  + If tie\_expectations.policy = "random", then rng\_seed\_expected is **required**.
  + If frontier\_expected is true (from manifest for this case), then frontier\_map\_sha256 is **non-null**.

*(Full JSON Schemas can be generated from these outlines; they’re normative once committed.)*

**5) Norms & invariants (applies to all cases)**

* **Canonicalization:** All inputs and expected outputs are measured as canonical JSON bytes (Doc 1A §2.1).
* **FID linkage:** expected\_fid is authoritative; the producer’s Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id **must equal** it.
* **Thin vs fat:** When both are present, **hashes.json wins**; content of informative files must not override hashes.
* **No network:** Test runs must not perform network I/O (Docs 3A/5A).
* **Variable inclusion:** Verifiers recompute FID using only variables marked **Included** in Annex A; Excluded vars (e.g., 032–035, 052, 060–062) are ignored for FID.

**Next (Part 2):** Verification algorithm (step-by-step, incl. run\_id suffix rule), RNG profile (pinned spec), and matrix conformance.

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**Annex B — Canonical Test Pack (Updated)**

**Part 2 of 3 — Verification Algorithm, RNG Profile, Matrix Conformance**

**1) Verification algorithm (normative)**

Given a case folder /cases/<ID>/ and its expected/hashes.json (Part 1 §3.2):

**1.1 Inputs & canonicalization**

1. Read registry.json, tally.json, params.json.
2. Canonicalize each (Doc 1A §2.1: UTF-8, LF, **sorted keys**, arrays in spec order).
3. Compute sha256 of the canonical bytes and compare to inputs\_sha256.{registry,tally,params}. **Fail** the case if any mismatch.

**1.2 Run producer (engine)**

1. Invoke CLI per Doc 6 harness (no network; exit codes per Doc 3A/5A).
2. On non-zero exit, only cases explicitly designed to fail validation may do so (Doc 6A/6B describe those). Otherwise **fail**.

**1.3 Artifact identity & structure**

1. Canonicalize produced result.json and run\_record.json (and frontier\_map.json if it exists).
2. Compute:
   * RES: + sha256(canonical(result.json)) and compare to Result.result\_id.
   * RUN: + <timestamp> + - + sha256(canonical(run\_record.json)) and compare to RunRecord.run\_id.
     + **Rule:** Only the **hash suffix after the first hyphen** must match; the timestamp prefix may vary but **MUST** be RFC3339 UTC (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ or with Z offset).
   * If frontier\_map.json exists: FR: + sha256(canonical(frontier\_map.json)) vs frontier\_id (if embedded) and vs frontier\_map\_sha256 (expected).

**1.4 Hash oracle (authoritative)**

1. Compare computed output hashes to expected/hashes.json:
   * result\_sha256 (must match).
   * run\_record\_sha256 (must match).
   * frontier\_map\_sha256:
     + If manifest.frontier\_expected = true ⇒ **must be non-null and match**.
     + If manifest.frontier\_expected = false ⇒ **must be null** and producer **must not** emit a frontier\_map.json.

**1.5 FID integrity**

1. Recompute the **Normative Manifest** (Annex A “Included” set only; Doc 1A) from the **producer’s** ParameterSet; hash to FID; compare to:
   * expected\_fid (from hashes.json),
   * Result.formula\_id,
   * RunRecord.formula\_id.  
     All three must be equal.

**1.6 Variable echo & policy checks**

1. Verify RunRecord.vars\_effective **includes all outcome-affecting** VM-VARs actually used (Annex A Included set). Excluded vars may appear.
2. **Tie expectations** (from hashes.json.tie\_expectations):

* policy must equal the effective VM-VAR-050 in vars\_effective.
* If policy="random":
  + RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed **present** and equals rng\_seed\_expected.
  + Each ties[] entry has "policy":"random" and "seed":<same>.
  + If events\_expected provided, ties.length must equal it.
* If policy!="random": RunRecord.determinism.rng\_seed **absent**; ties[] may be empty or contain non-random events consistent with the policy (e.g., "status\_quo").

**1.7 Suite-specific assertions (Doc 6)**

1. Apply additional assertions from the relevant suite:

* **6A**: no RNG, no frontier; ordering checks.
* **6B**: gate reasons[] ordering (by VM-VAR ID then symbolic), protected bypass rules, frontier presence per case.
* **6C**: RNG usage only when a real tie exists; “**exactly k draws for a k-way tie**” (see RNG profile).

