

Change Authorization

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Discussion

A Change Authorization is a decision by an [Authority](#) that permits a specified [Change](#) under stated conditions.

A Change Authorization may identify:

- The authorized Change
- The entity that may be changed
- The permitted alterations
- The applicable [Baseline](#)
- The effective period
- The responsible actors or roles
- Required verification and regression testing
- Applicable [Requirements](#)
- Applicable [Policies](#)
- Applicable [Constraints](#)
- Conditions, limitations, or exceptions

A Change Authorization may permit a Change without requiring that the Change be implemented. An authorized Change may subsequently be deferred, canceled, superseded, or allowed to expire.

Definition

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Source

Dido Solutions, Inc. and Jackrabbit Consulting, Inc., derived from the change-control and configuration-management concepts in ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207:2017 and ISO 10007:2017

Note

A Change Authorization is issued by an Authority. DIDO-TE may record, validate, and enforce the authorization but does not invent the authorization or silently substitute another Authority.

The stated conditions establish the scope within which the Change is permitted. A separate “Authorized Change Scope” term is unnecessary because that scope is part of the Change

Authorization.

A Change Authorization should remain distinguishable from:

- A proposed Change
- A request for authorization
- An implemented Change
- A verification result
- A [Maintenance Outcome](#)

Conflicting Change Authorizations are recorded and surfaced without DIDO-TE inventing precedence. The appropriate Community of Interest or designated Authority resolves the conflict.

Example

An Authority permits replacement of an identified [Test Executable](#) in a specified Baseline, requires regression testing, and limits the authorization to a stated release window. That decision is the Change Authorization.

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