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In clause 8.2 of the third working draft of TR 10000-1 (SGFS N817), the Editor has proposed a change in the text to accommodate the situation where it is appropriate for an ISP or an ISP-part to specify more than one Profile.

EWOS supports this proposal for three reasons:

1. If two or more Profiles are technically interrelated, such that they are always used together in an implementation, the user of the specification will find the documentation more compact and convenient to use, avoiding the need to reference several ISP-parts. (Example: FVT211,212)

2. If two or more Profiles differ in only a small degree from each other, the writer of the specifications will be able to produce a combined text, thus reducing the need for frequent cross references to other ISP-parts, and also reducing the administrative work load of preparing and balloting several documents. (Example: AMH111,112)

3. This will regularize the situation which already exists for certain published ISPs, and others already under review/ballot. (Example: TB1111,1121)

Any use of this relaxation shall be requested by the submitting organisation at an early stage in the planning of an ISP, since any late changes to one part of an ISP will have a significant impact on other parts. An addition will therefore be required to SD-1 - the "SGFS Procedures" document - e.g. to 4.1, to require such notification, with reasons, to be made to SGFS, with a two month period for approval. Reasons for disapproval from SGFS members will be reviewed by the SGFS Chair; if they are supported, the submitter will be required to follow the normal rules for one ISP per Profile. Reference to the reasons for combining Profiles shall be included in the Explanatory Report (e.g. under 4.2(g)2).

EWOS further requests SGFS to approve a resolution endorsing this relaxation in advance of its eventual publication in TR 10000-1.3, thus permitting existing draft ISPs to proceed without costly delays for rewriting.