

WC130: AusAlert Standards Update

Working Committee Terms of Reference



The **WC130 AusAlert Standards Update** Working Committee has been established to perform an area of work identified by the Customer Equipment and Cable Reference Panel (CECRP). This Committee in carrying out the specific terms below is to observe the following guidelines, as appropriate:

- to ensure that all existing and new mandatory requirements are consistent with ACMA's power to make technical standards under s376 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and that their inclusion is appropriate when considering those powers.
- to adopt international/overseas Standards and Australian Standards (AS & AS/NZS) wherever possible, recognising the changeability, applicability and testability of those Standards.
- to only develop mandatory requirements where no international/overseas Standards or Australian Standards (AS & AS/NZS) exist or where national deviations to international/overseas Standards and Australian Standards are required.
- to review the references to AS/ATA and AS/CA Standards and other industry and regulatory Standards and documents.
- to follow the ATA *Guidelines for Developing Standards*.¹

Specifically, the Working Committee is to revise (or amend):

- AS/CA S042.1:2025 **Requirements for connection to an air interface of a Telecommunications Network—Part 1: General** Standard.

The Working Committee is to:

- update the Standard to reflect the change of the name of the 'National Messaging System' (NMS) to 'AusAlert'; and
- and to identify whether the change is to be enabled via an amended version of the 2025 version of the Standard or via the publication of a revised 2026 version of the Standard.

Primary deliverables

- Either a revised or amended version of AS/CA S042.1:2025 **Requirements for connection to an air interface of a Telecommunications Network—Part 1: General** Standard

Supporting deliverables

- a recommendation on how the proposed AS/CA Standard should be applied in the ACMA TLN (category, date of application, compliance level(s) and overlap period). This does not include the application of other AS/ACIF and ACMA Standards that may be referenced by this Standard.

¹ See <https://www.austelco.org.au/our-work/#policies-and-procedures>

- a report that includes:
 - justification of any deviations from international/overseas standards or Australian Standards (AS & AS/NZS)
 - a rationale for proposed new requirements.
- a rationale for changes proposed to the requirements of an existing AS/CA Standard (or ACMA Technical Standard).
- a Working Committee Project Review report.