

TITLE : Liaison statement to SC21 on the subject of standardization of FTAM PTS specifications

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SGFS has received a liaison statement from EWOS (SGFS N1157) informing SGFS of completion of the effort to produce PTS specifications for the FTAM profiles in ISP 10607, and requesting action on standardization.

However, because the specifications are in a form in which it is difficult to separate clearly base standard and functional standard material, EWOS is submitting these PTS also to SC21. SGFS understands that, although harmonization statements are not yet available from OIW and AOW, these statements are likely to be available shortly.

SGFS would like to establish, in liaison with SC21, what course of action should be followed for standardization of this material in order to avoid overlapping activities. It would like to do this in time for the SGFS meeting in December 1994.

Proposed SGFS procedures for the processing of PTS presume that the corresponding ATs will be progressed to base standard status by the base standards committees. It is further presumed that SGFS would progress the PTS material as an ISP or ISP part. However, the proposed SGFS procedures do not permit a PTS to progress beyond DISP status if the corresponding base standards ATs have not yet reached DIS status in the base standards committees. SGFS recognizes that its procedures may have to take into account the situation where the base standards committees, for any reason, cannot standardize the ATs for the base standards. It has been suggested that in such a case, the ATs (either physically separated from the PTS or not) could be included in the ISP as well.

SGFS would like to know from SC21:

- * what part of the EWOS deliverable, (if any) is considered suitable for base standardization in SC21;
- * whether SC21 is able to take action on such base standardization;
- * what are the timescales for such a standardization effort.