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1 FAQ Number	Issue	Suggested Change	Committee Response	Principle
2	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee is	Delete the proposed addition of the words "or	Update first paragraph of answer to start:	I
	addition of the words "or accepts."	accepts"		
			No. When it requests or accepts a Letter of	
	The proposed new language can be misread to	Alternatively, if the addition of "or accepts" remains	Assurance, or returns a non-compliant form, IEEE has	
	suggest that, by contrast, when IEEE-SA declines to	in the text, add the following edit:	made no determination of any Patent Claim's	
	accept a Letter of Assurance (hereinafter "LoA"), it has		essentiality.	
	determined that the Patent Claim is not essential.	"When it requests, or accepts, or declines to accept, a		
		Letter of Assurance, IEEE has made no determination		
	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee has	of any Patent Claim's essentiality"		
	nothing to do with the newly introduced "June 13			
	2019" LoA form and appears aimed solely at revising			
	the FAQs to the benefit of technology users and the			
_	detriment of patent holders.			
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2	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee is	Do not accept (delete) the proposed new sentence:	Update last sentence of first paragraph to read:	I
	addition of the sentence "It is the Submitter's	(1)	N t d	
	responsibility to determine whether it holds a	"It is the Submitter's responsibility to determine	It is the Submitter's responsibility to make a good	
	potential Essential Patent Claim for an IEEE standard	•	faith effort to determine whether it holds a potential	
	or project".	an IEEE standard or project"	Essential Patent Claim for an IEEE standard or project, subject to the limitations on its obligations set out in	
	There is no established requirement on a patent		section 6.2 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board By-Laws.	
	holder to do anything. This new text adds a new		(See questions 22 and 25.)	
	unreasonably burdensome "responsibility" of the		(See questions 22 and 25.)	
	Submitter that is not grounded anywhere, let alone in			
	IEEE-SA governance documents.			
	TEEL 3A governance documents.			
	The proposed text addition is also directly inconsistent			
	with other parts of the IEEE-SA policy, including with:			
	with other parts of the IEEE or policy, molauming with			
	· The fact that no patent search shall be required			
	of Submitters.			
	· The language of the LoA - both the 1 June 2019			
	and the 13 June 2019 LoAs state, under D.1: "The			
	Submitter may own, control, or have the ability to			
	license" The "may" language is inconsistent with this			
	newly proposed concrete "responsibility"			
	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee has			
	nothing to do with the newly introduced "June 13			
	2019" LoA form and appears aimed solely at changing			
3	the FAQs to the benefit of technology users and the			
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2	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee is addition of the paragraph:	Do not accept, and hence delete, the proposed new sentence (deleted text is stricken):	PatCom finds that the text is relevant to FAQ 2 because it fully describes IEEE's responsibilities.	R
	"As stated in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws, IEEE is not responsible for (i) identifying Essential Patent Claims for which a license may be required; (ii) determining the validity, essentiality, or interpretation	"As stated in the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws, IEEE is not responsible for (i) identifying Essential- Patent Claims for which a license may be required; (ii) determining the validity, essentiality, or-	There are a number of other places where the FAQs cite text from the SASB Bylaws and Operations Manual.	
	of Patent Claims; (iii) determining whether any licensing terms or conditions provided in connection with submission of a Letter of Assurance, if any, or in any licensing agreements are reasonable or non-discriminatory; or (iv) determining whether an	interpretation of Patent Claims; (iii) determining- whether any licensing terms or conditions provided in connection with submission of a Letter of Assurance, if any, or in any licensing agreements are reasonable- or non-discriminatory; or (iv) determining whether an		
	implementation is a Compliant Implementation. "  This newly proposed text has nothing to do with the question listed under FAQ #2.	implementation is a Compliant Implementation. "		
	Furthermore, if this text is stated in the bylaws, what is the point in cutting and pasting the bylaws into the FAQs? The FAQs are not supposed to contain a mere recitation of the by-laws.			
4	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee has nothing to do with the newly introduced "June 13 2019" LoA form.			
2	The FAQ2 was modified to include or "accepting". However the FAQ is silent on the "refused" LOAs. It should be clarify that the same principle applies to refused LOAs.	Does the IEEE determine whether a patent is essential when requesting, or accepting or refusing a Letter of Assurance?  No. When it requests, or accepts or refuses a Letter of Assurance, the IEEE has made no determination of any Patent Claim's essentiality. It is the Submitter's responsibility to determine whether it holds a potential Essential Patent Claim for an IEEE standard	Update first paragraph of answer to start:  No. When it requests or accepts a Letter of Assurance, or returns a non-compliant form, IEEE has made no determination of any Patent Claim's essentiality.	
2	The new draft sentence at the end of the first paragraph implies that there is a responsibility to do a patent search. This language should be tempered by the actual obligations set out in 6.2 of the Standards Board By-Laws, as well as by FAQs 22 and 25.	or project.  Add at the end of the last sentence of the first paragraph: "subject to the limitations on its obligations set out in section 6.2 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board By-Laws, and FAQs 22 and 25."	Update last sentence of first paragraph to read:  It is the Submitter's responsibility to make a good faith effort to determine whether it holds a potential Essential Patent Claim for an IEEE standard or project, subject to the limitations on its obligations set out in section 6.2 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board By-Laws. (See questions 22 and 25.)	

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31	Since 2015, IEEE-SA has repeatedly declined to ac	cept "No. In submitting a Letter of Assurance, use of one	Both approved LOA forms allow for the attachment of	R
	submitted LoA, often time refusing to provide an	of the two approved LOA forms is mandatory. (The	Sample Licensing Terms when box D.1.a or D.1.b are	
	explanation for the decline.	following are not considered a modification:	checked. Those samples can include reciprocity	
		Completing the form is not considered a	terms.	
