

No.	Comment	Document	Comment from	Organisation	Date	Action	Status	Ref
1	I had a chance to look at the SC ToRs. They are pretty straightforward and seem fine in terms of compliance with the ISEAL Standard-setting Code. However, the key aspect of compliance is in the composition of decision-making on the content of the Code. The ToRs indicate that the SC makes a recommendation to the Council, who is responsible for the decision. This makes the Council the body that is required to have a balance of stakeholder interests. An alternative that many systems look to is to retain the final decision with the Council but to limit the focus of their approval on whether or not the process followed by the SC to arrive at the standard followed the procedures. So the Council does not have a role in determining appropriate content. Ultimately, the decision-making needs to be structured in such a way that your stakeholders feel that their views are adequately represented.	GoodWeave Standards Committee Terms of Reference	Patrick Mallet	ISEAL	5/12/2009	OP revised such that SC is the decision-maker on content of standards	Complete	BN, ST
2	The Operating Procedures and Terms of Reference should be clear that the decision-making on Standards content is within the mandate of the Standards Committee, and implementation and related decisions are carried out by RMI and the National Initiatives	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards; GoodWeave Standards Committee Terms of Reference	Tina Godron	GoodWeave/ TransFair Germany	Jan-10	OP and ToR revised to clarify language around decision-making	Complete	BN, ST
[From Response to RMI's ISEAL Standard-Setting Code Self Assessment]					4/2/2010			
Claims of Compliance with ISEAL Codes								
3	[4.1.2] Here's a quote from the new ISEAL Membership Requirements document P006B: "ISEAL Associate Members are not entitled to make any claims about their practices or compliance with Codes of Good Practice as a result of their membership in ISEAL. They are entitled to state that they are an ISEAL Associate Member and can make aspirational statements about seeking to be compliant with applicable ISEAL Codes, with language approved by the ISEAL Secretariat prior to use. They are not entitled to use the ISEAL logo."	See below	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Review organizational documents & revise as necessary	Complete	BN, RG
3.1	RMI has made statements in various documents that go a bit beyond the above limits. We understand your intent and do not doubt your sincerity, but until full compliance with the Code is ascertained and Full Member status is attained, these statements should be revised accordingly. (We find them in the Generic Standard 2.4.1, in the Standards OP, Complaints OP, and SC ToR's.) The Public Summary document has the right kind of language, as does www.rugmark.net.	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Revise reference in v.4	Complete	BN
3.2	Same as above	OP Complaints Against GoodWeave Standards, v.1.1	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Revise reference in v.1.2	Complete	BN
3.3	Same as above	GoodWeave Standards Committee Terms of Reference, v.5.1	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Revise reference in v.5.2	Complete	BN
3.4	Same as above	Generic Standard draft v.2.4.1	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Revise reference in version 2.4.2	Complete	RG
Policy Review & Revision								
4	[4.2.3] It appears that this document addresses policy formation in general, and that it in itself will be reviewed in 3 years' time, but it does not speak about any other specific policy or procedure per se. The procedures for standards setting in particular seem to be discussed in the document entitled rmi-op-development-of-goodweave-standards, but a frequency is not stated there.	OP Development of RMI Policies v.8.03.09	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Add to OP Development of GoodWeave Policies sec.2	Complete	BN
Project Description/Terms of Reference								
5	[5.1.1] Does your organisation, upon commencement of any new standard development activity, develop terms of reference?	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	The "Project Description" in the OP (sec.2.3) serves as the terms of reference.	Complete	BN
5.1	[5.1.1] Does the terms of reference include a justification of the need for the standard, as well as an assessment of whether the proposed standard will meet an expressed need, and an assessment of how broadly the final standard is intended to be applied?	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language clarified in v.4 (sec.2.2)	Complete	BN

