



Regulatory Approval Requirements for Contractors

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About This Standard

Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to define the regulatory approval requirements of contractors engaged on projects for INPEX entities in Australia (Company).

This Standard is in place to ensure that Company and Contractor remain compliant with relevant legal requirements to construct and operate. It ensures appropriate checks are in place to avoid unnecessary schedule delay or non-compliance.

In Scope

The scope of application of this Standard includes any individual or entity employed by the Company or INPEX's Affiliated Companies.

This document applies to all Contractors engaged to manage defined work scopes on behalf of the Company. It covers those aspects of projects that relate to regulatory approvals.

1. Business Rules

1.1. Regulatory Approvals

1.1.1 Business Principle

Contractors are accountable for identifying all regulatory approvals applicable to their scope of work. Responsibility for obtaining each approval must be agreed with Company, noting that Company may obtain certain approvals. The Contractor must ensure and be able to demonstrate to Company, compliance with all applicable regulatory approvals before and during the execution of activities.

Business Rules

- a) Contractors are responsible for securing regulatory approvals specific to their individual scope of work as agreed with Company and for operating within the conditions of overarching company approvals.
- b) The Contractor approvals may include permits, licences and certifications relevant to their personnel, equipment, vessels, day-to-day operations and any authorisations necessary to execute their contracted activities in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- c) Contractor must identify all relevant approvals pertinent to their scope and develop and maintain a register that is submitted to Company in advance of starting work with a minimum review period of 14 days. Contractor may be directed by Company to obtain approvals that do not appear on the register if Company deems them necessary.

- d) Contractor will regularly (as requested) report the status of approvals to Company. The finalised approvals, together with imposed conditions, are to be made available to Company on request.
- e) Contractor is not to start work on site until approvals relevant to the scope have been obtained. In respect of approvals that are the responsibility of Company, Company will notify Contractor of approval and conditions prior to the commencement of subject activities.
- f) During the development of Company approval applications, Contractor may be asked to contribute information relevant to their scope. Contractor is to provide requested information in a timely manner.

1.2. Liaison with Approving Authorities and Agencies

1.2.1 Business Principle

All engagement with regulatory authorities relating to Project activities is to be coordinated and undertaken with Company awareness and oversight to ensure consistent, accurate, and authorised regulatory communication.

Business Rules

- a) Contractor will notify the Company Regulatory Approvals Representative of any plans to make contact with approving authorities or agencies in respect of Project activities. Company may authorise, participate, or initiate contact with agencies.

1.3. Compliance with Approvals Conditions and Commitments

1.3.1 Business Principle

Contractors must maintain transparent and auditable systems that demonstrate compliance with all conditions and commitments arising from regulatory approvals and must support Company compliance assurance activities when requested.

Business Rules

- a) Contractor will provide and maintain a system to demonstrate compliance with conditions and commitments resulting from approvals obtained by the Contractor.
- b) Contractor may be required to provide input to a compliance tracking process for approvals obtained by the Company.
- c) Where requested by Company, Contractor will provide written confirmation of compliance with conditions or commitments imposed by approvals.

1.4. Management of Change

1.4.1 Business Principle

Any deviation or change that may affect regulatory compliance, increase environmental or other impacts, or exceed the Contractor's delegated cost or schedule authority must be escalated to the Company for review and acceptance before implementation.

Business Rules

- a) Any deviations or changes that will impact the below shall be escalated to Company for review and/or acceptance:
- i) compliance with regulatory requirements; that represent a change to an activity for which an approval is issued;
 - ii) will result in greater environmental or other impacts than that previously documented/communicated; or
 - iii) those that have a cost and schedule impact beyond the agreed authority limits of Contractor.

1.5. Monitor, Assure and Improve

Compliance with this Standard shall be monitored in accordance with the Company Assurance Standard. Changes made to this Standard shall be subject to Company management of change processes. Relevant Technical Authority(s) and Subject Matter Expert(s) must be consulted and involved in revisions to this Standard.

The Owner of this document can be found [here](#).

2. Reference and Compliance Documents

The documents listed below are relevant to the execution of this Standard.

Reference documents (R) are documents referred to in the course of completing this Standard.

Compliance documents (C) include all standards, regulatory governance, contracts, business rules or policies applicable to this Standard.

Table 1: Reference and Compliance Documents

Document Name	R	C	Document Number
Policies			
Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Quality Policy	x	x	0000-AH-POL-70000
Contracting and Procurement Policy	x	x	0000-AG-POL-60001
Standards			
Contracting Standard	x	x	0000-AG-STD-60007

Contractor and Supplier HSEQ Management Standard	x	x	0000-AH-STD-60016
HSE Legal and Other Requirements Standard	x	x	0000-AH-STD-60006

3. Abbreviations and Definitions

Definitions within this document will be in accordance with those detailed in the General Conditions of Contract.

Table 2: Abbreviations and Definitions

Abbreviation / Term	Definition
Approvals	'Approvals' refer to permits, licences, certificates and other approvals required to undertake the scope of work in compliance with all applicable legislation
Company	INPEX entities in Australia

4. Record of Amendment

Table 3: Record of Amendment

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