	The newly introduced "13 June 2019" LoA, unlike	the modification; attaching thereto materials clarifying		
	"1 June 2019" LoA, does not include a reciprocity	"tick the licensing terms, such as that the licensing		
	box". Given IEEE-SA trend in recent years to reject	assurance is subject to reciprocity, etc.) (See also		
	LoAs that have attachments, there needs to be a	IEEE question 85.)"		
	SA assurance in the FAQs that Submitters of the '	13		
	June 2019" form would be able to grant their			
	assurance subject to reciprocity			
	Without an assured path to providing RAND assu	ance		
	subject to reciprocity, a patent holder may choos	e to		
	give a negative LoA. As noted earlier, such result			
	would conflict with the stated purpose for introd	ucing		
	the "13 June 2019" LoA, which was "to increase t	ne		
	number of [positive] statements of licensing assu	rance		
	that are provided to IEEE in an acceptable format	,		
	(See			
	https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproje	ct/P		
	ublic/mytools/mob/loa-13June2019limited-			
	statement.pdf)			
	The ability to make RAND assurance subject to			
	reciprocity is key, because patentholders are ofte			
	willing to give access to the technology, only in re			
	for not being excluded themselves by the	tuiii		

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85	While a term such as "reasonable rates" was not defined in the patent policy in effect prior to 15 March 2015, the term was explained under FAQ #39 in the FAQs in existence at the time. There may be other such instances. To make sure there is no confusion that terms used in policy and other governance documents in existence prior to 14 March 2015 are honored, the disclaimer language must reflect this.	Make the changes shown in red below: "Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date preceding the 15 March 2015 effective date of the updates to the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy, the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy and other governing documents, including the FAQs, in effect on 14 March 2015 will apply. (See also questions 17F, 17G, 17H,	Update second paragraph of the answer to FAQ 85 to read:  Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date	I Total Control of the Control of th
8			(Note: add hotlinks to Bylaws and Ops Man words in above - https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-OpMan-Dec2014.pdf https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-Bylaws-Dec2014.pdf)  FAQs are not normative text.	
9	See discussion and comments above re FAQ 17G	Revise the FAQ sentence as follows (new text is in red font, deleted text is stricken through):  "Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date preceding the 15 March 2015 effective date of the updates changes to the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy, including editions, revisions, and amendments that existed as of the approval date of said projects or standards or at any time after that date, the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy, FAQs interpreting that Patent Policy, and pertinent governance documents in effect on 14 March 2015 will apply. The 14 March 2015 policy documents are available at www.public_links_to_14-March-2015_documents.com. (See also questions 17F, 17G, 17H, and 84.)"  The URL at the end of the suggested "fix" is provided as an example for its potential formulation.	be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015, as found in Clause 6 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws and Clause 6.3 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual, will apply. (See also questions 15C, 17F, and	

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	85		the text of the patent policy in effect on March 14,	1 , , , ,	Update second paragraph of the answer to FAQ 85 to	I
			and other IEEE related governing documents	amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date	read:	
			(standard board bylaws, Standards Board Operations	preceding the 15 March 2015 effective date of the		
			Manual, IEEE-SA Operation Manual) should be easily	·	Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including	
			accessible on the IEEE website as well as linked in the	I	amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date	
			FAQ and in the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019	be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA	l.	
				Patent Policy, of the standard board bylaws, standard	·	
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may	
				Manual in effect on 14 March 2015 will apply. (See	be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA	
				l ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015, as found in	
				Add link to:	Clause 6 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws and	
				1 1 1	Clause 6.3 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations	
				Board Operations Manual , IEEE-SA Operation Manual		
					84.)	
				Add the same links in the custom LOA form dated		
					(Note: add hotlinks to Bylaws and Ops Man words in	
				, ,	above -	
				1	https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
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				· ·	https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
				l · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-Bylaws-Dec2014.pdf)	
				http://standards, ieee. org/resources/xxxxxxs. The		
				terms and definitions set forth in the IEEE Patent		
				Policy, IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws, and IEEE-SA		
				Standards Board Operations Manual in effect as of 14		
				march 2015 are incorporated herein.		
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	85		(third para) To the extent there were any		Further explanation is not necessary because defined	K
			amendments or additions after 14 March 2015 to the	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	terms on the custom LOA form are as defined in the	
			terms, definitions or policies of the IEEE-SA Patent	ļ, ·	IEEE SA Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015.	
			Policy, FAQs, IEEE-SA Standards Board By-Laws, and	Standards Board By-Laws and IEEE-SA Standards		
			IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual that	Board Operations Manual that were in effect after 14		
			conflict or are otherwise inconsistent with the policy,	March 2015 conflict with the terms, definitions or		
			etc. in effect on 14 March 2015, , it should be	policies of such documents that were in effect on 14		
			explicitly stated that the policies, etc. on 14 March	March 2015, the terms, definitions or policies that		
			2015 will take precedence.	were in effect on 14 March 2015 shall prevail."		
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	85	(third para) With regard to the custom LOA form	Insert after "IEEE-SA Patent Policy" and before "in	Update second paragraph of the answer to FAQ 85 to	l
		dated 13 June 2019, in addition to the text of the IEEE-	effect on 14 March 2015" the following: "the FAQs,	read:	
		SA Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015, the other	IEEE-SA Standards Board By-Laws, and IEEE-SA		
		relevant terms, definitions and policies that also were	Standards Board Operations Manual" .	Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including	
		in effect on 14 March 2015 such as the FAQs, IEEE-		amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date	
		SA Standards Board By-Laws, and IEEE-SA Standards		preceding the 15 March 2015 effective date of the	
		Board Operations Manual should also apply.		updates to the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy, the	
				custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may	
				be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA	
				Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015, as found in	
				Clause 6 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws and	
				Clause 6.3 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations	
				Manual, will apply. (See also questions 15C, 17F, and	
				84.)	
