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# Intellectual Property Rights

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# Modal verbs terminology

In the present document "**should**", "**should not**", "**may**", "**need not**", "**will**", "**will not**", "**can**" and "**cannot**" are to be interpreted as described in clause 3.2 of the [ETSI Drafting Rules](#) (Verbal forms for the expression of provisions).

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# 1 Scope

The present document identifies IPRs, particularly patents and patent applications, which have been notified to ETSI as being Essential, or potentially Essential, to ETSI Standards or Technical Specifications.

Unless otherwise specified, all IPRs included into the present document have been notified to ETSI, with an undertaking from the owner to grant licences according to the terms and conditions of article 6.1 of the ETSI IPR Policy [i.1], Annex 6 of the ETSI Rules of Procedure [i.3].

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## 2 References

### 2.1 Normative references

Normative references are not applicable in the present document.

### 2.2 Informative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE: While any hyperlinks included in this clause were valid at the time of publication ETSI cannot guarantee their long term validity.

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] [ETSI IPR Policy](#).
- [i.2] [ETSI Guide on IPRs](#).
- [i.3] [ETSI Rules of Procedure \(RoP\)](#).
- [i.4] [ETSI IPR database](#).

NOTE: Notification to ETSI of Essential or potentially Essential IPRs should be made using the ETSI IPR database at <https://ipr.etsi.org>. Additional information can be found at <https://www.etsi.org/intellectual-property-rights>.

- [i.5] Declare your IPRs to ETSI.

NOTE: A step by step explanation for filling out the above mentioned forms is to be found in the <https://www.etsi.org/intellectual-property-rights/faqs>. Additional information can be found at <https://www.etsi.org/intellectual-property-rights>.

## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms apply:

The terms "ESSENTIAL", "IPR", "STANDARD" and "TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION" given below are defined in the "Definitions" annex of the ETSI IPR Policy [i.1].

**ESSENTIAL:** as applied to IPR means that it is not possible on technical (but not commercial) grounds, taking into account normal technical practice and the state of the art generally available at the time of standardization, to make, sell, lease, otherwise dispose of, repair, use or operate EQUIPMENT or METHODS which comply with a STANDARD without infringing that IPR.

For the avoidance of doubt in exceptional cases where a STANDARD can only be implemented by technical solutions, all of which are infringements of IPRs, all such IPRs shall be considered ESSENTIAL.

NOTE: In practical terms, the existence of an Essential IPR makes it necessary to have a licence in order to exploit the standard concerned.

**IPR:** shall mean any intellectual property right conferred by statute law including applications therefore other than trademarks.

For the avoidance of doubt rights relating to get up, confidential information, trade secrets or the like are excluded from the definition of IPR.

**IPR licensing declaration:** declaration to the effect that the IPR owner declares that he is prepared to grant licences on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, in accordance with article 6.1 and comply with clause 6.1 bis of the ETSI IPR Policy

**notified:** means any IPR information of which ETSI has been formally notified by the owner of the IPR or, any IPR information of which ETSI has become aware, pursuant to the IPR Policy

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### 3.2 Symbols

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### 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AF	AFGHANISTAN
OA	AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

AP	AFRICAN REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
AL	ALBANIA
DZ	ALGERIA
AS	AMERICAN SAMOA
AD	ANDORRA
AO	ANGOLA
AG	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
AR	ARGENTINA
AM	ARMENIA
AW	ARUBA
AU	AUSTRALIA
AT	AUSTRIA
AZ	AZERBAIJAN
BS	BAHAMAS
BH	BAHRAIN
BD	BANGLADESH
BB	BARBADOS
BY	BELARUS
BE	BELGIUM
BZ	BELIZE
BJ	BENIN
BM	BERMUDA
BT	BHUTAN
BO	BOLIVIA
BA	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BW	BOTSWANA
BR	BRAZIL
BN	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
BG	BULGARIA
BF	BURKINA FASO
BI	BURUNDI
KH	CAMBODIA
CM	CAMEROON
CA	CANADA
CV	CAPE VERDE
CF	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
TD	CHAD
CL	CHILE
CN	CHINA
CO	COLOMBIA
KM	COMOROS
CG	CONGO
GC	COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR ARAB STATES OF THE GULF
CR	COSTA RICA
CI	CÔTE D'IVOIRE
HR	CROATIA
CU	CUBA
CY	CYPRUS
CZ	CZECH REPUBLIC
DK	DENMARK
DJ	DJIBOUTI
DM	DOMINICA
DO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
EC	ECUADOR
EG	EGYPT
SV	EL SALVADOR
GQ	EQUATORIAL GUINEA
ER	ERITREA
EE	ESTONIA
ET	ETHIOPIA
EA	EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE
EP	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

