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A positive grant requires every applicable mandatory condition to PASS, every N/A to have independent justification, every in-scope nonconformity to be verified closed, and competent independent authority. HOLD, unknown state, missing evidence, a favourable average, a signature image or a completed form cannot substitute for those conditions.

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1 Scope, trigger and responsibility

Live video, remote instruments, secure document rooms, telemetry, prerecorded material and controlled simulation. Suitability is determined per task, not for a whole organisation by default.

Trigger: Remote evidence access, hybrid assessment, remote witnessing or substitution of physical observation is proposed.

Accountable process owner: Lead Assessor. Actual named appointments and deputies are recorded separately. The process owner coordinates execution; technical review, independent conformity decisions and operational permissions retain their separate mandates.

Input	Output / destination
Actual request or triggering event, scope and current technical basis	A traceable process record linked to its case/object and the required form modules.
Competence, conflict, authority and access evidence	Approved assignment and lawful access before affected work begins.
Original observations, technical results, limitations and prior history	Reasoned accept/hold/escalation decision; preserved adverse evidence and recipient communications.
Controlling clocks and genuine event timestamps	Actual due/completion records in SC-003 and the relevant register; no administrative reset.

2 Operating sequence

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Trigger: Remote evidence access, hybrid assessment, remote witnessing or substitution of physical observation is proposed.

1. Define what must be established

The lead identifies the exact capability, characteristic or record being evaluated and each essential observation. Explain whether the proposed method can demonstrate preparation, identity, execution, interpretation and reporting, not merely show a finished output.

2. Check permission and confidentiality

Obtain lawful access, recording arrangements and any restrictions before the session. Determine whether the responsible participants and reviewers may see controlled information. Do not route protected data through an unapproved public or AI service.

3. Assess technical suitability

Verify camera/sensor resolution, field of view, bandwidth, time synchronisation, instrument identity, participant identity and independent selection. Review blind spots, movable objects, delayed telemetry and source substitution. Plan supplementary evidence for limitations that cannot be removed.

4. Establish the live baseline

At opening, confirm actual site, people, task, method version, configuration and instrument status. Distinguish live feeds from prerecorded demonstrations and synthetic cases. Verify that the assessor can choose material evidence rather than view only promotional selections.

5. Observe and retain provenance

Record the essential steps actually seen, source files, readings, conditions and any coaching. Connect observations to the same object and configuration throughout the task. Avoid unnecessary personal or tactical detail in the shared report; retain sufficient protected evidence for independent review.

6. Handle interruptions and contradictions

When a feed stops or a critical view is lost, record what is missing and whether continuity can be established. Do not assume that the unseen step succeeded. Repeat safely, obtain a valid supplementary method or arrange physical witnessing; preserve all earlier material and failures.

7. Decide evidential sufficiency

A competent reviewer evaluates what the remote method supports and what it cannot establish. A successful connection is not an equivalence decision. Keep an indeterminate or inaccessible requirement open and prohibit positive reliance beyond the justified observation boundary.

8. Close and protect the records

Retain the session log, permissions, source evidence, interruptions, limitations and additional work. Confirm lawful storage and retention of recordings. Review method validity after changes to equipment, software, location or intended decision use.

Hold / escalation: Missing identity, essential observation, lawful access, adequate fidelity or continuity leaves the dependent requirement not demonstrated and blocks a broader claim.

Record handover: AF-AST-FR-008, AF-AST-FR-009, AF-AST-FR-010, AF-AST-FR-026.

3 Completion, holds and handover

Missing identity, essential observation, lawful access, adequate fidelity or continuity leaves the dependent requirement not demonstrated and blocks a broader claim.

Decision and authority boundary

A positive grant, renewal or extension requires valid scope, every applicable criterion fulfilled, sufficient usable evidence, closure of every in-scope nonconformity, current competent independent decision authority and effective required permissions. No score, majority vote, membership status or future corrective promise replaces a missing gate. An operational technical release, a programme outcome and an administrative publication are separate actions.

Required record	Capture responsibility
AF-AST-FR-008	Remote-method suitability and session
AF-AST-FR-009	Witness and vertical technical trail
AF-AST-FR-010	Evidence and sample index
AF-AST-FR-026	Digital evidence, incident and recovery

The performer hands the actual record to the designated owner or reviewer. The receiving function verifies scope, version, usable evidence, open conditions, original dates and the action it may take. Sending an email, completing a form or setting a database flag is not acceptance of that handover.

4 Timing and escalation

Control / source	Trigger and interval	Required response
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Use actual awareness, notification, completion, decision, issue and expiry timestamps with a declared time zone. Days are calendar days unless explicitly stated otherwise. Month intervals end on the corresponding date, or month-end where that date does not exist. Earlier applicable duties prevail. Source: Annex H.

5 Worked application and failure response

Synthetic example: A fictional remote witness loses video during a concealed assembly check. A later photograph shows the finished assembly but cannot prove the hidden step. The required observation is repeated through a safe accepted method; it is not marked complete from the photograph.

Before closure, challenge a missing essential input, an expired or conflicted role, wrong configuration, contradictory evidence and an incomplete receiving handover where applicable. Record expected and actual behaviour. A completed synthetic exercise tests reasoning or workflow only; it cannot replace required technical witnessing.

E1 Explicit acceptance and evidence contract

Apply the following logic to the exact evaluated object and responsible function. A procedural checkpoint, product characteristic, competence decision and public credential are different objects. Their states shall not be collapsed into one score. Source: ASTRA 62.1–62.7 and Annex AL.

State	Sufficient basis	Required next action
PASS	Applicable; current approved predicate met by valid, purpose-specific evidence.	Retain the original evidence and bounded inference. Other mandatory gates still apply.
FAIL	Applicable; valid evidence demonstrates that the approved predicate is not met.	Contain affected use; retain the failure; assess cause, extent and required corrective verification.
HOLD	Applicability, criterion, method, evidence, uncertainty or authority is unresolved.	Resolve the missing basis. Do not manufacture a value, favourable default or product-defect conclusion.
N/A	Activity trigger and retained responsibility are absent; independent exclusion approval exists.	Retain the scope-specific reason and reassess when activity or responsibility changes.
UNSET	Only an uncompleted field in this PDF; not a conformity state.	No conclusion is recorded. Complete review before the field can support a decision.

