

Wi-Fi Alliance IPR Procedural Guidelines

DISCLOSURE

All individuals Participating in a particular Task Group (both Contributors to a Specification and non-contributors) are strongly encouraged on an ongoing basis to disclose certain patent rights held by themselves or their represented Members where such patent rights include Necessary Claims related to a draft specification.

This disclosure statement described above is contained in the Wi-Fi Alliance Intellectual Property Rights Policy (the "IPR Policy") to which each Member's attention is drawn. Article 4 of the IPR Policy addresses patent disclosure and licensing declaration. In addition, Article 3.1(3)(b) addresses disclosure obligations upon withdrawal. The IPR Policy is available on the Wi-Fi Alliance web site at <http://www.wi-fi.org> and should be reviewed in its entirety.

Where appropriate, definitions set out in the IPR Policy have been used throughout this document.

The procedure for disclosure of Necessary Claims is as follows:

1. At any meeting of the Task Groups ("Meeting") the convener of the Meeting shall remind Members of the disclosure language regarding Necessary Claims in the IPR Policy, either in writing on the meeting invitation/notice or verbally at the start of the meeting. The convener will make the statement as set forth in Appendix C below.
2. The same statement shall also be specifically made either in writing on the meeting invitation/notice or verbally at the start of the meeting at the following stages:
 - 2.1 by the Task Group's convener on submission to the members of a technical specification to be approved as a Specification;
 - 2.2 by the Task Group's convener on adoption of a technical specification as an approved Specification if such adoption is during a meeting which is different from that noted in section 2.1;
 - 2.3 by the Task Group's convener prior to the publication of a Specification that has been approved by the Wi-Fi Alliance Board of Directors.
3. Where any of the above instances as set forth in section 2 takes place in a Meeting, the convener of such Meeting shall record any answers received.
4. If a participant discloses Necessary Claims, it shall, or a competent person from its organization shall, fill out the IPR Information Statement set forth in Appendix A.

LICENSING DECLARATION

Upon disclosure of any Necessary Claims, the Wi-Fi Alliance shall ask the relevant Member to give a declaration that it will license such Necessary Claims in accordance with the IPR Policy. Appendix B to these IPR Procedural Guidelines contains the standard form that shall be used for this declaration.

RECORD KEEPING

Details received from Members regarding IPR disclosures and licensing declarations are held by and freely available from the Wi-Fi Alliance. The Wi-Fi Alliance may post a list of IPR disclosures (“IPR Declarations List”). The IPR Declarations List is updated from time to time, though at any particular point in time the IPR Declarations List may not reflect all of the information received from the membership. No representations or warranties (whether express or implied) are made by the Wi-Fi Alliance regarding any of the information related to IPR disclosures, including but not limited to the accuracy, completeness, validity or relevance of the information or whether or not such IPR rights are essential or non-essential.

All notices, declarations and documents to be given to the Wi-Fi Alliance in relation to these IPR Procedural Guidelines shall be sent to the Wi-Fi Alliance at joinnow@wi-fi.org.

Appendix A: IPR Information Statement

Appendix B: IPR Licensing Declaration

Appendix C: General Disclosure Standard

Appendix A IPR Information Statement
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This statement is made on _____ (date) by _____, a representative of _____, a Member of the Wi-Fi Alliance (“WFA”). In accordance with the Wi-Fi Alliance Intellectual Property Rights Policy, I hereby inform WFA it is the belief of the undersigned, signing on behalf of the Member, that the following IPR’s are, or likely to become, Necessary Claims in relation to the draft technical specification/Specification identified as _____.

Company (Required)	Title	Country	Appl. # (Required)	Patent # (Required)	Specification reference, impacted paragraph	Countries Applicable

Signed for and on behalf of Member

By _____

Print Name _____

Position/Title _____

Notes:

Following completion, this form should be sent to the Wi-Fi Alliance at joinnow@wi-fi.org.

Appendix B IPR Licensing Declaration
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This declaration is given on _____ (date) by
_____, a representative of
_____, a Member of the Wi-Fi
Alliance.

To: The Wi-Fi Alliance (the “WFA”)

The Member has notified the WFA that it (or one of its Affiliates) is the proprietor of the intellectual property rights listed in Appendix A (the “Necessary Claims”) and has informed the WFA that the Member may have Necessary Claims to the Specifications also listed in Appendix A, as the term “Necessary Claims” is defined in the Wi-Fi Alliance Intellectual Property Rights Policy.

The Member and/or its Affiliate(s) hereby declare that it is/they will grant licenses to use such Necessary Claims in respect of a Specification on terms and conditions which are in accordance with the Wi-Fi Alliance Intellectual Property Rights Policy.

The construction, validity and performance of this declaration shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the state of California, United States of America.

Signed for and on behalf of the Member

By _____

Print Name _____

Position/Title _____

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Appendix C General Disclosure Standard
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The Wi-Fi Alliance Intellectual Property Rights Policy contains detailed obligations for participation in task groups and should be reviewed in its entirety.