**Pass criteria:** All steps above succeed. Any deviation ⇒ **fail** the case.

**2) Verifier pseudocode (normative)**

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load expected = read\_json("expected/hashes.json")

canon\_inputs = { r = canon("registry.json"), t = canon("tally.json"), p = canon("params.json") }

assert sha256(canon\_inputs.r) == expected.inputs\_sha256.registry

assert sha256(canon\_inputs.t) == expected.inputs\_sha256.tally

assert sha256(canon\_inputs.p) == expected.inputs\_sha256.params

run\_engine("--registry registry.json --tally tally.json --params params.json --out outdir")

assert exit\_code in allowed\_for\_case

res = canon("outdir/result.json")

rr = canon("outdir/run\_record.json")

fm? = exists("outdir/frontier\_map.json") ? canon("outdir/frontier\_map.json") : null

assert ("RES:" + sha256(res)) == read\_json(res).result\_id

assert suffix\_after\_hyphen(read\_json(rr).run\_id) == sha256(rr)

if expected.frontier\_map\_sha256 != null:

assert fm? != null

assert sha256(fm?) == expected.frontier\_map\_sha256

else:

assert fm? == null

assert sha256(res) == expected.result\_sha256

assert sha256(rr) == expected.run\_record\_sha256

fid = recompute\_fid(IncludedVarsFromAnnexA, params\_from(rr or inputs))

assert fid == expected.expected\_fid

assert fid == read\_json(res).formula\_id == read\_json(rr).formula\_id

check\_vars\_effective(rr.vars\_effective, AnnexA.Included)

check\_tie\_expectations(rr, expected.tie\_expectations)

apply\_suite\_assertions(case.suite, res, rr, fm?, manifest)

**3) RNG profile (pinned, normative)**

The RNG used for VM-VAR-050="random" ties is frozen by /annex-b/rng\_profile.json. Engines and verifiers **must** implement it exactly.

**3.1 Required fields**

json

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{

"name": "xorshift128plus", // example; choose and freeze per release

"state\_bits": 128,

"seed\_type": "u64",

"endianness": "little",

"next\_u64\_spec": "formula or reference defining next()", // exact spec or paper ref

"draws\_per\_tie\_item": 1,

"tiebreak\_sort\_key": ["draw","option\_id"],

"test\_vectors": [

{ "seed": 0, "next\_u64\_first5": ["...","...","...","...","..."] },

{ "seed": 424242, "next\_u64\_first5": ["...","...","...","...","..."] }

],

"notes": "Use exactly k draws for a k-way tie; do not draw when no tie exists."

}

**3.2 Norms (must)**

* **Seeding:** Initialize once per run from **VM-VAR-052** (integer ≥ 0). No per-unit reseeding.
* **Consumption:** A **k-way** tie consumes **exactly k** 64-bit draws; subsequent ties resume from the current RNG state.
* **Permutation:** Order tied options by (draw\_value, option\_id) ascending to obtain a stable permutation.
* **Platform identity:** Implementation must produce **identical sequences** across OS/arch.
* **Change control:** Any change to rng\_profile.json (algorithm, seeding, or sort key) is **normative** ⇒ **new FID** and **regenerate all case hashes**.

**4) Matrix conformance (OS/arch)**

**4.1 Engine matrix**

manifest.json.engine\_matrix lists target platforms (e.g., ["linux-x86\_64","macos-arm64","windows-x86\_64"]). A release **passes** only if **all cases** pass on **all** listed targets.

**4.2 Identity requirement**

For the **same case** and **same inputs/ParameterSet** (including seed), produced artifacts **must** be byte-identical across all targets:

* Same result\_sha256 and run\_record\_sha256.
* If applicable, same frontier\_map\_sha256.
* Same Result.formula\_id and RunRecord.formula\_id.
* run\_id **hash suffix** identical; timestamp prefix may differ but must be RFC3339 UTC.

**4.3 CI gating (recommended, informative but expected in practice)**

* Validate both JSON Schemas (manifest.schema.json, hashes.schema.json).
* For each target in engine\_matrix, run every case, then compare produced hashes to expected/hashes.json.
* Fail the release if any target fails; publish per-target logs.