FO	FAROE ISLANDS
FJ	FIJI
FI	FINLAND
FR	FRANCE
MK	FYROM
GA	GABON
GM	GAMBIA
GE	GEORGIA
DE	GERMANY
GH	GHANA
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GR	GREECE
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GD	GRENADA
GP	GUADELOUPE
GU	GUAM
GT	GUATEMALA
GN	GUINEA
GW	GUINEA-BISSAU
GY	GUYANA
HT	HAITI
HN	HONDURAS
HK	HONG KONG
HU	HUNGARY
IS	ICELAND
IN	INDIA
ID	INDONESIA
IR	IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)
IQ	IRAQ
IE	IRELAND
IL	ISRAEL
IT	ITALY
JM	JAMAICA
JP	JAPAN
JO	JORDAN
KZ	KAZAKHSTAN
KE	KENYA
KP	KOREA (DEM. PEOPLE'S REP. OF)
KR	KOREA (REPUBLIC OF)
KW	KUWAIT
KG	KYRGYZSTAN
LA	LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REP.
LV	LATVIA
LB	LEBANON
LS	LESOTHO
LR	LIBERIA
LI	LIECHTENSTEIN
LT	LITHUANIA
LU	LUXEMBOURG
MO	MACAU
MG	MADAGASCAR
MW	MALAWI
MY	MALAYSIA
MV	MALDIVES
ML	MALI
MT	MALTA
MQ	MARTINIQUE
MR	MAURITANIA
MU	MAURITIUS
YT	MAYOTTE
MX	MEXICO
MD	MOLDOVA (REPUBLIC OF)

MC	MONACO
MN	MONGOLIA
ME	MONTENEGRO
MS	MONTserrat
MA	MOROCCO
MZ	MOZAMBIQUE
MM	MYANMAR
NA	NAMIBIA
NP	NEPAL
NL	NETHERLANDS
AN	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
NC	NEW CALEDONIA
NZ	NEW ZEALAND
NI	NICARAGUA
NE	NIGER
NG	NIGERIA
NO	NORWAY
OM	OMAN
PK	PAKISTAN
PW	PALAU
PA	PANAMA
PG	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PY	PARAGUAY
WO	PATENT COOPERATION TREATY
PE	PERU
PH	PHILIPPINES
PL	POLAND
PT	PORTUGAL
PR	PUERTO RICO
QA	QATAR
RE	RÉUNION
RO	ROMANIA
RU	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
RW	RWANDA
WS	SAMOA
SM	SAN MARINO
SA	SAUDI ARABIA
SN	SENEGAL
RS	SERBIA
SC	SEYCHELLES
SL	SIERRA LEONE
SG	SINGAPORE
SK	SLOVAKIA
SI	SLOVENIA
SO	SOMALIA
ZA	SOUTH AFRICA
ES	SPAIN
LK	SRI LANKA
SD	SUDAN
SR	SURINAME
SZ	SWAZILAND
SE	SWEDEN
CH	SWITZERLAND
SY	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
TW	TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA
TJ	TAJKISTAN
TZ	TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF
TH	THAILAND
TL	TIMOR-LESTE
TG	TOGO
TK	TOKELAU
TO	TONGA

TT	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TN	TUNISIA
TR	TÜRKIYE
TM	TURKMENISTAN
TV	TUVALU
UG	UGANDA
UA	UKRAINE
AE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
GB	UNITED KINGDOM
US	UNITED STATES
UY	URUGUAY
UZ	UZBEKISTAN
VU	VANUATU
VE	VENEZUELA
VN	VIET NAM
YE	YEMEN
YU	YUGOSLAVIA
ZM	ZAMBIA
ZW	ZIMBABWE

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## 4 Notified IPRs

### 4.0 General and reporting tools

The Licensing Declarations given for the IPRs are publicly available in the ETSI IPR database [i.4]. There are various tools to access and query the data contained in the database.

The following reporting/monitoring tools are available from the ETSI IPR database [i.4]:

- [Power BI Dashboard](#)
- [IPR CSV export files](#)
- [SQL Generic Query Access](#)

Future developments:

- The Power BI Dashboard will continuously evolve with the suggestions collected from ETSI members and users.
- The IPR CSV export files are planned to be replaced with API based solutions, to provide our users with the relevant data in a timely manner.

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### 4.1 Notifications

Essential, or potentially essential, IPRs in respect of which a notification followed by a Licensing Declaration has been given by the IPR owner and for which licences are available on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, in accordance with article 6.1 and comply with clause 6.1 bis of the ETSI IPR Policy [i.1], annex 6 of the ETSI Rules of Procedure [i.3]. The ETSI IPR Policy can be found at <https://portal.etsi.org/Resources/ETSI-Directives>.

NOTE: Notification to ETSI of Essential or potentially Essential IPRs should be made using the ETSI IPR database at <https://ipr.etsi.org>. Additional information can be found at <https://www.etsi.org/intellectual-property-rights> [i.4], [i.2] and [i.5].

4.1.1 Void

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