For a compound source clause, create a child-condition ledger containing every separately testable condition, location, phase and operating mode. A sentence-level checkpoint is a navigation aid, not permission to merge unrelated predicates. Each child receives an ID, responsible owner, criterion, method, source evidence, uncertainty where relevant, current state and independent review. The parent cannot PASS while any mandatory child is FAIL, HOLD or UNSET.

An acceptable measurement interval and an acceptable authority chain are independent prerequisites. Use finite, unit-consistent, unrounded values; negative uncertainty, reversed limits, unknown version or wrong-object evidence produce HOLD. For inclusive [L,H] and accepted interval [a,b], PASS requires $a \geq L$ and $b \leq H$; FAIL requires $b < L$ or $a > H$; otherwise HOLD. Approved one-sided or exclusive boundaries retain their own declared predicate.

Positive-decision conjunction

Every applicable mandatory child is PASS AND each N/A is independently justified AND every in-scope nonconformity is verified closed AND scope, competence, independence and actual authority are valid AND required panel participation and voting rules are satisfied. No average, majority preference or payment supplies missing evidence.

E2 Source-to-implementation crosswalk

The references below use the supplied 248-page FIRST EDITION. Each row retains the original clause identifier and source page. The operating instructions in this document elaborate implementation; they do not replace the full source condition or its applicable annexes. A reference to a whole chapter requires selection of every triggered subclause, not only the examples printed here.

ASTRA ID / page	Source subject	Implementation use
10.2 / 21	Confidentiality, personal data and controlled technology	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
10.5 / 21	Remote access and live evidence	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
12.2 / 23	Sites and stations	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
12.6 / 24	Plan approval and changes	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates

ASTRA ID / page	Source subject	Implementation use
13.3 / 25	Witness control	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
26.3 / 44	Digital twins and simulation	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
26.4 / 44	Remote, space and long-duration operation	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
42.4 / 64	Data acquisition, uncertainty and protective limits	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
63.3 / 90	Environment, phase and mode matrix	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
66.3 / 96	Delay and feasible intervention	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
66.4 / 96	Data age and time uncertainty	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
67.3 / 98	Receipt, execution and completion	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
74.4 / 112	Sample identity and custody	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
77.5 / 118	Original data and invalid tests	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
78.7 / 121	Recovery and semantic portability	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate

E3 Detailed operating extensions

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Implementation basis: 10.5 (p. 21); 13.3 (p. 25); 26.4 (p. 44); 63.3 (p. 90); 66.3 (p. 96); 66.4 (p. 96); 67.3 (p. 98); 74.4 (p. 112); 77.5 (p. 118); 78.7 (p. 121)

X08.1 Qualify remote observability

Specify the essential physical or practical steps, identity, camera/sensor coverage, spatial resolution, timing and what cannot be observed. Compare remote evidence with the intended decision.

Completion / hold: Unobservable essential characteristics remain HOLD unless valid supplementary evidence is accepted.

X08.2 Authenticate source and event time

Confirm live versus recorded content, actual performer, configuration, original timestamp, time scale, permissions and chain of custody.

Completion / hold: Recent receipt or an attractive recording does not prove current state or independent routine performance.

X08.3 Control interruption and substitution

Record loss of feed, sensor saturation, camera movement, substituted articles and coaching. Preserve partial observations and define the unobserved interval.

Completion / hold: No uninterrupted witness claim survives a material gap; repeat or supplement the required observation safely.

X08.4 Reconcile remote completion and custody

Separate instruction, receipt, execution, observed completion and receiving acceptance. Verify retrieval and protected record transfer after the session.

Completion / hold: Only the demonstrated bounded task is accepted; command acknowledgement alone is not physical completion.

Record contract: the actor records the input baseline, actual work, deviations, result and evidence link; the named receiving function acknowledges access and the permitted next action. A returned or incomplete handover retains the original event history. Use the associated

FR modules and RG record links; no document or database field confers actual authority.

E4 Application-specific parameter completion

These are required information groups from Annex AO, not pre-approved engineering limits. For every triggered group, populate actual values or observable attributes before evaluation, with unit, inclusivity, phase/mode, technical derivation, uncertainty/dependence, method version, owner, independent review, authentic approval and change trigger. An absent trigger requires an approved exclusion; an unsupported or missing essential value is HOLD.

P01 — Mission and scope

Legal owner, performer, family/module, object, domain, configuration, location, duration and modes.

Derivation and evidence: Scope tuple and mission concept; approved applicability matrix.

Completion test: No undefined essential object, duty, phase or exclusion.

P02 — Environment and exposure

Quantity, spatial/temporal boundary, distribution or bound, source/model, uncertainty and coupled effects.

Derivation and evidence: Mission environment baseline and qualified specialist rationale.

Completion test: Selected conditions bound each claimed use; unknown critical mechanisms remain HOLD.

P03 — Requirements and acceptance

Stable ID, owner, characteristic, units, bound inclusivity, predicate, observation and essential-step marker.

Derivation and evidence: Requirement baseline and Annex AL decision rule.

Completion test: Every condition is evaluable before observations are judged.

P06 — Test article and fixtures

Article pedigree, differences from delivered object, mounting, boundary conditions, operating state and exposure history.

Derivation and evidence: Approved representativeness and cumulative-test analysis.

Completion test: No material difference or prior damage invalidates the intended inference.

P11 — Communication and timing

Distance, frequency/wavelength, gain/loss, noise, rate, margin, latency, event time, age, clock error and outage.

Derivation and evidence: Validated end-to-end budget and adverse service tests.

