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# 31 **1 Scope**

- 32 This Standing Document provides JTC 1 guidance for the preparation, distribution and archiving of electronic
- documents, both within JTC 1 groups and for submission to ISO/IEC for further processing. In many cases, wider
- 34 latitude is given for document preparation and distribution within JTC 1 entities, while stricter requirements are
- imposed on documents submitted to ISO/IEC for further processing.
- 36 In order to make information on ISO/IEC JTC 1 and its activities available to the widest range of audiences, it is
- 37 essential that documents prepared in accordance with this Standing Document, to be distributed electronically be
- 38 provided in an accessible format.
- 39 This document shall be used in conjunction with the JTC 1 Supplement to the ISO/IEC Directives Part 1, and in a
- 40 manner that is consistent with the policies and procedures of the ISO Central Secretariat and the IEC Central
- 41 Office. National laws and current ISO/IEC policies regarding copyright and intellectual property rights shall be
- 42 respected.
- 43 Related Documentation:
- ISO eServices Guide & eServices Update, and Guides to ISO IT applications
   (http://www.iso.org/ISOeServicesGuide)
- Provision of texts and graphics in electronic form (http://www.iso.org/iso/provfile.pdf)
- ITSIG specification for the preparation and exchange of graphics (http://www.iso.org/iso/grpspec.pdf)
- FAQ for graphics (http://www.iso.org/iso/grph\_faq.pdf)
- ISO templates (http://www.iso.org/templates)
- IEC templates (http://www.iec.ch/tiss/forms-templ.htm)
- ITU-T templates (http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/templates/index.html)

#### 52 2 Distribution Media

- 53 JTC 1 documents are provided externally through the ISO Central Secretariat and the IEC Central Office, the JTC
- 1 Secretariat and by the National Bodies. Appropriate media, as selected by these agencies, is used for
- distribution, and typically, it will consist of non-revisable documents posted to well-known web pages or through a
- storefront application. FTP may continue in use as a useful file transfer protocol, not only for efficiency purposes
- 57 but also for accessibility purposes.

#### 58 3 Virus Checking

- All Secretariats and other entities charged with maintaining repositories shall use well-maintained anti-virus
- 60 software to verify that files are virus-free. Document users also share the responsibility for an overall virus-free
- 61 environment and are strongly encouraged to utilise up-to-date anti-virus software capable of scanning and
- 62 verifying documents accessed via the Web.
- It is the responsibility of any party, including a document user, to alert the Secretariat if it detects a virus in a
- 64 distributed document. This will assist in minimising the spread of the virus. Appropriate actions in response to
- such notice include notification to recipients of the document (as possible); document removal; and replacing the
- 66 stored document with a 'clean' version.

#### 4 Document Abstracts

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- An Executive Summary or Abstract is required within JTC 1 for all standards and technical reports; however, this
- 69 is not required for ISO/IEC documents. The ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, 2004, 6.2.1 says "The scope shall be
- succinct so that it can be used as a summary for bibliographic purposes."

# 71 5 Principal Document Sequences

72 The following principal document production sequences are used within JTC 1.

#### 73 5.1 International Standards

- New Work Item Proposal (NP)
- 75 Working Draft (WD)
- 76 Committee Draft (CD)
- Draft International Standard (DIS/FDIS)
- 78 International Standard (IS)

# 79 5.2 Technical Reports

- New Work Item Proposal (NP)
- Working Draft (WD)
- Proposed Draft Technical Report (PDTR)
- Draft Technical Report (DTR)
- Technical Report (TR)
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#### 86 5.3 Amendments

- New Work Item Proposal (NP)
- Working Draft (WD)
- Proposed Draft Amendment (PDAM/FPDAM)
- Draft Amendment (DAM/FDAM)
- 91 Amendment (AMD)

# 92 5.4 Corrigenda

- 93 Defect Report (DR)
- Draft Technical Corrigendum (DCOR)
- 95 Technical Corrigendum (COR)

# 96 6 Document Formats

- 97 Within JTC 1 entities, and for documents that are not transmitted to ISO/IEC, a JTC 1 entity may approve the use
- 98 of alternative document formats if it is concluded that the formats used for submission to ISO/IEC are not optimal
- 99 for internal use. However, if this is done, there must be careful consideration given to using formats which are not
- 100 common, and which might present issues when conversion is made to formats allowed for further processing at
- 101 ISO/IEC.

