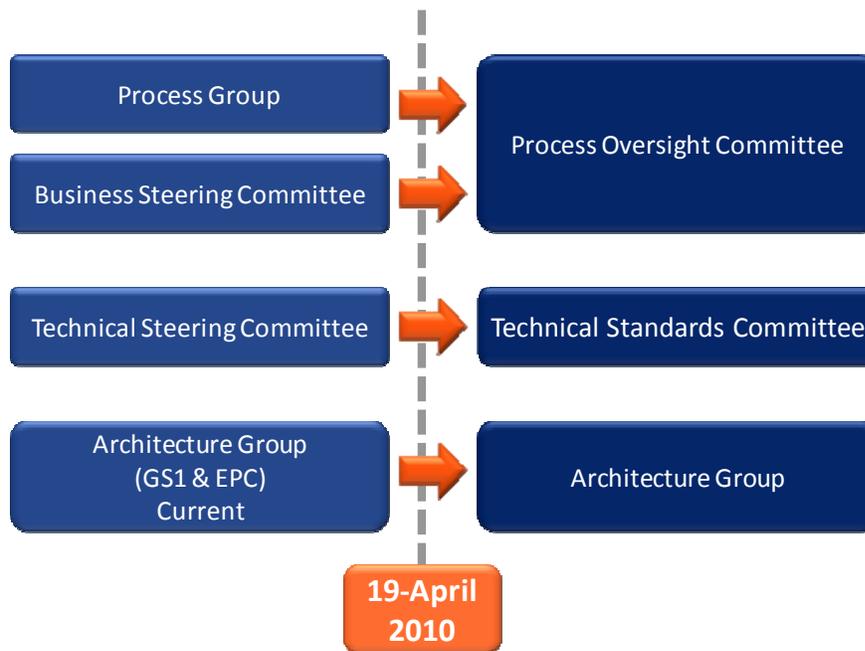## Introduction

As part of the merger of the old Global Standards Management Process (GSMP) and EPCglobal Standards Development Process into the new GSMP, the governance of the old processes will transition to newly formed groups with different roles. The responsibilities of the old structures were mapped to the new structures as part of the Integrated Standards Development Process (ISDP) exercise and are described in the new GSMP Process Manual. This document describes the transition plan which was recently approved by the Board Committee for Standards (BCS).

Governance Transition

The following depiction shows the transition to the new Governance which will occur the 19th of April 2010. The Call-to-Action was issued for the formation of the new governance groups and nominations were approved by the BCS.

Figure 1 Governance Transition

Transition of Authority: The new governance structures, upon formation, will acquire the roles and authorities of the old governance structures in addition to the new governance roles as described in the new GSMP Manual. This will facilitate the transition to the new process and standards ratification throughout.

Interim Ratification Process: There are work items currently in the GSMP and EPCglobal processes which will finalize after April. These work items will be ratified by the newly formed governance against the tenants of due process as specified in the existing processes. As shown in Figure 2, those work items, once reviewed by the BCS will be finalized by the board which currently governs the respective process (EPCglobal standards will go from the Board Committee for Standards (BCS) review to the EPCglobal Board review; GS1 standards will go to the GS1 Management Board). This is a requirement of due process as defined in the current EPCglobal and GSMP Manuals.

Figure 2 Interim Ratification for Work-in-Process (after 19-Apr-2010)

| Architecture Group Review | → | BCS Ratification | EPC Standards → | EPCglobal Board |
| POC (w TSC) Due Process Review | | | GS1 Standards → | GS1 Management Board |

✅ **Note:** For ratification of work that was initiated in the old processes but will finalize after 19-Apr-2010, the ratification will take place as shown above.

Work Transition

Once the new GSMP process starts, work will still continue in the existing EPCglobal and GSMP processes (as shown in Figure 3). This existing work will continue until its conclusion (as documented in the approved EPCglobal Charter or GSMP PDD), unless there is a reason for transitioning the work to the new GSMP process. The decision to transition an existing work effort to the new process would be made in accordance with the Process Oversight Committee (POC).

Figure 3 Work Transition

GSMP - existing Work-in-Progress

EPCglobal - existing Work-in-Progress

New GSMP

19-April 2010

The target date of the 19-Apr-2010 is the date after which the formation of any new GS1 standards group will occur in the new GSMP process. Complex change requests (**now called Development Work Requests in the new model**) received after the New GSMP launch will trigger new mission specific groups (after Industry Engagement prioritization) to be formed and operational in the new model only. No new Work Groups will be formed in EPCglobal or the current GSMP.