Completion test: Required quality, delay and integrity conditions all pass.

P13 — Contamination and samples

Relevant substances/particles, pathway, limit, method/detection, custody, cleanliness, containment and receiving.

Derivation and evidence: Mission-specific technical/protection basis.

Completion test: Required integrity and scientific cleanliness are demonstrated for the actual sample/use.

P14 — Software, AI and models

Purpose/domain, source/build/weights/data, dependencies, target, errors, uncertainty, prohibited behaviour and change limits.

Derivation and evidence: Independent verification and model/use validation.

Completion test: Essential scenarios and target conditions pass; experimental outputs remain separate.

P15 — Security and command authority

Identities, roles, privileges, keys/trust, target, validity window, command sequence, integrity and interruption response.

Derivation and evidence: Written test authorisation and deployed workflow validation.

Completion test: No prohibited authority or unverified command state is accepted.

P18 — Decision, continuity and terminal duties

Closed findings, reviewer competence, independence, authority, status clocks, final-state criteria, custody and open obligations.

Derivation and evidence: Authenticated decisions and verified terminal/transfer evidence.

Completion test: Every mandatory gate is complete; incomplete or unknown terminal state remains explicit.

E5 All-space applicability and bounded responsibility

The following Annex AK tags are selected because the document can support these responsibilities. Applicability is decided for the actual case. Tags do not expand a family, create an operating permission or place a whole mission inside a supplier's limited scope. Resolve domain, phase, mode, environment and retained duty before accepting a claim.

Domain / source page	Coverage	Required boundary
AK02 / 187 Test facilities and technical providers	Environmental, structural, materials, calibration and inspection services, including mobile and remote work.	Actual method competence and valid result evidence are separately demonstrated.
AK10 / 189 Constellations and formation services	Distributed functions, inter-satellite links, fleet management and shared ground support.	Distributed performance and independent redundancy assumptions are validated.
AK11 / 189 Orbital traffic and tracking support	Tracking, conjunction information, data services and inter-operator coordination.	A metric is accepted only for its validated data/model scope; missing data are not zero risk.
AK12 / 189 Cooperative docking and servicing	Authorised inspection, connection, transfer, repair and service interventions.	All essential interface and completion states are independently supported.
AK21 / 192 Interplanetary cruise and deep-space missions	Spacecraft, relays, science operations and long-delay mission support.	Human and autonomous actions are feasible within actual timing and resource limits.
AK24 / 192 Interstellar precursor and future distant systems	Bounded research and demonstrable capabilities for very long-range or novel concepts.	Research promise is not an operational grant; unsupported capability stays in development.
AK26 / 193 Planetary protection and sample return	Forward/backward contamination, scientific cleanliness, samples and receiving chain.	No dependent commitment precedes complete protection and receiving evidence.
AK30 / 194 Ground, communication and navigation services	Mission control, RF/optical links, timing, data processing, relays and PNT support.	Availability, correctness, authority and completion are separately demonstrated.
AK31 / 194 Digital and autonomous space systems	Software, programmable hardware, AI, models, twins and defensive security.	All essential behaviours and prohibited transitions are verified for the actual deployment.
AK32 / 194 Retirement and long-term stewardship	Disposal, passivation governance, loss-of-contact states, records and residual obligations.	Final-state claims are truthful and every unresolved duty has an accepted owner.