The set of allowed formats for documents submitted to ISO/IEC is contained in the *Provision of texts and graphics* 

in electronic form<sup>1</sup>. Further information may also be found by an examination of the ISO eServices interface used

for document submission (see <a href="http://isotc.iso.org/livelink/si">http://isotc.iso.org/livelink/si</a>), although an issued login from ISO/IEC is needed to

access this site. National Bodies and others entities allowed to actually submit documents will have a login.

106 The <u>Provision of texts and graphics in electronic form</u> also contains information on graphical file formats,

.html/.xhtml file formats, formats used for direct reference files (.pdf), and rules for the publication of documents

on CD-ROM or DVD.

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109 For use within JTC 1 entities, graphics embedded in web-based revisable documents should be provided in GIF,

JPEG, SVG or PNG formats; however, JTC 1 SWG-Accessibility recommends the use of SVG, and that from an

accessibility perspective both SVG and PNG should be preferred over JPEG and GIF.

112 For submission to ISO/IEC, guidance on graphics formats is provided in the documents noted in Section 1 above.

As there are different acceptable document formats, the following table of recommended document formats is

based on the intended use of the final document within JTC 1. The appropriate ISO/IEC guidelines specify the

allowed formats for ISO/IEC use, both for input into ITTF and ultimate publication.

Intended Use of Final Document in JTC 1		Document Format					
		TXT	DOC	DOCX	ODT	WP	PDF
Simple Administrative Document	R	R	Р	Р	Р	Р	R
Simple Technical Document	Р	R	Р	Р	Р	Р	R
ISO/IEC Standard in preparation	Р	NR	R	R	R	Р	Р
Joint ISO/IEC and ITU-T	NR	NR	R	R	R	Р	Р
Standard/Recommendation in Preparation							
Document intended for Web page browsing	R	Р	Р	Р	Р	NR	Р

#### KEY:

R Recommended

P Permitted

NR Not Recommended

Note: A Simple Technical Document is a document used in the preparation of the standard, such as a contribution, but is not an actual standard in development.

#### 117 7 Document Structure

- Non-standards documents should be in single column format, which is more readable via electronic media and because of potential problems with assistive technology.
- Standards documents should conform to either of the following (as appropriate) concerning the rules for the presentation, structure and drafting of International Standards:
- For documents which will be submitted to ISO or IEC:
- 123 See ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards.

http://www.iso.org/iso/standards development/processes and procedures/drafting standards/guidelines for the preparation and submission of texts.htm and

http://www.iso.org/iso/standards\_development/processes\_and\_procedures/drafting\_standards/guidelines\_for\_the\_preparation\_and\_submission\_of\_graphics.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See http://www.iso.org/iso/provfile.pdf,

- For presentation purposes, Project editors shall make use of the ISO STD template provided by the ISO
- 125 Central Secretariat, unless there is an agreement with ISO/CS to do otherwise.
- For documents which will be submitted to both ISO/IEC and ITU-T:
- Project editors are encouraged to make use of the templates provided by the ISO Central Secretariat, the IEC Central Office or the ITU-T Technical Standards Bureau as appropriate.

# 8 Document Server Navigation Structure / Document Distribution

- 130 Each SC and WG should define its navigational structure for document distribution. All SC and WG documents
- shall be posted to the appropriate SC or WG level web pages. All parent JTC 1 documents should be located on
- the JTC 1 web pages but may be referenced (e.g. linked to) by the SC or WG web pages as needed. The JTC 1
- home page URL is <a href="http://www.JTC1.org">http://www.JTC1.org</a>. Links to all SC and WG home pages should be via the JTC 1 home
- 134 page and vice versa.

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- 135 Documents specified as "Defined Access" (see Section 11.1 below) may be copied between JTC 1 and SC/WG
- web sites in order to simplify distribution without the need for multiple passwords.