				(Note: add hotlinks to Bylaws and Ops Man words in	
				above -	
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				ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-OpMan-Dec2014.pdf	
				https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
				ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-Bylaws-Dec2014.pdf)	
				asing in feet of the second repair	
12				FAQs are not normative text.	
	0 (New FAQ)	the post 15 March 2015 IEEE policy includes the	include the following text in a new FAQ xxx:	New FAQ Number 15C: Which definitions are	
		definition of specific terms (e.g. Reasonable Rate),	Can the the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 be	applicable to the custom LOA form dated 13 June	
		which are capitalised in the post 15 March 2015 LOA	interpreted under the <i>current</i> IEEE policy and	2019 – Limited?	
		form dated 1 June 2019. These terms are used in the	procedures while its terms and definions are the ones		
		custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 without	set forth in the IEEE patent policy, IEEE-SA standards	Defined terms on the "Limited" LOA form reference	
		capitalisation as per the pre 15 March 2015 policy.	board bylaws and IEEE-SA Standard BOord Operation	the IEEE SA Patent Policy in effect as of 14 March	
		However the disclaimer at the bottom of page 3 of the	manual in effect as of 14 March 2015?	2015 and are as defined there.	
		custom form does not make it clear which "policy and	No, both the policy and procedures and the terms		
		procedures" are in effect (e.g., the policies and	and definition on the custom LOA form dated 13 June		
		procedures on "today's date?") while terms and	2019 correspond to the IEEE patent policy, IEEE-SA		
		definitions refer to the policies and procedures of 14	standards board bylaws and IEEE-SA Standard Board		
		March 2015. This creates an ambiguity (which would	Operation manual in effect as of 14 March 2015.		
		be solved if the proposed changes in the second			
		previous comment (on 85) is accepted) between the			
		policy/procedures and the terms/definitions. There is			
		not an FAQ clarifying the topic either.			
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	17F		9,	We suggest clarification of intent that an LOA for one	This is covered in FAQ 14.	R
			IEEE 802.3bp and will apply to subsequent	amendment will apply to other amendments rolled		
			usage of that technology as described in question	up into the same base standard when the same		
			17C." But 17C also states that this will occur " only	technology is used in the same way in both		
			if the application of the technology required by the	amendments.		
			amendment has			
			not changed from its previous usage." It is ambiquous			
			as to whether the same LoA applies when this			
			technology is used in a similar way in a different			
			amendment (such as 802.bx hypothetically) that is			
14			also rolled up into the base standard.			
14	17F		It has always been my understanding that when a	Suggest that the first paragraph of the answer to FAQ	Change 17F to read: "IFFF 802 projects are often	ı
	1 / 1		Blanket LoA references a specific standard without		amendments to the existing standard (802.3, 802.11,	
			·		etc.). How does providing blanket assurance using	
			Blanket LoA', it provides assurance for all current and		the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited	
			future amendments, revisions, and editions of the	, •	identifying, for example, 802.3 apply to amendments	
			same standard (see FAQ 17A).		with a PAR approval date after 15 March 2015?	
					What if a specific amendment is listed?	
			It has also always been my understanding that when a			
			, ,		Providing blanket assurance using the custom LOA	
			further qualification (e.g., IEEE Std 802.3-2015), a	SA Standards Board Operations Manual 6.3.5. (See	form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited and identifying	
			'dated Blanket LoA', it provides assurance only for the	also question 14).'.	IEEE 802.3 as the Standard/Project Number means	
			referenced standard/revision and subsequent		that licensing assurance is being given for all 802.3	
			application of its Essential Patent Claim(s) to the		editions, revisions, and amendments that exist now	
			technology specified in another amendment,		or will ever exist in the future.	
			corrigendum, edition, or revision of the same IEEE			
			Standard under the conditions specified in subclause		Providing blanket assurance using the custom LOA	
			6.3.5 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations		form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited listing an	
			Manual (see FAQ 14).		amendment with a PAR approval date prior to 15	
					March 2015, such as 802.3bp, means that the	
			The above was the basis for advice given to		licensing assurance is being given for a technology	
			Submitters of LoAs on at least two occasions that I can		first included in 802.3bp and will apply to subsequent	
			recall while serving as IEEE-SA PatCom Chair. There		usage of that technology as described in question	
			may be other occurrences that I don't recall. In		17C. (See also questions 14, 17, 17A, 17B, 17D, and	
			particular I believe that the use of the 'dated Blanket		85.)"	
			LoA' has been an important tool in some cases as the			
			Submitter was willing to submit a blanket assurance			
			for the current standard/revision at the time of			
15			submission of the LoA, but was not willing to provide a			
13			blanket assurance for future amendments, revisions.			

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	17F	(2nd para) Providing that a blanket licensing	Add at the end of the second paragraph: ", unless the	This is unrelated to the FAQs supporting the custom	R
		assurance applies to all future editions, revisions, and	owner of a patent that contains an Essential Patent	LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited and is	
		amendments to a standard risks a third party	Claim that was contributed by a third party to a	therefore out of scope.	
		including a party's patented technology in a standard	future edition, revision or amendment of a standard		
		without their permission. If IEEE-SA wants to	without the knowledge and consent of the patent		
		encourage companies to submit blanket LOAs under	owner submits a timely notice that it is not willing to		
		the Custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019, there	license such patent claim on terms on terms		
		needs to be a mechanism to allow companies to	consistent with the blanket licensing assurance."		
		indicate that they are unwilling to license particular			
		patents that may be essential to future editions,			
		revisions or amendments to a standard, particularly			
		where the patented technology was contributed by a			
		third party without the permission or knowledge of			
16		the patent holder.			
