

Paper for Consideration by NIPWG

Preparations for S-12x test data

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Executive Summary:	This paper is a summary of activities that are ongoing in Canada in preparation for making S-12x test data.
Related Documents:	N/A
Related Projects:	S-122, S-123, S-127

Introduction / Background

This paper describes the progress made in Canada in order to prepare for creating S-12x test data.

Analysis/Discussion

Developing S-12x test data in Canada has started with mapping S-12x product specification scopes to Canadian Publications to identify the sources of S-12x products. This exercise has revealed that S-12x product specifications do not match well with the scope of existing Canadian Publications. The mapping has begun from S-12x to Canadian Publications. There are plans to do a reverse mapping from Canadian Publications to S-12x in order to identify any gaps that may exist to ensure no relevant information is left without a "home" in the process.

The preliminary mapping has shown that some of the S-12x scopes span multiple Canadian Publications, and in some cases multiple agencies. It has therefore been necessary to start discussions on assigning S-100 based product specification to a responsible agency. This work is not yet completed.

Given the multi-agency impact of S-100, efforts are underway to establishing a multi department S-100 Committee to promote harmonization and cooperation in the implementation of S-100. This committee will also work on making recommendations for items such as the distribution strategy since the S-100 regime requires more rigor than what has been necessary with traditional publications.

Conclusions

Preparing to make S-12x test data has highlighted the need for a significant amount of planning before Canada is ready to create S-12x NPub test data.

Action Required of NIPWG

The NIPWG is invited to note this paper