**5) Error classification during verification**

* **Input bind failure** (inputs don’t match inputs\_sha256) ⇒ case invalid (stop).
* **Producer exit code** outside the case’s allowance (per Doc 6 case design) ⇒ fail.
* **Canonicalization/ID mismatch** (RES:/RUN:/FR: rules) ⇒ fail.
* **Hash mismatch** vs expected/hashes.json ⇒ fail.
* **FID mismatch** (recomputed vs expected\_fid or artifact fields) ⇒ fail.
* **Tie/frontier expectation mismatch** (policy/seed/events/presence) ⇒ fail.

**Next (Part 3):** Suite catalog & examples (concise list of cases 6A (101–110), 6B (201–216), 6C (301–312) with minimal per-case metadata and sample hashes.json).

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**Annex B — Canonical Test Pack (Updated)**

**Part 3 of 3 — Suite Catalog & Examples (machine-usable)**

Below is a ready-to-commit **manifest.json** case catalog (concise but complete), plus **sample hashes.json** for one case in each suite.  
It follows the contracts from Parts 1–2 (hash oracle; run\_id suffix rule; RNG profile).

**1) manifest.json (full case list)**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"engine\_matrix": ["linux-x86\_64", "macos-arm64", "windows-x86\_64"],

"cases": [

// ---------- 6A: Allocation correctness (101–110) ----------

{

"id": "VM-TST-101",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Simple 2-option majority",

"purpose": "Baseline allocation; no ties; no gates; frontier off.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["allocation"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-102",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Three options — preserve registry order",

"purpose": "Allocation array keeps option.order\_index regardless of vote order.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["ordering","allocation"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-103",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Zero-vote minor option",

"purpose": "Zero votes do not imply invalidity or tie consumption.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["allocation"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-104",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Multiple units — deterministic iteration",

"purpose": "Units sorted by unit\_id; per-unit results correct.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["ordering","allocation"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-105",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Rounding policy application",

"purpose": "Family constants and rounding drive exact expected shares.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["rounding","allocation"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-106",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Large counts stability",

"purpose": "64-bit safety; canonicalization with big tallies.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["allocation","bigint"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-107",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Missing option in tally ⇒ validation error",

"purpose": "Referential integrity failure (no coerced zero rows).",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["validation","fk"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-108",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Duplicate order\_index ⇒ validation error",

"purpose": "Detect non-unique order\_index within a unit.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["validation","ordering"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-109",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "Sum of votes > valid\_ballots ⇒ validation error",

"purpose": "Sanity check on tallies.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["validation","sanity"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-110A",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "FID lock — labels fixed policy",

"purpose": "Presentation change only; FID constant across 110A/110B.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["fid","labels"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-110B",

"suite": "6A",

"title": "FID lock — labels dynamic policy",

"purpose": "Presentation change only; FID constant across 110A/110B.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["fid","labels"]

},

// ---------- 6B: Gates & Frontier (201–216) ----------

{

"id": "VM-TST-201",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Eligibility threshold (020) invalidates unit",

"purpose": "Unit becomes Invalid; reasons include 020.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","eligibility"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-202",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Multiple eligibility failures — ordered reasons",

"purpose": "Record all reasons in ascending VM-VAR ID order.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","reasons\_order"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-203",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Symmetry exceptions (029) narrow override",

"purpose": "029 exempts a unit; unit remains valid; record applied\_exceptions.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","exceptions"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-204",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Precedence 030 over 029",

"purpose": "030 exclude wins over 029 exception; reasons reflect 030.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","precedence"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-205",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Integrity floor (031) cannot be bypassed",

"purpose": "Invalid even if 029/045 would allow eligibility.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","integrity"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-206",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Protected area (045=allow) bypasses eligibility",

"purpose": "Unit valid; protected\_bypass=true; no reason for bypassed gate.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","protected"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-207",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Protected area cannot bypass integrity (031)",

"purpose": "Invalid; reasons include 031; protected\_bypass absent/false.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","protected","integrity"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-208",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Frontier pre-check failure recorded",

"purpose": "Missing frontier inputs ⇒ validity failure token 'frontier\_missing\_inputs'.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","frontier","precheck"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-210",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Frontier disabled",

"purpose": "No frontier\_map; allocations unaffected; FID excludes 034.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-211",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Frontier banded — entry cut",

"purpose": "Deterministic gating; diagnostics emitted.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","diagnostics"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-212A",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "FrontierMap toggle — on",