E6 Workflow and evidence relationships

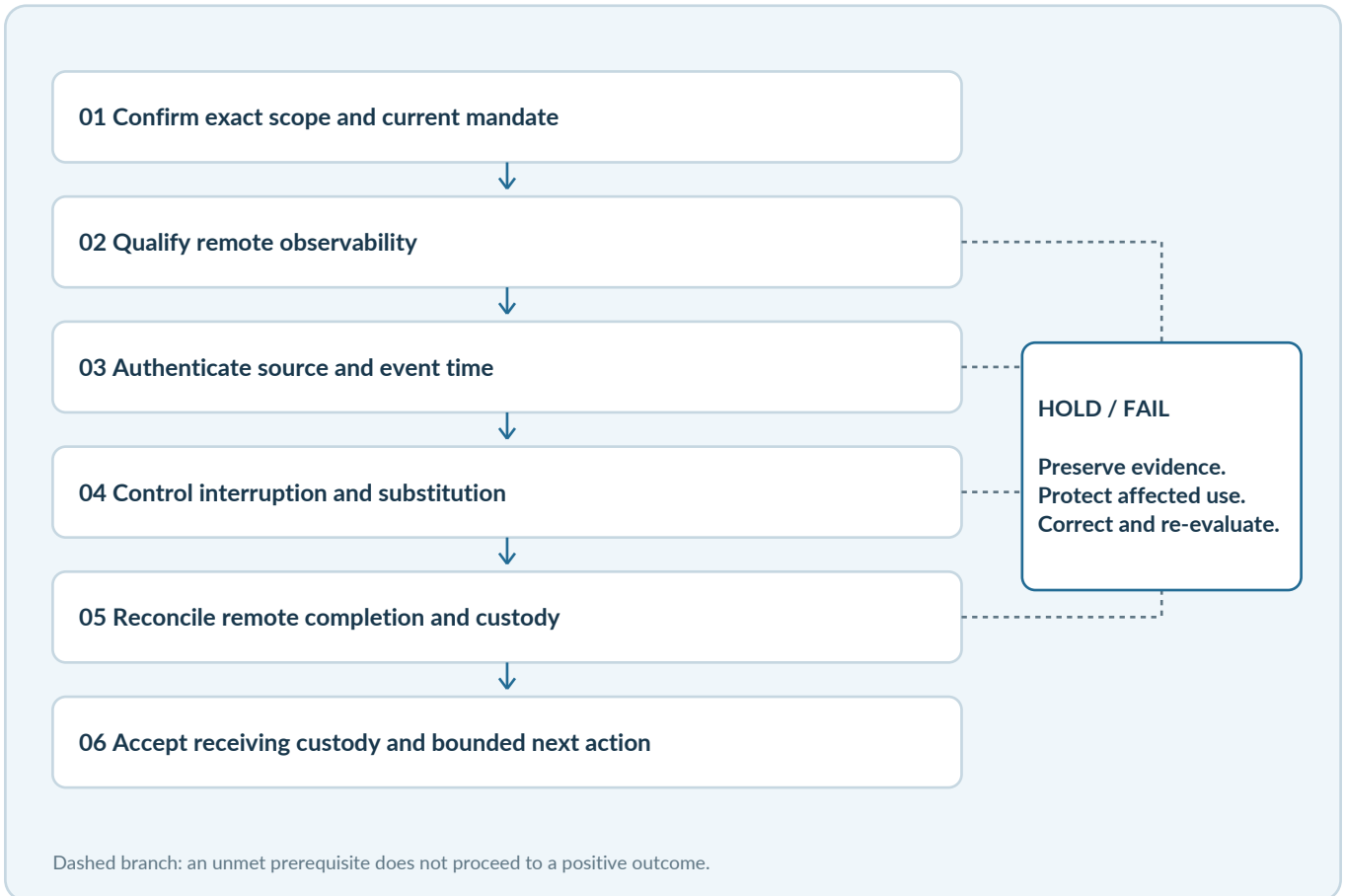
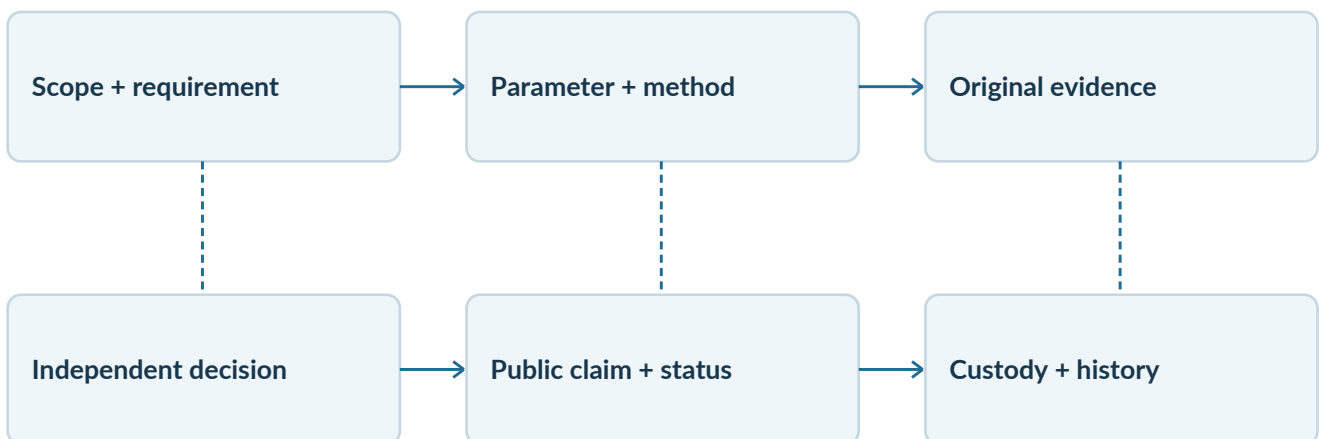


Figure — Implementation sequence for AF-AST-PR-008. Explanatory diagram; the source prerequisites and actual authority remain controlling.



Each relationship carries object identity, controlled version, actual event time and purpose-specific validity.

Figure — Scope-to-custody evidence relationships. A relationship is validated for its decision purpose, not merely because two identifiers exist.

E7 Calculations, assumptions and synthetic charts

The worked calculations below reproduce the supplied standard's Annex AM examples. Charted extensions are newly computed synthetic illustrations of those equations, not measured mission performance or new universal limits. A result is usable only when the actual inputs, model, units, uncertainty and approved application predicate are valid. A successful arithmetic check is not field validation.

AM.Q09 Availability is not output correctness

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q09, page 208. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$A_{\text{observed}} = T_{\text{available}}/T_{\text{window}}$$

$$\text{Correct-service fraction} = T_{\text{available_and_correct}}/T_{\text{window}}$$

Variables and units

All categories shall use the same declared window and explicit downtime and integrity definitions. Missing time is separately recorded.

Example inputs

Synthetic window=1,000 h; available=960 h; unavailable=40 h. Of the available time, 20 h produced unacceptable information.

Calculation and checks

1. Availability = $960/1,000 = 96\%$.
2. Available-and-correct time = $960-20 = 940$ h.
3. Correct-service fraction = $940/1,000 = 94\%$.

Decision interpretation: The 96% availability value does not prove correctness during every available hour. The two measures support different requirements.

Validity limits: The service boundary, outages, correctness test, unknown intervals and planned exclusions must be established in advance. A high uptime percentage cannot close an integrity failure.