# 137 9 File Naming Schema

- 138 JTC 1 entities shall name their machine-readable files according to the criteria in this section; the actual
- 139 characters or words used in the file name should be as meaningful as possible and follow a scheme used
- 140 consistently within the entity for all file names.
- 141 For example, "iso-dis-3456-3.pdf" would be based on a concise schema showing only the kind of document and
- document number. "SWGA-359-January-2009-SWG-A-Agenda.html" would add further information, as would
- 143 "JTC-1-N-9439-JTC-Supplement-to-the-ISO-IEC-Directives.doc".
- As a practical limit, use a maximum of 70 characters in the file name, as this will facilitate line-by-line file name
- listings as well as use with existing ISO/IEC reporting tools [see related documentation above]. In the case of
- filenames used for CD/DVD distribution, consult the ISO eServices Guide.
- 147 The range of permitted characters is similarly limited for interoperability and ease of use:
- <u>allowed characters</u>: the numbers 0 to 9; the upper case letters A to Z; the lower case letters a to z without diacritical marks; and the two symbols (hyphen) and . (period);
- <u>disallowed characters</u>: the following 14 symbols \ / ; : \* ? " < > | ! + % and \_ (underscore); further, the name must not include white space.
- 152 In order to provide clarity and interoperability, an appropriate file name extension is always required in the full file
- 153 name. Therefore, the period (.) shall be used and only used once per filename, to separate the actual file name
- from the file name extension. The extensions are usually added by application programs and should not normally
- be modified.

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- 156 Further information regarding filename characters and schemas at ISO/IEC may be found in *Provision of texts*
- and graphics in electronic form (<a href="http://www.iso.org/iso/provfile.pdf">http://www.iso.org/iso/provfile.pdf</a>).
- 158 In schemes where numbers are used to identify documents in file names, if a document replaces an earlier
- numbered document a new number shall be assigned (i.e. "N-346-Revised.pdf" is not permitted.)

# 10 Document Register Log

- On the JTC 1 and subcommittee internal web sites, a master document register log shall be maintained in
- descending order for internal use (most recent document first), allowing for character string search of the register.

- 163 To enable easier downloading of the register for local use, the register will also be organised in 50 document
- increments. The document register will contain those elements of the cover sheet deemed to be useful for
- document identification as defined below. The hyperlinked register will, when selected, provide a copy of the
- document to those with authorised access.
- 167 Cover sheets to documents shall be based on the forms shown in the JTC 1 Forms folder found on the JTC 1
- web site, and further information on information structure (such as "DATE: CCYY-MM-DD") is found in the sample
- 169 forms.

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- Notice of documents newly posted to a document store shall be announced via an e-mail message to the
- 171 appropriate electronic distribution list. The e-mail message shall contain the following items:
- 172 Committee Name
- Date of posting ("CCYY-MM-DD")
  - Seguential issue serial number (i.e. Issue 001)
- Document numbers found on the issue (e.g. "N 17, 19, 21"; "N 25-30"; or "Documents in the range of N 100-176")
- Applicable segment of the document Register Log as defined above.
- 178 Secretariats are strongly encouraged to provide meeting agendas that are hyperlinked with all posted documents
- placed in a single folder for download prior to the meeting.

# 180 **11 E-mail Lists**

- 181 Unless equivalent functionality is provided by automated tools, each Secretariat shall establish a list of e-mail
- addresses that replicates the committee's formal distribution list, together with appropriate committee officers.
- 183 Any member that does not have an e-mail address may be listed with a facsimile number.
- 184 In some instances, and only upon written confirmation of the member, responsibility for receipt and distribution of
- documents may be delegated to the member's Head of Delegation or another identified expert.
- 186 Secretariats may establish a separate distribution list, including additional addresses (i.e. individual experts, etc.),
- 187 for exchange of less formal documents. Registered experts on such mailing lists require their national body
- agreement to gain regular access to formal documents.

# 189 12 Access Control to JTC 1 documents

#### 12.1 Open and restricted documents

- 191 ISO, IEC and JTC 1 policies require that while some information is publicly available, other information must be
- 192 kept private to defined recipients. Document availability, action identifiers and acceptable forms of distribution are
- defined in the following tables.
- 194 The ISO/IEC standardisation process encourages the widest possible dissemination of working documents
- 195 needed for preparing standards free of charge within the ISO/IEC System to ensure that all interested parties
- have the opportunity to contribute to the development of a standard.
- 197 In this context, the "ISO/IEC System" means:
- the member bodies of ISO and IEC, specifically those who have elected to be P-members of a JTC 1 entity (although O-members and non-members are entitled to receive documentation on request),
- 200 JTC 1 liaison organisations,
- the delegates accredited by ISO/IEC members and liaison organisation to participate in JTC 1 committee meetings.
- experts appointed to JTC 1 working groups, and

- members of national committees corresponding to JTC 1 committee and their sponsoring organisations (e.g. trade associations, government departments, etc.).
- As shown in the following table, the three general modes of document distribution (unless further defined by ISO/IEC) are:
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- Defined-Access (access limited to participants in the ISO System); and
- Open (no restrictions or passwords required).
- 211 Action Identifiers are shown in a table at the end of the following list.