	17F	(3rd para) It is unclear whether a blanket assurance	In the third paragraph, after "question 17C" insert	Addressed by changes made due to comment #15	I
		listing an amendment would apply retroactively to the	"but will not apply to pre-existing provisions of the	and further clarified in FAQ 14.	
		whole standard once the amendment is rolled into the			
17		standard	standard."		
	17F, 17G and 17	55	Change references to IEEE Std 802-1985 to IEEE Std	Addressed by changes made due to comment #15.	I
	Н		802-2015.		
		802-2015. The reason for this is that I think that IEEE			
		Std 802-2015 is a much better example. The PAR for			
		IEEE Std 802-2015 was approved on 27th Oct 2014			
		<a href="http://ieee802.org/3/bx/P802.3_PAR.pdf">http://ieee802.org/3/bx/P802.3_PAR.pdf</a> and IEEE			
		Std 802-2015 was approved as an IEEE-SA standard on			
		3rd September 2015. This, therefore, provides an			
		example of a standard that is eligible as it was started			
		before 15th March 2015 even though the standard			
		itself was approved after that date.			
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17G		The preceding FAQ, 17F as revised by the undisclosed	Delete the proposed new text and, instead, have FAQ	This FAQ has been removed.	R
		Committee, clearly states that "Providing blanket	17G read as follows (deleted text is stricken, new text		
		assurance using the custom LOA form dated 13 June	is in red font):		
		2019 – Limited [] means that licensing assurance for			
		all the Submitter's Essential Patent Claims is being	No. In this case, the appropriate form for the		
		given for all [] editions, revisions, and amendments	Submitter to use is the IEEE LOA form available at		
		that existed as of the approval date [] or at any time	https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P		
		after that date."	ublic/mytools/mob/loa.pdf. (See also question 85.)		
			Yes, provided the project is an amendment to an		
		Therefore, treating amendment-specific LoAs and non-	existing IEEE Standard that (i) has not been classified		
		amendment-specific LoAs differently for the same	as inactive by the IEEE-SA Standards Board; and (ii)		
		base standard would discriminates between	was started before 15 March 2015. In that case, the		
		Submitters who decide, for business reasons or other	Submitter may submit the custom LOA form dated 13		
		reasons, to submit a blanket, non-amendment specific	June 2019 – Limited and list the amendment to which		
		LoA, versus those Submitters who opt to take an	it applies. Alternatively, the Submitter could choose		
		amendment by amendment approach.	to submit a Blanket LOA as described in question 17F.		
		The stated purpose for introducing the "13 June 2019"			
		LoA was "to increase the number of [positive]			
		statements of licensing assurance that are provided to			
		IEEE in an acceptable format" (See			
		https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P			
		ublic/mytools/mob/loa-13June2019limited-			
		statement.pdf) (the term "[positive]" added as my			
19		understanding of the text – D.K).			

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17G			No suggested change provided however this FAQ has	R
	Adopting the proposed FAQ 17G language as currently		been removed.	
	proposed by the undisclosed Committee will not meet			
	this goal because Submitters may have solid reasons			
	to refrain from submitting non-amendment specific			
	LOAs including:			
	(a) Lack of knowledge on how and to where a			
	standard will develop in the future. Specific future			
	amendments may aim to include proprietary			
	technology that a company does not wish to			
	contribute to the standard or give RAND assurance			
	for;			
	(b) The potential for a company A's technology to be			
	submitted into a specific standard amendment by			
	another Company B. without the technology owner's			
	awareness, let alone consent;			
	(c) Potential national security regulations or			
	considerations;			
	(d) Loss of trust in IEEE-SA governance and			
	procedures given developments since 2013. Due			
	process deficiencies included, but were not limited to,			
	multiple changes to the patent policy in closed door			
	"executive sessions" or by undisclosed groups,			
	including the 13 June 2019 and 30 July 2019 LoA and			
	FAQ changes subject of these comments. Given loss of			
	trust, there is hesitance to provide such a "carte			
20	blanche" eternal assurance.			
17G, 17H, 84A,	It has been extremeley difficult to locate any past	Rather than introducing a new LOA which in fact	Material referenced by the custom LOA form dated	R
84B, generally	material, which is considered inappropriate given the	appears inconsistent with the LOA which was in place	13 June 2019 – Limited is available on the PatCom	
	referencing to past documents in the FAQ either	prior to the 15 March 2015 changes to the patent	website.	
	expressly or impliedly, including the past policy, LOA	policy, simply adopting that LOA which was in place		
	and FAQ which are relevant to determining which LOA			
	to use. To be able to reference past documents so is	introduced by the new Custom LOA 2019. This would		
	very important, in order that patent portfolios can be	also mean making the governing documents existing		
	properly managed.	before 15 March 2015 should also be reinstated and		
		accessible as well. A broader consultation process		
		with IEEE stakeholders in the future, so as to ensure		
		that any substantive changes to key governing		
		documents, including the policy, FAQs and LOAs, are		
		(i) workable, and (ii) do not disproportionately raise		
		cost and effort to contribute to important standard		
24		development activity conducted by the IEEE.		
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	17G,17H	Would please provide clear definition for such as		Thank you. We will forward your request to ProCom	R
		"Base standard, editions, revisions, and		for future consideration. In addition, an email to	
		amendments"? In the long discussion of related		patcom@ieee.org asking for a definition will be	
		policies, I found even IEEE veterans may have no idea		answered.	
22		what the differences are for these terms.			