ASTRA connections: 51.4; 55.1; 66.7; 78.7

Availability and correct service are different

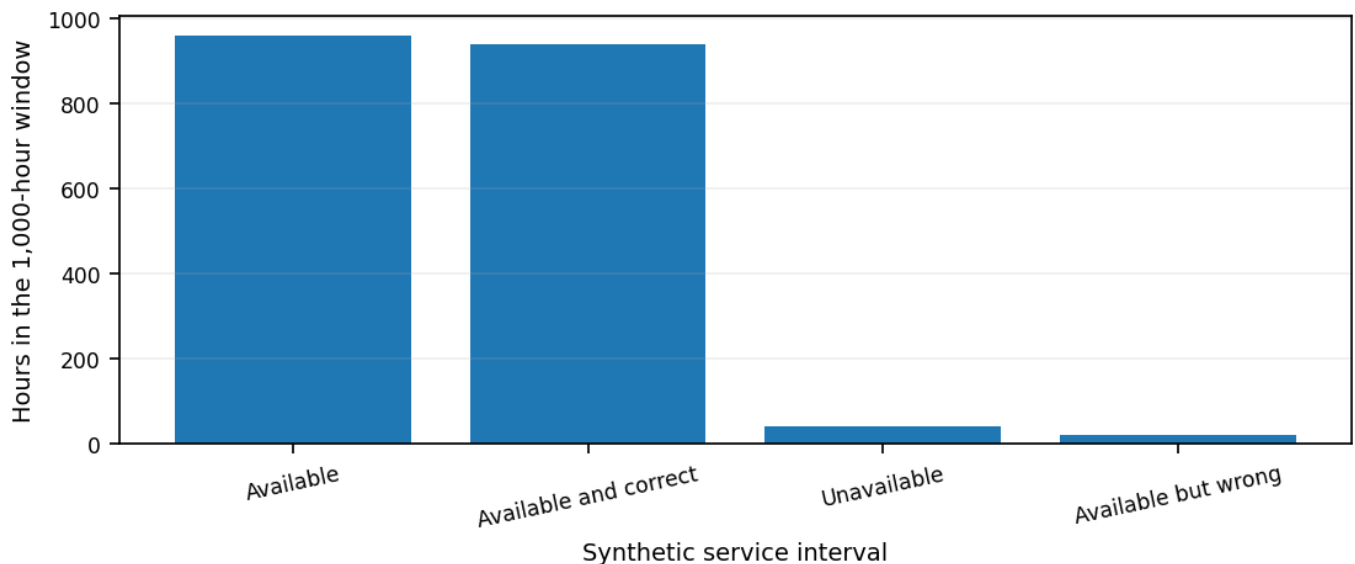


Figure Q09 – Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q15 Light-time and ground-intervention feasibility

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q15, page 214. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$t_{\text{oneway}} = R/c$$

$$t_{\text{response}} = 2R/c + t_{\text{ground}} + t_{\text{actuation}}$$

Variables and units

R is a simplified constant path length in m; $c=299,792,458$ m/s. Processing, queueing, geometry change and other delays require additional terms where material.

Example inputs

Synthetic $R=2.25 \times 10^{11}$ m; ground processing=20 s; actuation=10 s; approved illustrative hazard-response window=1,200 s.

Calculation and checks

1. One-way light-time=750.519214196 s.
2. Round-trip propagation=1501.038428392 s.
3. Earliest modelled response=1531.038428392 s.
4. The response exceeds 1,200 s by 331.038428392 s.

Decision interpretation: The proposed ground intervention fails the example feasibility predicate and cannot be credited as the timely protective control.

Validity limits: The actual path and timing model must be used for a real mission. No communication architecture removes propagation delay; onboard protection still needs independent validation and authority.

ASTRA connections: 66.3; 67; 72.4; 73.8

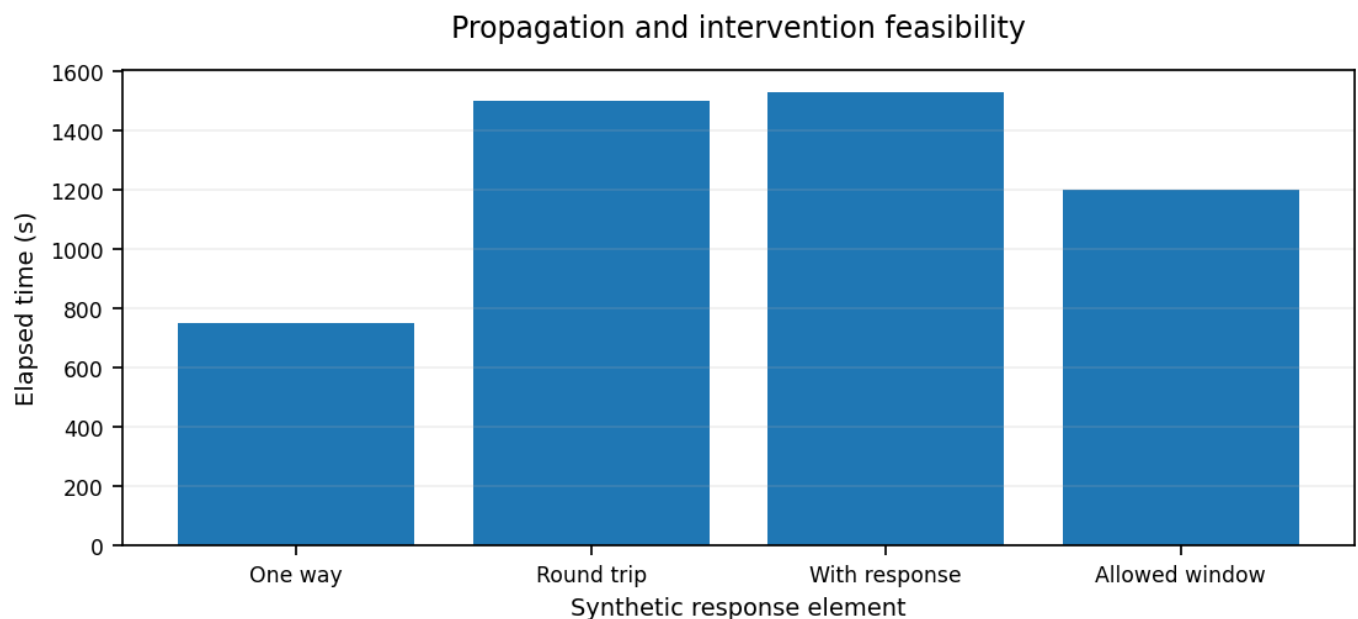


Figure Q15 – Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q16 Outage data storage with overhead

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q16, page 215. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$B_{\text{required}} = R_{\text{data}} \times t_{\text{outage}} \times f_{\text{overhead}}$$

$$1 \text{ byte} = 8 \text{ bits}$$

Variables and units

Use a defined payload rate and explicit overhead, reserves and decimal/binary storage conventions. Avoid mixing Mbit/s and MB/s.

