



Global Standards for the Microelectronics Industry

JEDEC Patent Policy



Introduction

- The following presentation is intended as a synopsis. Please take the time to read and familiarize yourself with the complete policy, which may be found in Section 8.2 of JM21 - JEDEC Manual of Organization and Procedure:
<http://www.jedec.org/sites/default/files/JM21P%5B1%5D.pdf>

General Principles

- All JEDEC Member Companies and their Representatives agree to abide by the JEDEC patent policy.
- The commitment applies to JEDEC Member Companies and non-members, and it includes having a Representative present at any point in a committee or task group meeting.
- The commitment continues as long as the Member Company or Representative is a member or a participant in a particular JEDEC committee.
- For the purposes of the patent policy, "Committee" refers to the full committee, except for those committees that have subcommittees. In that context, "committee" refers to any group that has a separate scope.

RAND Licensing Obligation

- All Member Companies, as a condition of committee membership or participation, agree to license their Essential Patent Claims on RAND terms and conditions.
- If a Member Company knows it would be unwilling to license its Essential Patent Claims on RAND terms, the member must notify the committee chair and withdraw from the committee within 120 days after giving the notice. This option is not available to a Member Company with respect to its own Contribution. The form for the notification may be found at <http://www.jedec.org/about-jedec/patent-policy>.

Disclosure Obligation

- All Member Companies and their Representatives are required to disclose all known Potentially Essential Patent Claims owned or controlled by the Member Company.
- No Member Company has a duty to conduct a search for Potentially Essential Patent Claims.
- Member Companies and their Representatives are required to use a standard form for the disclosures and assurances. The form can be found at <http://www.jedec.org/about-jedec/patent-policy>.

Committee Focus

- The disclosure and licensing obligations of Member Companies and their Representatives are limited to Standards developed in the particular JEDEC committees in which they are members or in which they participate.

Committee Assignments

- Member Companies and their Representatives are strongly encouraged to review their current committee and subcommittee assignments, and ensure they are prepared to accept the commitments defined by the patent policy.