Document Classification/Type	Action Identifier	Acceptable Forms of Distribution			
Official Publications					
Procedural Documentation	FYI	Paper, Open			
ISO TC Communiqué	FYI	Paper, Open			
Published International Standard	FYI	Defined by ISO/IEC			
Published Amendment	FYI	Defined by ISO/IEC			
Published Technical Report	FYI	Defined by ISO/IEC			
Published Technical Specification	FYI	Defined by ISO/IEC			
Published Technical Corrigendum	FYI	Defined by ISO/IEC			
Project-related	Documents	•			
Proposed NP (proposal under review by WG or SC)	COM or LB	Paper, Open			
Text for NP ballot (text submitted to JTC 1 for ballot)	LB	Paper, Open			
Working Draft Text (for information or comment)	FYI or COM	Paper, Open			
Working Draft Amendment Text (for information or comment)	FYI or COM	Paper, Open			
Working Draft Technical Report Text (for information or comment)	FYI or COM	Paper, Open			
Working Draft Technical Specification Text (for information or comment)	FYI or COM	Paper, Open			
Text for CD ballot or comment	LB or COM	Paper, Open			
Text for PDAM ballot or comment	LB or COM	Paper, Open			
Text for PDTR ballot or comment	LB or COM	Paper, Open			
Defect Report	СОМ	Paper, Open			
Text for DIS ballot (Fast Track/PAS document)	ITTF	Defined-Access			
Text for DTR ballot	LB	Paper, Defined-Access			
Text for DCOR ballot	LB	Paper, Defined-Access			
Text for DAM ballot	LB	Open			
Text for FDIS ballot	ITTF	Defined-Access			
Text for FDAM ballot	ITTF	Defined-Access			
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Revised DIS text for review (Fast Track/PAS document)	ACT	Defined-Access
Revised DTR text for NB review or ITU-T action	FYI	Paper, Defined-Access
Revised DCOR text for NB review or ITU-T action	FYI	Paper, Defined-Access
Final Text Submitted for IS Publication	ITTF	Paper, Defined-Access
Final Text Submitted for AMD Publication	ITTF	Paper, Defined-Access
Final Text Submitted for TR Publication	ITTF	Paper, Defined-Access
Final Text Submitted for ISP Publication	ITTF	Paper, Defined-Access
Final Text Submitted for COR Publication	ITTF	Paper, Defined-Access
Summary of Voting/Table of Replies	FYI or ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Disposition of Comments	FYI or COM	Paper, Defined-Access
Instructions to editor	ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Notice of Publication	FYI	Paper, Open
National Body Contribution	FYI, COM, or ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Officer's Contribution	FYI or COM	Paper, Defined-Access
(Contribution from Chairman, Convener, Rapporteur, etc.)		
Liaison Organisation Contribution	FYI, COM, or ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Outgoing Liaison Statement	FYI or ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Request for Periodic Review	ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Administrative	Documents	
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Document Register	FYI	Paper, Open
Management Report	FYI or ACT	Paper, Open Paper, Open
Secretariat Report	FYI or ACT	
Programme of Work Programme Extension Document	ACT	Paper, Open
	FYI	Paper, Open
Standing Document	FII	Paper, Open
Meeting Announcement	FYI or ACT	Paper, Open
Meeting Agenda	FYI	Paper, Open
Call for delegates	ACT	Paper, Open
Logistical information for meeting	FYI	Paper, Open
Meeting Report	FYI	Paper, Open
Resolutions	FYI	Paper, Open
Call for officer	ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Vote on officer nomination	LB	Paper, Defined-Access
Notification of appointment of officer	FYI	Paper, Open
Information from SC Secretariat	FYI, COM, or ACT	Paper, Defined-Access
Information from JTC 1 Secretariat	FYI or COM	Paper, Defined-Access
Information from ISO Central Secretariat	FYI or COM	varies

Information from IEC Central Office	FYI or COM	varies
Information from ITTF	FYI or COM	varies
Press Release	FYI	Paper, Open
National Body Activity Report	FYI	Paper, Defined-Access
Request for comments	COM	Paper, Defined-Access
Other document	varies	varies