5.2	[5.1.1] Does it include an assessment of risks in implementing the standard and how to mitigate for these, including identification of factors that could have a negative impact on the ability of the standard to achieve its objectives, unintended consequences that could arise from its implementation, and possible corrective actions that could be taken to address these potential risks?	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language added in v.4 (sec.2.3)	Complete	BN
5.3	[5.1.1] Is your organisation also proactive in identifying and involving disadvantaged groups (see also criterion 5.7)?	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language added in v.4 (sec.2.3)	Complete	BN
5.4	Same as above	Guidelines for National Consultations	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Guidelines updated to ensure focus on disadvantaged groups - put in practice by NIs during consultation	Complete	BN, NIs
5.5	[5.1.2] For a standards revision process, does your organisation update the terms of reference?	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language clarified in v.4 (sec.2, 2.1, 3.6)	Complete	BN
Public Summary								
6	[5.2.1] Does this summary include: decision-making procedures, including how decisions are made and who makes them?	Public Summary; Generic Standard draft v.2.4.1; www.goodweave.net/consultation	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Updated to include more prominent reference to standard-setting procedures	Complete	BN
6.1	[5.2.2] Are interested parties given the opportunity to comment on the public summary for the proposed standard and, in particular, on the terms of reference?	Public Summary; Generic Standard draft v.2.4.1; www.goodweave.net/standard-development	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Updated to clarify comments may be made on the Public Summary	Complete	BN
6.2	Same as above	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language clarified in v.4 (sec.2.3, 2.5)	Complete	BN
Balance of Interests								
7	[5.5.3] The SC ToR's mention a "Council of Members" – I assume this is equal to the RMI Council. It is better to use the same terms consistently.	All OPs and ToR	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language made consistent in all OPs and ToR	Complete	BN
7.1	I have several questions related to governance: The RMI Council appoints the SC. The RMI Constitution states how the Council is made up, but it does not say how the actual persons are chosen. Who is on the Executive Board? The Constitution section 6(2) mentions an "extended Board" – what is this? Also, the Advisory Board can actually decide over a deadlock on the E.B. – how is this Board seated, and who is on it? It would be good if on the website the profiles of all the persons on these bodies were shown.	www.goodweave.net/about	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Website updated with current officers. The advisory board is not currently constituted.	Complete	BN
7.2	In reality, the selection of the governing bodies is not a democratic process per se. This means there needs to be sufficient transparency and ability for stakeholders to raise objections.	Same as above	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Same as above		
Consultation Period								
8	[5.6.2] Re: "where considered urgent for the marketplace or other reasons, the consultation period may be reduced to 30 days," What would this mean in reality?	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language clarified to include "justification required in writing" in v.4 (sec.2.5)	Complete	BN

	Decision Making							
9.1	[5.9.1] The SC ToR's section 3.4 says the Chair can take a decision on content-related issues between meetings. Seems like too loose or vague wording, or abuseable.	GoodWeave Standards Committee Terms of Reference, v.5.1	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language clarified in v.5.2 (sec.3.4)	Complete	BN
9.2	[5.9.1] Re: Do you make an explicit effort to inform interested parties of these procedures before the start of the standard development or revision process, through your public summary? - This could be improved by referencing and/or linking to the SC ToR's in the relevant places.	Public Summary; Generic Standard draft v.2.4.1; www.goodweave.net/standard-development	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Updated to include more prominent reference to standard-setting procedures	Complete	BN
9.3	[5.9.2] Re: Do you circulate the final document to those who have commented, and share their feedback/opinions with the decision-making body? - Should be included (in OP)	OP Development of GoodWeave Standards, v.3	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Language added in v.4 (sec.3.1, 4)	Complete	BN
	Standards Information							
10.1	[5.10.5] Do all documents include on their cover page the official language(s) of the standards system and a note that, in the case of inconsistency between versions, reference shall default to the official language version?	Generic Standard draft v.2.4.1	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Added in version 2.4.2	Complete	RG
10.2	[5.11.1] Is contact information included on all documentation associated with the standard and the standard development process?	Generic Standard draft v.2.4.1	David Gould	ISEAL	4/2/2010	Added in version 2.4.2	Complete	RG
					11/12/2010			
11	All of the organizational documents need to be rebranded to reflect the new organization name	- OP Development of GoodWeave Policies v.1.1 - OP Development of GoodWeave Standards v.4.1 - OP Complaints against GoodWeave Standards v.1.3 - Standards Committee Terms of Reference v.5.3 - Child Protection Policy v.2.1	N/A	GWI	11/24/2010	Documents updated Nov 2010	Complete	BN, CJ
	same as above	Generic International Standard v.2.1			11/30/2010		Complete	BN, SC
	same as above	Trademark Policy v.6.1			10/19/2010		Complete	SW