

GS1 IP Policy Documents at a Glance

Form Name	IP Policy	Acknowledgement form	Automatic Opt-in (AOI)	Explicit Group Opt-in	Automatic Opt-out	Explicit Opt-Out	IP Declaration	Contribution Declaration form	Invited Expert
<b>When would a company use this form</b>	To participate in the Global Standards Management Process (GSMP). Note: to join GSMP groups, you must also sign either the Automatic Opt-In or the Explicit Group Opt-In Agreement.	To transfer administration of the current EPCglobal or MobileCom IP Policy to GS1. EPCglobal subscribers who have signed the EPCglobal IP Policy and GS1 members who have signed the MobileCom IP Policy may simply sign the Acknowledgement Form to transfer administration of their IP Policy to GS1. The Acknowledgement Form also transfers administration of the Opt-In Agreements to GS1.	To participate as a member in all GSMP Groups formed after 19 April 2010. Designated company representatives have access to work-in-progress (c-Room and can participate in group meetings). The Opt-in agreement reiterates IP policy commitment. A company may specifically opt out of a Working Group as well as revert back to specifically opting in to Working Groups upon request.	To opt-in to specific Working Groups. EOI allows an organization and its representatives membership in specifically selected groups and access to those works-in-progress (including c-Room and group meetings). EOI reiterates IPP commitment.	To cancel the Automatic Opt-in to the GSMP Work Groups	To cancel the opt-in to a specific Work Group	Two IP review periods during standards development. Final review period is prior to standard ratification (required by IPP). Opportunity for a company to submit a declaration and request RAND licensing terms on necessary IP contained in the specification at issue for necessary IP it does not wish to license royalty-free.	Participant wishes to make an overt royalty-free contribution IP to a GSMP Working Group. Organizations not opted-into a Working Group may also utilize this form.	Used to include a non-WG member/consultant/subject matter expert into a group meeting. This form is used for a single meeting and not in lieu of a group opt-in.
<b>What</b>	A License Agreement signed by an organization that expresses the licensing commitment that the necessary IP contained in a standard will be licensed royalty-free to other GS1 members for that standard.	A form signed by an organization transferring administration of the organization's signed EPCglobal IP Policy and/or MobileCom IP Policy to GS1. The form also transfers the signed Opt-In Agreements to GS1.	An agreement signed by a participating organization that obligates the signing organization to the terms of the IP policy with respect to the standards produced by the GSMP groups. Signing the Automatic Opt-in opts a participating company into all current and future GSMP groups.	An agreement signed by a participating organization that obligates the signing organization to the terms of the IP policy with respect to the standards produced by a specific group	Cancels the automatic Opt-in agreement to a group (s) going forward. IP Policy obligations continue with respect to IP contributed to the group work product prior to opt-out.	An agreement that stops the obligation of an Opt-in agreement to a group going forward. Obligations continue with respect to IP contributed to the group work product prior to opt-out	Working Group Participants who wish to request RAND (rather than royalty-free) licensing terms on necessary IP contained in a standard submit an IP declaration for review and analysis.	An agreement used by an organization to accompany content licensing the related necessary IP royalty-free.	An agreement signed by a non-Working Group member that provides a royalty-free license to work contributed to that group.
<b>Why</b>	Obligates the signing organization to the terms of the IP policy with respect to the standards produced by the group. Grants company representatives the access to participate in group meetings and access to the work-in-progress of the group. The Opt-in agreement reiterates IP policy commitment. Sets out licensing terms for necessary IP that a Participating company owns. The IP Policy covers IP which is necessary to implement the standard in whose development the organization participates.	All new GSMP Groups will operate under the GS1 IPP. Rather than having companies which have signed the EPCglobal and/or MobileCom IP Policies sign another IP Policy, they may simply sign the Acknowledgement Form.	AOI opts the participating company into all current and future GSMP Working Groups. By signing the AOI, Participants gain the right to access GSMP groups and works-in-progress. The AOI also reconfirms the terms of the IPP.	EOI confirms an organization's commitment to participate in a specific Working Group. The participating organization gains the right to access work-in-progress of the Working Group and to join the Working Group. The EOI reconfirms the terms of the IP Policy with respect to the standards produced by that Working Group.	An organization which no longer wishes to participate in the development of a specific standard. IP obligations do continue even after a company opts-out of a group.	If an organization no longer wishes to participate in a group and influence a standard, it may opt out so as to avoid incurring further IP obligations beyond what it has already incurred.	Under the IP Policy, necessary IP contained in a standard is licensed royalty-free unless Participant submits an IP declaration requesting RAND terms. Allows an organization to request specific IP not be included in the Royalty free license terms specified in the IP Policy	Under the IP Policy, necessary IP contained in a standard is licensed royalty-free unless Participant submits an IP declaration requesting RAND terms. In some cases, Participants wish to make an overt contribution of their necessary IP. Also, an organization not opted-in to a Working Group which wishes to license their necessary IP to a Working Group may utilize this form.	The group needs the expertise of the company or individual and that company or individual has not signed IP or opted-in to the group.
<b>Who signs the document</b>	Organization authorized signatory (i.e. officer) representing the organization Headquarters	Organization authorized signatory (i.e. officer) representing the organization Headquarters	Company authorized signatory (i.e. officer)	Company authorized signatory (i.e. officer)	Company authorized signatory (i.e. officer)	Company authorized signatory (i.e. officer)	Company authorized signatory (i.e. officer)	Company authorized signatory (i.e. officer)	Company or Person authorized signatory (i.e. officer) if applicable
<b>Who/What does the document cover</b>	The Company	The Company	The Company and its designated representatives	The Company and its designated representatives	The Company and its designated representatives	The Company and its designated representatives	The Company's necessary IP at issue	The Company's specific contribution	Company or Person