# 214 Action Identifiers

Identifier	Action	Examples		
LB	TC or SC letter ballot	<ul> <li>NP/CD/PDAM/PDTR for ballot</li> </ul>		
COM	For comment	WD/CD for comment		
		<ul> <li>Strategic Plan</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>New procedural document</li> </ul>		
ACT	Action required by identified group	<ul> <li>Summary of Voting for consideration at</li> </ul>		
		Editing Meeting		
		<ul> <li>National Body Contribution</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Incoming Liaison Statement for</li> </ul>		
		consideration at WG meeting		
ITTF	ITTF action expected	<ul> <li>Revised CD/PDAM to ITTF for DIS/DAM</li> </ul>		
		registration		
		<ul> <li>Revised DIS/DAM/DTR/DCOR to ITTF</li> </ul>		
		for publication		
FYI	For information	<ul> <li>Document Register</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Disposition of Comments</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Meeting Report</li> </ul>		

#### 12.2 Access control

- 218 Security controls (using password and/or ID protection) shall be incorporated into web sites where appropriate to
- 219 meet these policies. Following ISO TMB resolution 71/2001<sup>2</sup>, a personal e-mail address, used as a login ID, may
- be required. When FTP capabilities are provided as an additional distribution mechanism, the same password/ID
- combinations should work no matter which method is used.

# 13 Text Area for A4 and North American Paper Sizes

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Paper	A4	North American
Size	210 mm wide	216 mm wide, (8 1/2" wide)
	297 mm high	279 mm high , (11" high)
MAXIMUM common text area for each paper size	177 mm wide	179 mm (7.05") wide
	256 mm high	253 mm (9.96") high
Minimum Margins for placing a common text area	Top 13 mm	Top 13 mm
	Bottom 28 mm	Bottom 13 mm
	Left 20 mm	Left 20 mm
	Right 13 mm	Right 17 mm

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Symmetrical margins which are more generous than the above minimum margins enhance electronic readability.

# 14 ISO/IEC JTC 1 Web Server Policy

#### 227 Definitions:

- <u>Web Page Structure</u>: The minimal structure of web based pages for JTC 1 and its SCs (jointly referred to simply as *committee*). It is *not* intended to dictate structure or content at the WG level.
  - Web Server Content: The minimal structure/content of JTC 1 and SC web servers
  - Web Server Maintenance: Policy concerning the maintenance of those web pages

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# $^2$ <u>Technical Management Board Resolution 71/2001</u> - **Nomination of individuals as authorized representatives of member bodies**. The Technical Management Board,

- noting the increasing use of Internet-based collaborative working environments for the developments of standards.
- recognizing that the registration of a member body with its generic e-mail address (such as postmaster@xyz.org) to ISO committees can result in delayed or failed transmission of notifications to the individual(s) in the member body dealing with the particular committee,
- **further noting** that the use of shared login-names and passwords to manage access by individual experts and member body representatives to committee sites can cause serious security problems due to the potential for uncontrolled spread of the login information,

requests that, if a committee works in an Internet-based collaborative working environment, the member bodies provide the name and e-mail address of the individual(s) responsible in their organization for dealing with the particular ISO committee or working group to the secretary of that committee or working group for registration.

# 232 14.1 Web Page Structure

- 233 Every JTC 1/SC web page shall contain the following structural elements. These elements may appear in any
- order; however it is highly recommended that the committee retain the same style for all pages within the
- 235 committee's purview.
- Title Block (should have a common "look-and-feel" within the committee)
- 237 Title of committee with the ISO/IEC logo.
- 238 The page author and date created or last modified (preferably generated automatically)
- 239 A version number

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- Optional use of a common background image may also be employed.
- 241 Optional committee logo if desired
- **Body** contains information specific to the committee. The use of forward navigational pointers is highly recommended
- Web Master information who to contact for errors, suggestions, etc.
- Consistent Set of Back Pointers (for example the Parent Committee main page, Committee web-page design guidelines, primary site information, etc.)

#### 247 14.2 Web Server Content

- Each web server (JTC 1 and SC) shall provide the following, mandatory information in the form of web pages
- 249 which conform to the common look and feel of the Web Page Structure appropriate to the committee.
- Description of the Organisation Structure of the committee
- Committee Membership (List of P, O, L members and the contact information for liaisons and rapporteurs)
- 252 Committee Meeting schedule
- Next meeting information
- 254 Agenda
- 255 Venue
- 256 Programme of Work
- A single document register for all committee documents
- 258 Personnel information on officers and members
- 259 Although optional, each secretariat is strongly encouraged to add the following information as appropriate.
- 260 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Page
- 261 Ballot information
- 262 Due dates

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- Document number of balloted text
- 264 Document number of Summary of Voting
- Procedures (which may simply point to the parent committee's procedures)
- News and Press releases
- Links to committee relevant Publications and Standards
- Links to non-JTC 1 sites shall be done in such a way that it is obvious to the viewer that what is being viewed is NOT under the auspices or control of JTC 1. This is especially important in frame-based sites.