❗ **Important:** Groups that remain active under the old processes can continue accepting new members only for work as defined in their current scope (as documented in the approved EPCglobal Charter or GSMP PDD).
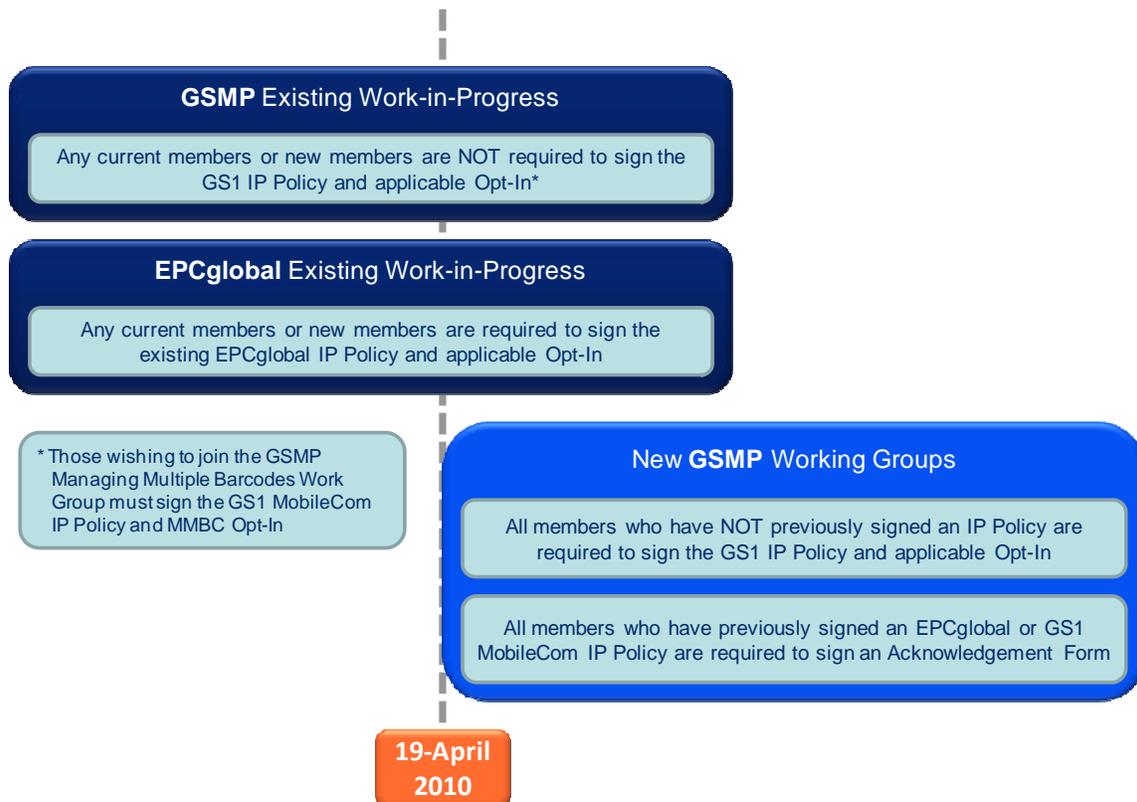
Maintenance of existing standards: Simple change requests received after the New GSMP Launch:

Simple (**now called Maintenance Work Requests in the new model**) Work Requests submitted into the current GSMP will continue to be processed in the current GSMP model by the Business Requirements Groups (BRGs) until the analogous Standards Maintenance Group (SMG) in the new model achieves a critical mass of GS1 IP Policy signatories. **The institution of the GS1 IP Policy in the new process will play a key role in determining WHEN any group is considered operational.** Each SMG must have an Opted-In membership of sufficient size to represent a valid minimum of the community voice in the creation of the standard. For eBallot, the 2-2-2,12 rule (refer to the new GSMP Manual) is the voting minimum, but may be insufficient to represent the breadth of needed stakeholder input. The determination of what is a "valid minimum" will be made by the Process Oversight Committee (POC).

Participation Requirements

Members participating in existing GSMP and EPCglobal groups may continue participating as they do today without the need to sign the GS1 IP Policy. Members wishing to participate in the new GSMP are required to sign the GS1 IP Policy or Acknowledgement form (as shown in Figure 4).

Figure 4 Working Group Participation Requirements.

For information regarding the GS1 IP Policy process, refer to the new GSMP Process Manual.

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