Example inputs

Synthetic 2.0×10^6 bit/s, 6 h outage, overhead factor=1.25; usable storage= 64×10^9 bit.

Calculation and checks

1. Outage duration= $6 \times 3,600 = 21,600$ s.
2. Required capacity= $2.0 \times 10^6 \times 21,600 \times 1.25 = 54 \times 10^9$ bit.
3. In decimal bytes this is 6.75×10^9 bytes = 6.75 GB.
4. Headroom= 10×10^9 bit; headroom/required=18.5185185%.

Decision interpretation: The example quantity fits in the stated usable capacity. Data priority, integrity and required extra reserve still need their own criteria.

Validity limits: Do not credit unvalidated compression, unavailable storage blocks or capacity already allocated elsewhere. Tests must include overflow, power interruption, duplicate delivery and recovery.

ASTRA connections: 66.3; 67.4; 78.7

Outage storage including the stated overhead

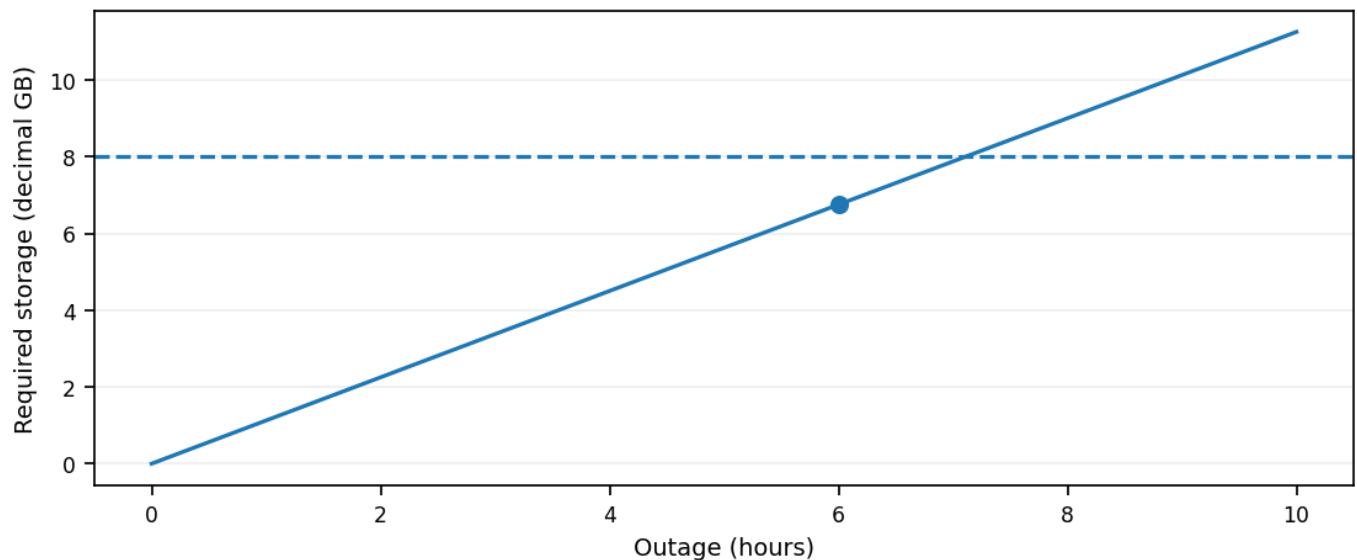


Figure Q16 – Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q17 Clock uncertainty and maximum data age

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q17, page 216. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$u_t = \sqrt{u_{\text{event}}^2 + u_{\text{sync}}^2}$ for justified independence

$U_t = k u_t$

Upper age endpoint = age_estimate + U_t

Variables and units

Time components refer to the same event and time basis. Correlation and systematic conversion errors require appropriate treatment.

Example inputs

Synthetic standard components 3 ms and 4 ms; illustrative $k=2$; maximum inclusive permitted data age=100 ms.

Calculation and checks

1. $u_t = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$ ms; $U_t = 10$ ms.
2. At age estimate 95 ms, interval=[85,105] ms: HOLD under the full-interval rule.
3. At age estimate 80 ms, interval=[70,90] ms: PASS for this age criterion.

Decision interpretation: A recently received packet can still contain stale event data. The 95 ms estimate is not rounded down into acceptance.

Validity limits: This calculation does not account automatically for unrecorded queueing, an incorrect epoch or an unknown time scale. Such validity defects cause HOLD before the age predicate is evaluated.