"purpose": "034=true: file present; allocations/FID unchanged vs 212B.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","diagnostics","toggle\_034"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-212B",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "FrontierMap toggle — off",

"purpose": "034=false: file absent; allocations/FID unchanged vs 212A.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","toggle\_034"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-213",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Advanced window (047) near cut",

"purpose": "047 expands/contracts effective band; flips at margins per fixture.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","047"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-214",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Backoff policy (048)",

"purpose": "Borderline handling: none vs soften vs harden.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","048"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-215",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Strictness (049) multiplies effects",

"purpose": "Compare strict vs lenient with fixed 047/048.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","049"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-216",

"suite": "6B",

"title": "Ladder mode with autonomy map (046)",

"purpose": "Deterministic package selection across steps.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["frontier","ladder","046"]

},

// ---------- 6C: Determinism & Ties (301–312) ----------

{

"id": "VM-TST-301",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Reproducibility (no RNG)",

"purpose": "Identical runs produce byte-identical artifacts.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["determinism"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-302",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Deterministic tie by order\_index",

"purpose": "Resolve 2/3-way ties via registry order; no RNG; ties[] may be empty.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["ties","deterministic\_order"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-303",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Status quo policy path",

"purpose": "Policy applied; ties[] entries present (no seed).",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","status\_quo"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-304",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Random tie, 2-way, fixed seed",

"purpose": "Permutation stable across runs; rng\_seed echoed.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","seed"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-305",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Random tie, 3-way, fixed seed",

"purpose": "k draws, sort by (draw, option\_id).",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","seed"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-306A",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Seed variation A",

"purpose": "Different seed can change outcomes where ties exist; FID unchanged.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","seed","fid"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-306B",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Seed variation B",

"purpose": "Companion to 306A (different seed).",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","seed","fid"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-307",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Random policy but no ties",

"purpose": "No RNG use; rng\_seed absent; identical to deterministic order.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["ties","random","no\_tie"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-308",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Multiple tie events (k draws per event)",

"purpose": "3-way then 2-way consume draws in order; permutations match fixture.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","draw\_count"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-309",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Repeated ties within one unit",

"purpose": "Independent tie points consume sequential draws.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","draw\_order"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-310",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Policy change alters FID; seed does not",

"purpose": "050 in FID; 052 excluded.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","fid","seed"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-311A",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Random ties — frontier off",

"purpose": "Baseline with random ties and 040='none'.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-311B",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Random ties — frontier on",

"purpose": "Same permutations as 311A; frontier diagnostics may emit.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "fat",

"frontier\_expected": true,

"tie\_expected": true,

"features": ["ties","random","frontier"]

},

{

"id": "VM-TST-312",

"suite": "6C",

"title": "Invalid unit ⇒ no tie resolution",

"purpose": "Gates pre-empt ties; no RNG for invalid unit.",

"files": ["registry.json","tally.json","params.json"],

"expected\_mode": "thin",

"frontier\_expected": false,

"tie\_expected": false,

"features": ["gates","ties","integrity"]

}

]

}

**2) Example hashes.json (one per suite)**

Replace <64hex> with real hashes from your canonical outputs. These are **normative**.

**2.1 6A example — cases/VM-TST-101/expected/hashes.json**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"expected\_fid": "<64hex>",

"inputs\_sha256": {

"registry": "<64hex>",

"tally": "<64hex>",

"params": "<64hex>"

},

"result\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"run\_record\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"frontier\_map\_sha256": null,

"tie\_expectations": {

"policy": "deterministic\_order"

}

}

**2.2 6B example — cases/VM-TST-211/expected/hashes.json**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"expected\_fid": "<64hex>",

"inputs\_sha256": {

"registry": "<64hex>",

"tally": "<64hex>",

"params": "<64hex>"

},

"result\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"run\_record\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"frontier\_map\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"tie\_expectations": {

"policy": "deterministic\_order"

}

}

**2.3 6C example — cases/VM-TST-304/expected/hashes.json**

json

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{

"schema\_version": "1.x",

"expected\_fid": "<64hex>",

"inputs\_sha256": {

"registry": "<64hex>",

"tally": "<64hex>",

"params": "<64hex>"

},

"result\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"run\_record\_sha256": "<64hex>",

"frontier\_map\_sha256": null,

"tie\_expectations": {

"policy": "random",

"rng\_seed\_expected": 424242,

"events\_expected": 1

}

}

**3) Notes for implementers (brief)**

* **IDs:** Do not renumber; subcases (110A/B, 212A/B, 306A/B, 311A/B) exist **only** to supply unique expected hashes when a single narrative test requires two distinct runs.
* **Fat vs thin:** If you include expected/\*.json, ensure they match the hashes; **hashes.json governs** in case of conflict.
* **RNG:** Ensure your rng\_profile.json (Annex B Part 2 §3) is identical across OS/arch; changing it requires a **new FID** and regenerating **all** hashes.