## 270 14.3 Web Server Maintenance

• "Open" vs. "Defined-Access" Documents

The committee shall distinguish between "Open" access vs. "Defined-Access" documents as noted in a previous section of this document.

#### Password Protection

The server administrator shall provide appropriate limited access to non-members by the use of group level passwords with appropriate notification to users. Non-members attempting to access protected pages shall be automatically replied to with a message stating the criteria for access.

#### Data Integrity

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- Site shall be backed up automatically
- All documents shall contain authorship and timestamp information
- The original document shall be considered the "source" document. NBs or committees may utilise the source document in a variety of ways:
  - By simply linking to it or e-mailing its URL (highly recommended in the event that there is no password involved)
  - Creating a new document with a unique document number representing a cover letter plus the content of the original document
  - o NB mirroring of the original document

In the event of a difference in content between the original and the copy, the content of the original shall take preference. It is therefore up to the administrator of the mirror site or new document to ensure its integrity.

- All web sites shall utilise virus-checking technology. In the event a virus is detected, the files shall be cleaned prior to updating or retransmission and the original sender of the infected file notified of the infection.
- Document Registration, Retention and Archival
  - Hierarchy

Structured with a register list showing one screen view for each block of 50 documents

Access

Each register shall show document numbers, titles, issue dates, and due dates; and further shall include those documents produced by the committee before electronic documents were available.

Register entries shall be hot-linked to the actual documents where available

Provisions shall be provided to download documents as a package (e.g. for documents with enclosures, annexes, drawings, embedded data, etc.)

Provision shall be made for providing paper printouts of documents to those with no web access.

o On-line Retention

Documents shall be retained on the web site for a minimum of two years or two complete plenary cycles, whichever is greater.

o Archival

After the retention period, documents may be removed from on-line availability and shall be available from the secretariat in a format at the discretion of the secretariat. All WGs and SCs shall formulate a policy for the maintenance of their archives and share it on their web site together with information on the format in which the archived documents are available; further, SCs shall include this information in their business plans

- Use of Embedded Executable Code (e.g. Java, etc.) in HTML Documents
  - Care should be taken to utilise only those constructs that can be viewed using all commonly available browsers.

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#### 15 Document Archiving

- The responsibility for the archiving of documents concerning JTC 1 work and the background to the publication of
- 319 ISs is divided between the JTC 1 Secretariat and the ITTF. Archival of documents is required to support
- 320 transparency of the standards development process undertaken by JTC 1, to support the effective functioning of
- 321 JTC 1 and its SCs by preserving the knowledge in the committees and to be able to defend against challenges to
- 322 decisions or features in Standards.
- 323 The archiving of documents is of particular importance in the context of any possible future changes of Secretariat
- 324 responsibility from one NB to another. It is also important that information on key decisions and important
- 325 correspondence pertaining to the preparation of ISs or TRs should be readily retrievable in the event of any
- 326 dispute arising out of the provenance of the technical content of the publications. Archival of documents includes
- 327 the documents themselves and the mechanism or tooling used to access these documents.
- 328 JTC 1 and all subordinate groups shall establish and maintain archives of all official transactions concerning their
- 329 committees and the documents listed in Section 12.1 above. In particular, these N-numbered documents shall
- consist of national body submissions, liaison member submissions, reference copies of resolutions, any approved
- 331 meeting minutes or meeting reports and names of attendees and their national body or liaison affiliations at
- meetings. N-numbered documents shall be kept for at least 20 years.
- Upon the termination of any group, the N-numbered documents shall be passed on to their parent committee for
- 334 record retention.

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- The ITTF shall keep reference copies of all ISs, TRs, etc., including withdrawn editions, and shall keep up-to-date
- 336 records of NB votes in respect of these publications. Copies of DISs, FDISs and DISs issued for NB voting, final
- 337 reports and final proofs shall be kept at least until such time as the publications to which they refer have been
- revised or have completed their next periodic review, but in any case for a minimum of 20 years after publication.