ASTRA connections: 66.4; Annex G; 77.6

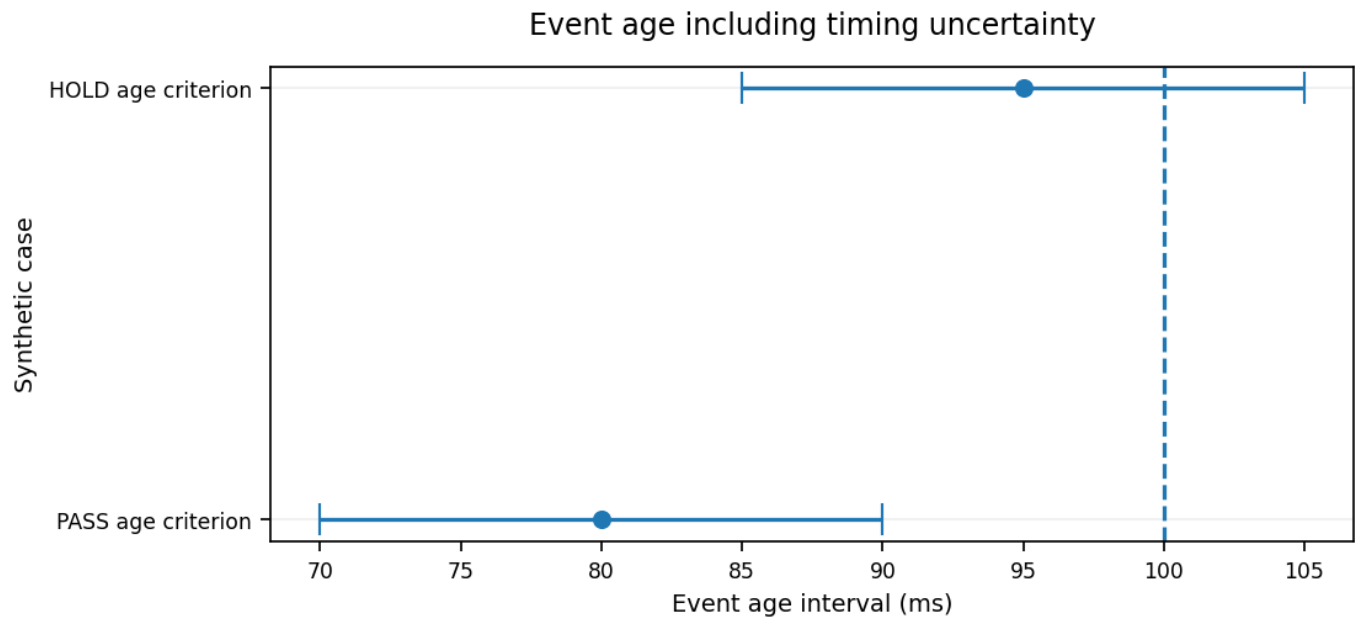


Figure Q17 – Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

E8 Adverse cases and independent replay

Challenge	Expected handling	Evidence retained
PR-008: Qualify remote observability – required basis missing	Unobservable essential characteristics remain HOLD unless valid supplementary evidence is accepted.	Original input, unresolved value, affected requirement and scope; named action owner.
PR-008: Reconcile remote completion and custody – handover or review incomplete	Only the demonstrated bounded task is accepted; command acknowledgement alone is not physical completion.	Expected and observed state; independent replay; correction/retest; receiving acknowledgement.

Before local reliance, also select every relevant AP01–AP48 challenge in the core. Keep fictional tests isolated from live credentials, commands and recipients. For each test define the requirement, precondition, expected response, execution steps, actual observations, evidence, defect consequence, correction, retest and acceptance. This publication supplies test designs and examples, not completed local validation records.

Appendix A – Controlling source requirements

The following text is reproduced from the supplied ASTRA FIRST EDITION. The clause identifier and page refer to that 248-page source. These excerpts and their evidence fields must be read with all triggered normative annexes. Newly authored implementation steps elsewhere in this document do not amend the core standard.

10.2 – Confidentiality, personal data and controlled technology

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 21.

Collect only information needed for the authorised purpose and apply suitable access, transfer, retention and disposal controls. Agree legally sufficient confidential review of proprietary or restricted evidence. Public registry fields shall be separated from protected technical and personal records. A security or secrecy restriction shall not lead to a favourable conclusion based on inaccessible essential evidence. Use authorised reviewers, a bounded scope or refusal when adequate lawful review cannot be achieved.

Required evidence: Data classification; permissions; secure review; retained evidence and public-field separation.

10.5 – Remote access and live evidence

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 21.

Before remote assessment, verify identity, connection security, permissions, camera or sensor adequacy, observation continuity and independent selection of evidence. Record interruptions, inaccessible areas and substitutions. Prerecorded material shall be identified and shall not be represented as live observation. Where physical or practical capability cannot be established remotely, arrange on-site or appropriately controlled witnessed work. Remote convenience shall not reduce scope coverage, time, competence or critical observation.

Required evidence: Remote suitability review; consent/access; live-session record; supplementary coverage.

12.2 – Sites and stations

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 23.

For initial and renewal operational-capability or CAB scopes, establish direct evidence at every included operating site, station or delivery location. Common governance evidence can be shared but local capability shall be demonstrated. Use physical visits where necessary work cannot be validly observed remotely. Surveillance sampling of genuinely homogeneous low-consequence activities requires an approved profile, justified eligibility, rotation and expansion triggers; no generic headquarters sample grants all stations. AF 9100 organisational cases retain the specific site rules of that standard.

Required evidence: Site-by-activity coverage; remote/on-site rationale; rotation and ineligible-site controls.

12.6 – Plan approval and changes

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 24.

The lead and competent technical reviewer shall accept the plan before execution. Inform the applicant of scope, access, timing, witnesses and safety arrangements without allowing selective favourable evidence. Changes during work shall retain the original plan, reason, impact and approved replacement. Where capability, access or time is inadequate, add work, restrict the request or defer the conclusion. A report shall disclose actual coverage rather than reproduce the planned coverage as though it occurred.

Required evidence: Plan approval; applicant notice; deviations; completed-versus-planned coverage.

13.3 – Witness control

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 25.

Record the actual task, date, site, equipment, software, personnel, conditions, method version and acceptance basis. Observe essential steps directly where required and prevent coached performance from being misrepresented as routine independent work. Controlled simulation is acceptable only where the profile justifies its fidelity and restrictions. Live work shall not be made unsafe to create a demonstration. A missing essential observation requires supplementary evidence, reassessment or restricted scope, not a presumed pass.

Required evidence: Witness log; essential steps; simulation validity; unobserved-step disposition.

26.3 – Digital twins and simulation

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 44.

A model used as decision evidence shall identify the physical or operational target, version, validation domain, inputs, calibration, uncertainty and limitations. Demonstrate fidelity for the specific conclusion and sensitivity to relevant assumptions. A visual match or correct calculation does not establish physical validity. Maintain the relationship between actual and model configuration after change. Simulation may supplement evidence but shall not remove required physical or practical observation without a technically approved basis.

Required evidence: Model-credibility dossier; validation/sensitivity; configuration linkage; approved use boundary.

26.4 – Remote, space and long-duration operation

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 44.

