

Policy NSDO P11: Patents Policy

Inclusion of references to patented equipment and services in NSDO Standards

1. Purpose

This policy describes the conditions under which National Standards Development Organisation (NSDO) allows and includes references to patented equipment and services in NSDO Standards.

2. Related documents

NSDO Procedure NSDO-PR-09: *Confidentiality and conflict of interest*
NSDO Form NSDO-F09.

1. Definition

Patent: A patent is a right that is granted for any device, substance, method or process that is new, inventive, and useful. A patent is legally enforceable and gives you (the owner), exclusive rights to commercially exploit the invention for the life of the patent. (IP Australia)

2. Treatment of Patents

When joining a NSDO committee, subcommittee or working group, you are required to sign NSDO Form NSDO-F09. This requires compliance with the disclosure of confidential information and any conflict of interest, including the disclosure of any patents applicable to equipment and services that may potentially be included in a NSDO Standard via any proposal made to the relevant NSDO committee, subcommittee or working group. When making a proposal to NSDO, it shall comply with the Common ISO/IEC/ITU Patent Policy available at www.iso.org/patents.

3. Complaints and Appeals

The process described in NSDO Procedure NSDO-PR-09 handles any complaint or appeal arising from the implementation of this patents policy.

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