	17H	The changed (fix) provided above in the row detailing	Revise the FAQ sentence as follows (new text is in red	The request change to 17G was not made so the	R
		my comment on FAQ 17G, renders part of the	font, deleted text is stricken through):	suggested deletion is not accepted. Note that FAQs	
		sentence unnecessary.		17G and 17H have been removed.	
			Yes. Since both the amendment PAR and the		
			approved standard existed before 15 March 2015,		
			<b>‡The Submitter may use the custom LOA form dated</b>		
			13 June 2019 – Limited and list either the base		
			standard or the amendment. See questions 17B and		
			17D to understand the difference in the assurance		
23			being provided. (See also question 85.)		
	17H	If, as suggested in the answer to FAQ 17H, a LoA were submitted for a base	I suggest that FAQ 17H be deleted, I believe that the	Agree	A
		standard that existed as an approved IEEE standard prior to 15th March 2015, such as IEEE Std 802.3-2008 or IEEE Std 802.3-2012, as existing	relationship between LoAs for standards, amendments,		
		standards I believe subclause 6.3.5 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board	corrigenda, editions, and revisions is already covered by		
		Operations Manual in relation to 'An Accepted Letter of Assurance	the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual and FAQs,		
		referencing an existing standard' would apply.	and I assume that the custom LOA form dated 13 June		
		I note that subclause 6.3.5 includes the text 'An Accepted Letter of	2019 - Limited is not changing that relationship.		
		Assurance referencing an existing standard will remain in force for the			
		application of the Essential Patent Claim(s) to the technology specified in			
		another amendment of the same IEEE Standard but only if (a) the application of the technology required by the amendment of the same			
		IEEE Standard has not changed from its previous usage and (b) the same			
		Essential Patent Claims covered by the prior Accepted Letter of Assurance			
		remain Essential Patent Claims in the same IEEE Standard or revision thereof.'.			
		thereon.			
		There would, therefore, appear to be cases where the LoA for a base			
		standard would not apply for an amendment, for example, if the potentially essential patent claim related to technology that was not			
		present in the base standard, only in the amendment. I agree that a			
		submitter could submit a LoA for a potentially essential Patent Claim on			
		the base standard to try to cover an amendment, and I agree that we will			
		never check to see if, for example, the related technology in the amendment is in the base standard. But I believe that the rules in			
		subclause 6.3.5 still determine if the LoA for the base standard actually			
		applies to the technology in the amendment. I therefore don't think it is			
		correct to state yes in answer to the question.			
		I'm also not sure about the reference to FAQ 17B in the answer to FAQ			
		17H, since FAQ 17B relates to 'An LOA that references a specific standard			
		(e.g., IEEE Std 802.3) without further qualification' that is an 'undated			
		LoA', not a' base standard that existed as an approved IEEE standard prior to 15 March 2015' which would require the further qualification of			
		a date (e.g., IEEE Std 802.3-2012), in other words a 'dated LoA'.			
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	17I (to be	The issue of potential conflicts between definitions in the custom	Do the definitions in the IEEE-SA Standards Board	Partially addressed by answer to comment #13.	R
	auueui	LoA form dated 13 June 2019 ("Custom LoA Form") and those in	Bylaws clause 6.1 in effect as of 15 March 2015		
		the 2015 policy is very relevant in light of the wide use that could be made of the Custom LoA Form, but it has not been addressed	apply to the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 –	Sample licensing conditions such as reciprocal	
		by the drafting committee at PatCom. In the new custom LOA it is	1 1 1 1	licensing can be provided when checking boxes D.1.a	
		noted at the botton of page 4 that the definitions contained in the		or D.1.b	
		old policy shall control in case of discrepancy between the	Limited, the definitions contained in the Bylaws in		
		definitions in the form and those in the new 2015 policy ("Should	effect as of 14 March 2015 shall apply to the		
		any discrepancy exist between the definitions above and the	exclusion of the definitions contained in the Bylaws in		
		definitions in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws clause 6.1, the	effect as of 15 March 2015, except for the definition		
		definitions contained in the Bylaws in effect as of 14 March 2015 shall control"). However, new definitions have been introduced by	l · · · · ·		
		the new 2015 policy ("compliant implementation", "prohibitive	of "Reciprocal Licensing".		
		order", "reciprocal licensing", "reasonable rates") and their			
		application to the Custom LoA Form has not been clearly ruled out.			
		In order to address this issue, it is recommended that the question			
		and answer on the right column be added to the draft list of FAQs.			
		We further note that reciprical licensing was permitted in LOAs			
		prior to 15 March 2015 changes, as this was an open filed in the earlier LoA whcih could be completed on a case by case basis.			
		earlier LOA Wilcill Could be completed on a case by case basis.			
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	,	The Bylaws in effect as of 15 March 2015 provide a	When a licensing assurance is provided using the	See response to comment #13.	R
	"	definition of "Reasonable Rate" and specific criteria	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited, what		
		for its determination. On the contrary, the Bylaws in	is the meaning of "reasonable rates" and "reasonable		
		place as of 14 March 2015 do not offer a definition	terms and conditions"? In such a case, the IEEE-SA		
		and leave licensors and licensees free to determine	does not provide a specific definition of "reasonable		
		reasonable rates on a case-by-case basis in bilateral	rates" and "reasonable terms and conditions". The		
		negotiations. This diverging approach is confirmed by	IEEE-SA takes no position on, and has no		
		th FAQs number 38 and 39 in force under the Bylaws	responsibility for determining, the reasonableness of		
		in effect as of 14 March 2015 (see attachment). In	disclosed royalty rates or other licensing terms and		
		order to reduce the risk of inconsistencies when a	conditions. The IEEE-SA's acceptance of a Letter of		
		licensing assurance is provided using the Custom LoA	Assurance does not imply any finding that the		
		Form, it is recommended that the question and	disclosed not-to-exceed terms are or are not		
		answer on the right column be added to the draft list	reasonable. The IEEE-SA's approval of a standard		
		of FAQs.	does not imply any finding (in the case of a standard		
		10117.003.	for which not-to-exceed terms have been disclosed)		
			,		
			that such terms are or are not reasonable or any		
			finding (in the case of a standard for which not-to-		
			exceed terms were not disclosed) that reasonable		
			terms would be greater or less than the disclosed		
			maximum terms (if any) for any other technology.		