That’s the full Annex B generated across three passes. If you want, I can save these JSON stubs into your repo structure now so your CI can start wiring against them.

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Doc 7 — Reporting Specification (Structure, Templates & Visual Rules).md

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are all those files very well aligned ? no discrepencies?

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Short answer: almost. Two misalignments remain.

1. #FID scope for the tie seed (VM-VAR-052)

* **Doc 2A currently says 052 is in FID** (it even lists “Complete 2A membership … **050–052**”).
* **Everywhere else excludes 052 from FID**: Annex A marks 052 as **Excluded**, 050 **Included**; Annex A also reiterates presentation 060–062 are Excluded. Glossary says “Tie seed (052) … *Excluded from FID*.” Doc 6C’s acceptance template: changing **052** alone **does not** change FID.

**Fix**

* **Doc 2A §4.5 (“Ties — pointer only”)**: change the sentence that implies both tie controls are “outcome-affecting and therefore included” to:  
  “VM-VAR-050 is Included (affects outcomes); VM-VAR-052 is Excluded from FID (seed only).”
* **Doc 2A end of §4 (“Complete 2A membership for FID”)**: replace … 050–052 … with … \*\*050\*\* … (remove 052).

1. #Where the RNG profile is pinned

* **Doc 3A** says the RNG algorithm/profile is fixed by **Annex A**.
* **Spec elsewhere points to Annex B**: Annex A’s intro points to Annex B for the RNG profile; Annex B explicitly carries it; Glossary also says “defined in Annex B §7”.

**Fix**

* **Doc 3A §4 (“RNG profile for ties”)**: change “fixed by Annex A” → “fixed by **Annex B** (rng\_profile.json)”.
* **Doc 4C constraint line** also says “RNG … fixed in Annex A” — update to Annex B for consistency.

Everything else looks aligned:

* Tie IDs live at **050 (policy)** / **052 (seed)** with **051 reserved** across docs.
* Presentation variables **060–062** are consistently marked non-FID, and reporting rules defer to the engine’s computed labels.
* Deterministic ordering, tie logging, and “k draws for a k-way tie” are consistent across 4C/6C.

If you want, I can apply those two edits and regenerate Doc 2A + Doc 3A + Doc 4C with the corrected references.

Sources

**You said:**

update this, according to what you jsut said 4.5 Ties — pointer only (variables live in Doc 2B) (Referential note): Tie controls are VM-VAR-050 (tie\_policy) and VM-VAR-052 (tie\_seed). They are specified and defaulted in Doc 2B but are outcome-affecting and therefore included in FID. Used by: Doc 4C Tie resolution; Doc 5C ResolveTies; Doc 6C determinism. Complete 2A membership for FID (by range): 001–007, 010–017, 020–029 (incl. 021), 030–031 (if present in Annex A), 040–048, 050–052, 073. Presentation/reporting ranges (e.g., 060–062) are not in 2A (see Doc 2B).

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Here’s the corrected replacement text.

**4.5 Ties — pointer only (variables live in Doc 2B)**  
(Referential note): Tie controls are **VM-VAR-050** (*tie\_policy*) and **VM-VAR-052** (*tie\_seed*). They are specified and defaulted in Doc 2B. **VM-VAR-050 is Included in FID (affects outcomes); VM-VAR-052 is Excluded from FID (seed only).** The RNG algorithm/profile used for random ties is pinned in **Annex B** (rng\_profile.json).  
**Used by:** Doc 4C (tie resolution); Doc 5B (VM-FUN-008 ResolveTies); Doc 5C (TieLog); Doc 6C (determinism).

**Complete 2A membership for FID (by range):**  
001–007, 010–017, 020–031 (incl. 021, 029–031), 040–049, 050, 073.

**Excluded (presentation/reporting or seed):**  
032–035, 052, 060–062 (see Doc 2B)