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SGFS is preparing procedures for adopting PTS (Profile Test Suites) in addition to the Profiles that are currently published in ISPs. Principles for this work are documented in SGFS N1003. As part of the preparation of these procedures, SGFS has identified the constraints that :

- PTS must be based on ATS (Abstract Test Suites) for the base standards
- ATS standardization is the responsibility of the base standards committees
- When a PTS is submitted to SGFS for a given profile, it is the intent of SGFS not to progress the PTS to ISP level until the corresponding ATS has been progressed at least to DIS level by the base standards committee.

For these reasons, SGFS would like to encourage JTC1 SCs whose scope includes base standards for which profiles and profile test suites are developed, to :

- take appropriate measures to expedite the standardization of ATSS, in order not to delay the progression of PTS and the provision of test services that would be based on them. These SCs may consider the use of fast-track procedure for achieving timely approval of ATSS.
- be ready to accept partial ATS (ie ATS that may not cover all the functionality of a base standard, but a subset that corresponds to the functionality selected in a profile), and to progress it, if possible, to DIS level without waiting for completion of the standards functionalities.

SGFS will welcome SCs questions and comments on the above procedures.