			This same comment applies to FAQ 85.		
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	17K (to be	The Bylaws in effect as of 15 March 2015 provide a	Is it possible to condition the granting of a licensing	Sample licensing conditions such as reciprocal	R
	added)	definition of "Reciprocal Licensing" and the LoA	assurance using the custom LOA form dated 13 June	licensing can be provided when checking boxes D.1.a	
		associated with such policy include a reciprocity	2019 – Limited upon a Reciprocal Licensing	or D.1.b. This is not a new issue created by the	
		option. This is not the case under the old Bylaws in	requirement? Yes, the Submitter of an LOA can	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited.	
		effect as of 14 March 2015, which provide neither a	include a Reciprocal Licensing requirement in the		
		definition nor a reciprocity option. Reciprocity is a	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited,		
		common feature of many patent policies and form	under the conditions provided in in the Bylaws in		
		LOAs that standard-development organisations	effect as of 15 March 2015.		
		usually consider, as noted by the DoJ in a letter to			
		ANSI dated 11 October 2018. While there was a lack			
		of a reciprocity option already in the LoA available			
		under the old Bylaws in effect as of 14 March 2015, it			
		was IEEE's practise then to accept LoAs with			
		additional information provided by the applicant and			
		materially added to the LoA in writing. Nowadays,			
		IEEE appears to refuse all the LOAs featuring			
		additional information to the pre-determined			
		template. In order to address the above issue, It is			
		recommended that the question and answer on the			
27		right column be added to the draft list of FAQs.			
	17L (to be	The Bylaws in effect as of 15 March 2015 provide a	When a licensing assurance is provided using the	See response to comment #13.	R
	added)	definition of "Compliant Implementation", amounting	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited, what		
		to "any product (e.g., component, sub-assembly, or	is the meaning of "Compliant Implementation"? In		
		end-product) or service that conforms to any	such a case, the IEEE-SA does not provide a specific		
		mandatory or optional portion of a normative clause	definition of "Compliant Implementation". Each		
		of an IEEE Standard". On the contrary, the Bylaws in	submitters is free to determine, compatibly with their		
		place as of 14 March 2015 do not offer a definition of	business model, at which level of the value chain to		
		"Compliant Implementation". This substantially	offer a license in compliance with the terms indicated		
		diverging approach is confirmed by the circumstance	in the licensing assurance.		
		that the FAQs in force under the Bylaws in effect as of			
		14 March 2015 do not include any sections on the			
		notion of "Compliant Implementation", which is			
		widely addressed in the most recent version of the			
		FAQs at sections 39-41. In order to reduce the risk of			
		inconsistencies when a licensing assurance is provided			
		using the Custom LoA Form, it is recommended that			
		the question and answer on the right column be			
		added to the draft list of FAQs.			
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	7M (to be dded)	The old versions of the Bylaws and of the other governing documents, including the FAQs, are no longer immediately accessible on IEEE's website and they are not easy to consult. The old versions of the governing documents need to be made available to the public, particularly in light of the wide set of different LoAs available to IEEE's members, each governed by a separate version of IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws. Transparency is a required feature of the standard-development process under competition law in several jurisdictions, and IEEE shall stick to these rules.	Where is it possible to consult current and past versions of IEEE's Bylaws and other governing documents, including FAQs? All the current and past versions of IEEE's governing documents are available on the homepage of IEEE's website at the following link: [relevant link to be added]	Material referenced by the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited is available on the PatCom	1
26	5A	The Custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 does not include an option box that can be checked saying that "such a license wil include a Reciprocal licensing requirement," but it should, and FAQ 26A should refer to the Custom LOA form as well.		Sample licensing conditions such as reciprocal licensing can be provided when checking boxes D.1.a or D.1.b.	R
77	7 as ferenced in 7A	Per our comment on 17F (2nd paragraph), there should be a mechanism to allow for the revocation of blanket assurances submitted on the Custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 with respect to particular patents that may be essential to future editions, revisions or amendments to a standard, particularly where the patented technology was contributed by a	Add at the end, the following new sentence: "However, a blanket assurance submitted on Custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 may be revoked with respect to a particular patent that contains an Essential Patent Claim which was contributed to a future edition, revision or amendment of a standard without the knowledge and consent of the patent owner, where the patent owner submits a timely notice that it is not willing to license such patent claims on terms consistent with its blanket licensing assurance."	LOAs, once accepted, are irrevocable.	R
32	7A	Example scenario: if a submitter chooses both LOAs for a same standard, it may invoke contradictive understanding of the assurance. So it is suggested to make it clear that only one valid Letter of Assurance for one respective standard can be accepted.	Yes. As described in FAQ 77, the potential licensee may choose to invoke the terms of any one Accepted Letter of Assurance.	Multiple LOAs for an EPC may be submitted and accepted over time. The licensee chooses from among LOAs if multiple ones have been submitted.	R
33	<b>1</b> A	New FAQ item is suggested to provide a link of related policy document on respective LOAs.	84A. What is the IEEE-SA Patent Policy that is with the effective date of March 14, 2015? Here is the link of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy set forth in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws, IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual, and FAQ with the effective date of 14 March 2015	Material referenced by the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited is available on the PatCom website.	R

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3	34	34B	New FAQ item is suggested to provide a link of related policy document on respective LOAs.  The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee effectively charges the	effective date of March 15, 2015? Here is the link of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy set forth in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws,IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual, and FAQ with the effective date of 15 March 2015	13 June 2019 – Limited is available on the PatCom website.	R
