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1. Introduction

In order to improve the timeliness of work progression, project subdivisions have been used by the working groups in SC32. Some of these subdivisions have bordered on the introduction of new work, yet the necessity of a full JTC1 NWI ballot was not warranted and would have created a significant delay in progression. However, some of the information required by the JTC1 ballot would be useful for determining the advisability of the project subdivision. To overcome these problems, JTC1/SC7 has introduced a process which ballots these project subdivisions at the SubCommittee level.

2. Extract from document SC7 N1415, Resolutions from the Prague Plenary of SC7:

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Guidelines for Project Subdivision (SC7/BPG)

Resolution 433:

JTC 1/SC7 instructs its Secretariat to require for a project subdivision (Ref.: ISO/IEC JTC 1 Directives, March 1995 version, clause 7.81) the following: (1) statement of benefits to SC7, (2) title and terms of reference of the proposed project subdivisions, and (3) a project requirements document for each proposed subdivision to be made available to SC7 Members Bodies either 30 days before a SC7 plenary or distributed for comment and SC7 ballot.

(...)

Directives JTC1, version 4, on the same subject:

6.2.2.1 To avoid undue delays in authorizing subdivisions of projects or minor enhancements of existing work, where the changes are not outside the scope of the original item, the SC may proceed with such work if approved by a vote of its P-members. The change(s), however, must be submitted to JTC 1 for endorsement and, if JTC 1 does not approve, the work must cease.

3. Recommendation for SC32

SC32 should adopt a process equivalent to SC7's process for the handling of project subdivisions.