

Chinese NB's Urgent Request for Action on 1N7506 and 1N7537

Dear Ms. Jooran Lee,

Thanks for the attention of SC6 secretariat and experts of every National Body given to Chinese NB's proposal 1N7506 in the Orlando meeting. We appreciate the effective work of SC6 chairman and WG1 convener, which was applauded widely by every National Body. And we appreciate SC6 chairman and WG1 Convener for their fair attitudes and abilities in solving the disputes and conflicts.

Chinese NB considers the result of Orlando meeting positive, and especially appreciates the following constructive resolution and advice.

1. Validity of Chinese proposal 1N7506 as fast track proposal was confirmed.

Through the effective negotiation in Orlando meeting, SC6 chairman, WG1 convener, experts of every National Body and IEEE Liaison Representative have clearly realized that 1N7506 was requested explicitly to be processed through Fast Track procedure, and 1N7506 is based on the Chinese national standard issued in 2003, so it conforms to JTC1 directives that 1N7506 is processed through Fast Track procedure. It was also pointed out by Mr. R. Tasker, ISO/IEC 8802-11 project editor that Chinese NB's proposing 1N7506 for fast track is legitimate.

6N12765, which is resolution document in SC6 Orlando meeting, also points out clearly that, "the Chinese NB are encouraged, considering the co-operative working arrangements established between ISO/IEC JTC1 SC6 and the IEEE 802, to submit their specific proposal to JTC1 SC6 for processing. This will then ensure that the proposal is reviewed in the appropriate international forum and, if accepted, will be included as an amendment to the ISO/IEC 8802-11 work for use in the international community."

Moreover the time for circulating 1N7506 (on 2, August, 2004, on JTC1 website) is far earlier than that of 1N7537 (IEEE 802.11i, which was circulated on 15, September, 2004 on JTC1 website).

2. IEEE considers that 1N7506 and 1N7537 are not mutually exclusive...

The resolution file 6N12765 of SC6 Orlando meeting points out again “It is acknowledged that there are known defects with WEP...” IEEE delegation proposed in 6N12768 that “N7506 and N7537 are not mutually exclusive. Both can reside within 8802-11 as security mechanisms and be invoked when and where needed.”

During the review stage for 1N7506, Project Editor of ISO/IEC 8802-11 submitted the file 6N2713 on August, 25, 2004, which pointed out “The Chinese NB are encouraged, under the co-operative working arrangements established between ISO/IEC JTC1 SC6 and the IEEE 802, to submit their specific proposal directly to IEEE 802.11.” On August 26, 2004, the UK NB submitted the file 6N2712 to SC6, also suggesting Chinese NB to submit the proposal directly to IEEE 802.11. It was the wrong suggestion of 6N2712 and 6N2713, together with a series of mishandling and misconducts in the process of 1N7506, that deferred the progress of 1N7506.

To our admiration, the resolution file 6N12765 of SC6 Orlando meeting has systematically corrected the wrong conclusions of 6N12712 and 6N12713. And 6N12765 points out clearly that, “the Chinese NB are encouraged, ...to submit their specific proposal to JTC1 SC6 for processing.” Accordingly on that basis, 1N7506 should turn back to normal process.

However, Chinese NB has serious concerns that, 1N7506 didn't turn back to normal process on the basis of SC6 Orlando meeting resolution. We are seeing that in December, 1N7537, which was submitted further later than 1N7506, has entered DIS ballot stage. And in the review

period of 1N7537, Chinese NB suggested that “there is conflict between 1N7537 and 1N7506; 1N7537 has technical defects” in 6N12732, but these comments have not been effectively resolved until now. We reserve the comments on 1N7537, and reserve the right to take further action according to JTC1 directives.

For all the above Chinese NB strongly requests the following:

(1) Chinese NB requests that the DIS ballot stage for 1N7506 should be completed in mid-February, 2005.

The rationality, validity, necessary and fast track processing on 1N7506 have been identified with by every National body. Chinese NB requests that the DIS ballot stage for 1N7506 should be completed in mid-February, 2005.

According to JTC1 directives clause 13.3, the period for fast track procedure shall be six months, which consists of NB review period and ballot voting period. At present it is the end of December of 2004. The NB review stage for 1N7506 that entered into review stage in August 2004 was over in September, and the opposite comments 6N12712 and 6N12713 have been withdrawn too; it should have entered ballot voting stage immediately following review period and could reach the 6 month time limit till February, 2005. So the ballot stage should be completed in mid-February, 2005. This also makes it possible that comments received in ballot voting period be taken into account in Germany meeting.

(2) The suggestion of IEEE “N7506 and N7537 are not mutually exclusive...” could be considered in February, 2005 in SC6 WG1 meeting in Germany.

IEEE pointed out in 1N2768 “N7506 and N7537 are not mutually exclusive...”. Chinese NB considers the suggestion itself and the discussion of the suggestion in Germany meeting positive and constructive.

As the P member of JTC1 and SC6, Chinese NB hopes that the above requests should be considered fully. It is a reasonable request and follows JTC1 directives and ISO basic principles. Chinese NB has also written to JTC1 secretariat directly to show our position. At the same time we reserve the right to appeal to ISO/TMB and IEC/SMB according to JTC1 directives.

Thank you.

Chinese National Body,
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