3	\$ 5	35A	The edit proposed by the undisclosed Committee effectively changes the LoA for that was in force on 14 March 2015 by eliminating box D.1D. In doing so, the drafters have imposed a rule adopted in December 2018 on the historic 14 March 2019 form.  Such picking and choosing is inconsistent with the presentation of the "13 June 2019" form as consistent with the "14 March 2015" Patent policy (and hence LoA form, which is part and parcel of the patent policy). FAQ 85A as proposed revises the "14 March 2015" LoA and thus patent policy, through a revision that was approved in December 2018 and took effect on 1 June 2019. It needs to be corrected, otherwise presenting the form as the "14 March 2015" LoA is misleading.  This retroactive attempt to revise the "14 March 2015" LoA" form adds a burden on patent holders that was not found in the "14 March 2015" policy, because it effectively places a duty on the patentholder to search its portfolio. It also opens the door to many questions. For example:  Are patent holders expected to submit new LOAs whenever they discover a new patent claim that reads on the standard (notably, the standard is dynamic and keeps changing)? That can add up to dozens of LOAs. If so, what would be the time frame for such new statements? What would be the tramifications, if any, of failing to send in such a new form given that the IEEE-SA policy does not mandate a patent search?  The change proposed by the undisclosed Committee appears aimed at changing the FAQs to the benefit of technology users and detriment the of patent holders.	2015 FAQs and pertinent governance documents,  The custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may not be used to decline to provide licensing assurance or to make a statement of non-awareness of potential Essential Patent Claims. For such declarations, the IEEE LOA form available at	13 June 2019: "If, as described in Clause 6 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws, the Submitter becomes aware of additional Patent Claims not already covered by an existing Letter of Assurance that are owned, controlled, or licensable by the Submitter that may be or become Essential Patent Claims with respect to the standard identified in C above, the	R

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	85A	Most negative LOAs received after the change to the	It is proposed to:	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R
		patent policy in 2015 were also provided by	1) include on the custom LOA form the negative		
		submitters with statements in different forms that as	option that was in existence;		
		a Patent holder they would be willing to license under	2) modify 85A FAQ text as follow:		
		the previous IEEE policy.	85A. How does When a Submitter declines to provide		
		Assuming a patent holder refuses to license under the	licensing assurance or make a statement of non-		
		new policy AND under the previous policy, IEEE has	awareness of potential Essential Patent Claims using		
		not provided tools to allow for anyone to understand	the custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited,		
		what the refusal to license relates to.	to which standards or project does it apply?		
			The custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited		
			may not only be used to decline to provide licensing		
			assurance or to make a statement of non-awareness		
			of potential Essential Patent Claims for projects and		
			standards with a PAR dated prior to 15 March 2015.		
			This negative LOA applies to standards and projects		
			started prior to 14 March 2015 and applies to		
			subsequent amendments and versions of the		
			standard which continues to include the related		
			technology.		
			The custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited		
			may not be used to decline to provide licensing		
			assurance or to make a statement of non-awareness		
			of potential Essential Patent Claims for projects and		
			standards with a PAR started after 15 March 2015.		
			For such declarations, the IEEE LOA form available at		
			https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P		
			ublic/mytools/mob/loa.pdf must be used.		
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	FORM	A Patent Holder should not have to go through an	It is proposed to add text to the custom LOA form and	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R
		FAQ to figure out which form should be used and in	the current form to clarify which one to use when as		
		which instance.	follows:		
			Text for the "current LOA form":		
			This form needs to be used for any standard and		
			project with a PAR date of 15 March 2015 or after		
			and developed under the IEEE patent policy dated 15		
			March 2015.		
			This form may also be used for standards and projects		
			with a PAR date prior to 15 March 2015, however the		
			custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 can also be		
			used for these standards and projects which		
			correspond to the prior IEEE patent policy in effect on		
			14 March 2015.		
			Text for the custom LOA form:		
			This custom LOA form can be used for any standard		
			and project with a PAR date prior to 15 March 2015,		
			started under the IEEE policy in effect prior to 15		
			March 2015.		
			This custom LOA form shall not be used for any		
			standard and project, started under the current IEEE		
37			policy, with a PAR date after 15 March 2015.		
	FORM	it can create a lot of confusion to have an	it is suggested that to avoid confusion and avoid the	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R
		"intermediate form and policy" rather than having	creation of additional clarification questions in the		
		both the pre-march 15th form and policy and the post	FAQ, IEEE reinstall the pre 15 March 2015 form, IPR		
		march 15th 2015 form and policy.	policy and related governing document for any PAR		
			project/standards started prior to that date instead of		
			creating an intermediate custom LOA form.		
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	FORM 13 June	Since 2015, IEEE-SA has repeatedly declined to accept	See suggested change to FAQ 31.	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R	
	2019 LoA	submitted LoA, often time refusing to provide an				
		explanation for the rejection.	Also, you may want to revise the form by adding the	Note that both approved LOA forms allow for the		
	Page 2		following tick box as the last option under D.1.b.:	attachment of Sample Licensing Terms when box		
		The newly introduced "13 June 2019" LoA, unlike the		D.1.a or D.1.b are checked. Those samples can include		
		"1 June 2019" LoA, does not include a reciprocity "tick	" o (Optional) Such a license will include a Reciprocal	reciprocity terms.		
		box". Given IEEE-SA trend in recent years to reject	Licensing requirement."			