For inaccessible, in-space or delayed-communication work, establish evidence acquisition, identity, configuration, time basis, telemetry validity, data loss, permitted remote actions and safe fallback. Explain what is directly observed, inferred or unknown. Independent review shall use appropriately authorised experts and retained records. No space suitability or completed end-of-life action shall be claimed from an unverified signal or terrestrial analogy alone. Mission-specific technical profiles remain prerequisites.

Required evidence: Remote assurance plan; telemetry provenance; inference limits; mission profile and decisions.

42.4 – Data acquisition, uncertainty and protective limits

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 64.

Instrumentation and software shall be suitable for the required range, bandwidth, accuracy, synchronisation and uncertainty. The organisation shall retain original data, transformations, calibration and configuration evidence. Technical acceptance and safety-stop criteria shall be specified separately. An interruption, missing channel or unexpected protective action shall be recorded and assessed before restart. Restoring the test setup shall not establish that the article remains representative or that the interrupted evidence supports the intended conclusion.

Required evidence: Measurement-chain dossier; raw data; uncertainty and timing; stop/restart records; article-validity review.

63.3 – Environment, phase and mode matrix

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 90.

For each applicable domain, define mission phase, operating mode, intended duration, exposure, interfaces, repairability, accessible evidence and credible degraded states. Include dormant storage, transport, separation, commissioning, routine service, communication outage, servicing, retirement and loss-of-mission conditions when relevant. A qualification for one phase shall not automatically cover another phase with different loads, resources or observability.

Verification: Review the complete phase-by-mode matrix and its verification links.

Acceptance / hold rule: Every safety-, mission- or claim-relevant cell has accepted evidence or an explicit restriction; no essential unexamined cell is passed by analogy.

66.3 – Delay and feasible intervention

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 96.

The service shall distinguish one-way propagation, round-trip exchange, queueing, processing, retransmission, human response and actuation delays. A ground intervention shall count as a protective control only when information and action can arrive within the validated hazard-response window. Store-and-forward or disruption-tolerant operation shall define expiration, duplicate handling, priority and stale-command rejection.

Verification: Test worst-case delay and outage scenarios using the approved mission geometry and timing model.

Acceptance / hold rule: Required responses are feasible within the approved window; a nominal human review step does not pass if communication makes it ineffective.

66.4 – Data age and time uncertainty

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 96.

Every consequential data item shall retain event time, time scale, receipt time, sequence, quality flags and relevant uncertainty. Clock drift, conversion error, leap or reset handling and synchronisation loss shall be bounded. Maximum data

age and timing uncertainty shall be defined before use. A recent packet receipt shall not make its old event data current.

Verification: Challenge stale, duplicated, reordered, wrong-time-scale and clock-reset data.

Acceptance / hold rule: Data outside approved age or uncertainty bounds are marked unusable for the affected decision and trigger the defined protective response.

67.3 – Receipt, execution and completion

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 98.

The record shall distinguish command prepared, approved, transmitted, received, accepted, started, completed, failed and unknown. A transmission log or acknowledgement shall not be treated as verified physical completion. Completion criteria shall identify telemetry or other evidence, timing, confidence limits and independent checks needed for the actual action.

Verification: Trace a command through its full event and evidence history.

Acceptance / hold rule: Only evidence satisfying the approved completion predicate supports completed status; missing terminal evidence remains unknown or partial.

74.4 – Sample identity and custody

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 112.

Each sample shall retain origin description, collection event, container, seal or interface identity, mass or quantity where known, conditions, contamination history, transfers, subdivisions and authorised access. Unknown provenance shall remain unknown. Splitting or pooling shall preserve parent-child links and shall not create duplicate inventories.

Verification: Reconcile original collection, custody, receiving and subdivision records.

Acceptance / hold rule: The sample and its history are unambiguous and usable for the claimed purpose; missing essential links block the dependent sample conclusion.

77.5 – Original data and invalid tests

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 118.

Retain actual setup, input and response histories, environmental conditions, interruptions, alarms, raw files, corrections, uncertainty and validity classification. An invalid run shall state what evidence remains usable and which requirement is not demonstrated. A repaired or changed article shall not silently replace the originally failed configuration.

Verification: Reconstruct a selected run from raw data and contemporaneous records.

Acceptance / hold rule: The run is independently interpretable and no failed, invalid or missing evidence is concealed.

78.7 – Recovery and semantic portability

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 121.

Export and recovery shall preserve identities, scope, configuration, evidence states, decisions, history, units, time basis, permissions and relationships. Equal file counts do not establish equal meaning. Reconcile events after the recovery point and obtain receiving acceptance before cutover. Service availability and evidence-integrity acceptance are separate.

Verification: Execute missing-link, wrong-version, interrupted-write, expired-authority and restore tests.

Acceptance / hold rule: All essential records and relationships are usable and correct; unresolved evidence loss keeps dependent decisions on HOLD.

Appendix B — Local adoption, validation and receiving acceptance

Gate	Required evidence	Outcome when incomplete
Authority and identity	Actual operator, scoped mandate, permissible result class, named owner, independent decision and remedy functions.	No live scope release.
Requirement population	All applicable clauses and annexes mapped to child conditions, with reasons and independent approval for exclusions.	HOLD the affected conclusion.
Parameters and methods	Prospective values/attributes; technical basis; valid methods; representativeness; calibration, uncertainty and approved predicates.	No dependent acceptance.
People and evidence	Current demonstrated competence; conflict clearance; original usable source evidence; actual configuration and event times.	Reassign or obtain sufficient evidence.
Local tools and tests	Actual deployment tested with positive, boundary, missing, invalid and prohibited inputs; original failed cases retested.	No consequential reliance on unaccepted tools.
Independent closure	Every mandatory requirement PASS, approved N/A, all in-scope nonconformities verified closed, panel rules where required.	No grant, renewal or extension.
Claims and continuity	Decision-linked scope/status; source history; genuine custody, receiving access, retention, urgent notices and terminal duties.	Restrict publication or transfer until resolved.

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