Title   :   **U.S. comments on SGFS N1256, Resolution 4**

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1.   The U.S. has reviewed EWOS comments on this resolution (EWOS/EG-OSE/95/017) and agrees that it is not necessary to make immediate updates to TR 10000 in order to address the SGFS N1256, Resolution 4 issues.

2.   While the U.S. feels that the issues raised in Resolution 4 could lead to consideration of alternative structures for TR 10000, SGFS does not have sufficient experience with the new SGFS scope to identify such appropriate alternatives.

3.   Concerning the request for input on ATS/PTS processing:
   a)   Resolution 47 of the JTC1 Plenary Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland resolved that "test specifications originating from Regional Workshops may, as an alternative to five-stage processing, be submitted to JTC1 for processing using the PAS procedure documented in the JTC1 N3279 Revised." The U.S. proposes that this approach be used for future ATS transposition into IS, rather   than progression as ISP.
   b)   The U.S. supports the position that, for PTS, ISO/IEC 9646-6:1994 should be followed.
   c)   In the case of documents which contain combined ATS/PTS, a process for progression must be determined. To place the question in context, some background is needed: For ATS, the JTC1 SC determines the technical consistency with the relevant standard through its balloting process. For PTS, SGFS relies on the experts   from the relevant SCs to determine technical consistency with the ATS even though they are progressed using SGFS procedures. For combined ATS/PTS, it is assumed that these same experts would be consulted.

Further, we note that SGFS has asked for the advice of SC21 in this matter (SGFSN1189) and notes that such advice is critical in the SGFS decisions on this matter. We are not aware of a response from SC21.

Given the above context and pending receipt of a response from SC21, SGFS should treat combined ATS/PTS in the same manner as ATS. That is, combined ATS/PTS should be progressed as PAS for transposition into IS.