

JEDEC Patent Policy: General Principles

- JEDEC Member Companies and their Representatives agree to abide by the JEDEC patent policy.
- The commitment applies to JEDEC Member Companies and non-members, and it includes having a Representative present at any point in a committee or task group meeting.
- The commitment continues as long as the Member Company or Representative is a member or a participant in a particular JEDEC committee.

Disclosure Obligation

- Member Companies and their Representatives are required to disclose all known Potentially Essential Patent Claims owned or controlled by the Member Company.
- No Member Company has a duty to conduct a search for Potentially Essential Patent Claims.
- Member Companies and their Representatives are required to use a standard form for the disclosures and assurances.

Licensing Obligation

- Member Companies, as a condition of committee membership or participation, agree to license their Essential Patent Claims on RAND terms and conditions.
- If a Member Company knows it would be unwilling to license its Essential Patent Claims on RAND terms, the member must notify the committee chair and withdraw from the committee within 120 days after giving the notice. This option is not available to a Member Company with respect to its own Contribution.

Committee Focus

- The disclosure and licensing obligations of Member Companies and their Representatives are limited to Standards developed in the particular JEDEC committees in which they are members or in which they participate.

Enforcement

- The JEDEC Board is empowered to punish material violations; possible sanctions include suspension and expulsion.
- To date, the revised policy has been tested several times and has proven effective.