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## JTC 1 Supplement Linking to the ISO/IEC Directives and the Standing Documents

Canada has a major concern with the way the JTC 1 Supplement and Standing Documents are being structured, laid out and integrated. Canada believes this could create a long term problem for JTC1 in the management and documentation of its processes.

Canada considers that it is unacceptable for there to be the possibility of confusion as to where an element in the Supplement applies to the ISO/IEC Directives, and the scope of that application. Further it is essential that this set of documents must be straightforward to use without error, not only by those intimately familiar with the materials, but also those that are relatively new to JTC 1 processes.

Finally, the set of documents **MUST** be usable without error, either as:

- an integrated whole (as has frequently been discussed in SWG-D, and is being used by SWG-D in the development of the JTC 1 Supplement), or
- through the use of a "linking document" (as has also been discussed by SWG-D), or
- as separate standalone documents.

Specific examples of problems and issues identified:

| Issue  | Problem   |
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| Significant JTC 1 directives issues have been contorted to attempt to fit the directives layout                                  | PAS and Voting have been placed in Annexes, while Fast Track and Meetings is in the main portion, or in Standing Documents.   |
| The creation of long (sometimes in excess of a page) chains of paragraphs that have only a single high level number              | Makes referencing of material problematic   |
| Users of this document now must contend with the Directives, the JTC 1 supplement, four annexes, and fourteen Standing Documents | The research of almost any topic will involve extended searches over many of these documents, with the incumbent confusion of peoples whos job it is to specify standards, not manage processes |

The above is problematic for current JTC 1 members and a nightmare for any new members.

There is a JTC 1 corporate management requirement to completely integrate the ISO/IEC directives, the JTC1 supplement and all of the SD's. Primary principles of such an integration are:

- Uniqueness of references; and
- Any integration of the ISO/IEC Directives, JTC 1 Supplement and the Standing Documents, or development of a "linking document" **MUST** not be dependent upon the user using a specific product but **MUST** be open source based.

These issues must be solved before the directives package can be presented to JTC 1. Further, the issue must be solved within the JTC 1 material, i.e. the JTC 1 Supplement and Standing Documents.