		LoAs that have attachments, there needs to be an IEEE				
		SA assurance in the FAQs that Submitters of the "13				
		June 2019" form would be able to grant their				
		assurance subject to reciprocity.				
		The ability to make RAND assurance subject to				
		reciprocity is key, because patentholders are often				
		willing to give access to the technology, only in return				
		for not being excluded themselves by the				
		implementer/technology-user benefiting from this				
		commitment.				
		Without an assured path to providing RAND assurance				
		subject to reciprocity, a patent holder may choose to				
		give a negative LoA. As noted earlier, such result				
		would conflict with the stated purpose for introducing				
		the "13 June 2019" LoA, which was "to increase the				
		number of [positive] statements of licensing assurance				
		that are provided to IEEE in an acceptable format"				
		(See				
		https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P				
39		uhlic/mvtools/moh/loa-13 lune2019 limited-				
	FORM 13 June	The undisclosed person or group of persons who	Bring deleted box D.1.d back into the form and have	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R	
	2019 LoA Page	drafted this LoA have/s omitted Section D.1.d. from	it read as it read on the "14 March 2015" LoA form.			
	2	the "14 March 2015" LoA form. See comments above	From memory, since it's not publicly available, I			
		on FAQ 85A	believe it used to read:			
			"   d. The Submitter is unwilling or unable to grant			
			licenses according to the provisions of either a or b			
			above or to agree that it will not enforce its Essential			
40			Patent Claims as described in c above."			

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FORM 13 June	Listing only "IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws clause	Revise as follows (new text is in red font, deleted text	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R
2019 LoA	6.1" is incomplete description of the definitions that	is stricken through):	Please note the change proposed in the answer to	
Page 4	were in effect on 14 March 2015. The "14 March		comment 2:	
Related to	2015 FAQs" also need to be listed as well as any other	Should any discrepancy exist between the definitions		
comment on	pertinent IEEE-SA governance documents (these may	above and the definitions in the IEEE-SA Standards	Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including	
FAQ 85	include, for example, resolutions).	Board Bylaws clause 6.1, related FAQ document titled	amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date	
		"Understanding Patent Issues During IEEE Standards	preceding the 15 March 2015 effective date of the	
		Development," and other pertinent IEEE-SA	updates to the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy, the	
		governance document, the definitions contained in	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may	
		the Bylaws, FAQ document, and pertinent IEEE-SA	be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA	
		governance documents in effect as of 14 March 2015	Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015, as found in	
		shall control.	Clause 6 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws and	
			Clause 6.3 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations	
			Manual, will apply. (See also questions 15C, 17F, and	
			84.)	
			(Note: add hotlinks to Bylaws and Ops Man words in	
			above -	
			https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
			ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-OpMan-Dec2014.pdf	
			https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
1			ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-Bylaws-Dec2014.pdf)	

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FORM Related	The language on the box on the bottom of page 3 is	Revise as follows (new text is in red font, deleted text	Out of scope. Comments only accepted on FAQs.	R
to comment on	problematic, for the following reasons:	is stricken through):	Please note the change proposed in the answer to	
FAQ 85			comment 2:	
	(1) It references both the new 2015 policy and the	"IEEE Patent Policy and the procedures used to		
13 June 2019	"14 March 2015" policy together. The first sentence	execute that policy are documented in the IEEE SA	Effective 13 June 2019, for projects (including	
LoA	seems to reference the 2015 patent policy. The	Standards Board Bylaws and the IEEE-SA Standards	amendments) or standards with a PAR approval date	
	second sentence references the "14 March 2015"	Board Operations Manual. The All terms and	preceding the 15 March 2015 effective date of the	
Page 3	patent policy.	definitions set forth in the (1) IEEE Patent Policy, (2)	updates to the text of the IEEE-SA Patent Policy, the	
		IEEE Patent Policy FAQs, (3) IEEE-SA Standards Board	custom LOA form dated 13 June 2019 – Limited may	
	Submitters are therefore left unsure under what	Bylaws, and (4) IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations	be submitted and, if accepted, the text of the IEEE-SA	
	policy they are submitting	Manual, and (5) IEEE-SA governance documents in	Patent Policy in effect on 14 March 2015, as found in	
		effect as of 14 March 2015 are incorporated herein	Clause 6 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws and	
	It is also unclear why the first sentence is necessary.	and apply to this submitted form to the exclusion of	Clause 6.3 in the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations	
		any later versions of these documents. These	Manual, will apply. (See also questions 15C, 17F, and	
	(2) The "IEEE Patent Policy, IEEE-SA Standards Board	referenced documents are available on the IEEE-SA	84.)	
	Bylaws, and IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations	website at www.public_links_to_14-March-		
	Manual in effect as of 14 March 2015" are not publicly	2015_documents.com"	(Note: add hotlinks to Bylaws and Ops Man words in	
	available anywhere. How are Submitters supposed to		above -	
	know the terms under which they are submitting?	The URL at the end of the suggested "fix" is provided	https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
		as an example for its potential formulation.	ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-OpMan-Dec2014.pdf	
	(3) In the second sentence, the "IEEE Patent Policy,		https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/P	
	IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws, and IEEE-SA		ublic/mytools/mob/SASB-Bylaws-Dec2014.pdf)	
	Standards Board Operations Manual in effect as of 14			
	March 2015" are not a complete description of the			
	policy that was in effect on 14 March 2015. The "14			
	March 2015 FAQs" also need to be listed as well as			
	any other pertinent IEEE-SA governance documents			
	(these may include, for example, resolutions)			