

## NOTICE OF REVIEW PERIOD – BALLOT 217

This Review Notice is sent pursuant to Section 4.1 of the CA/Browser Forum's Intellectual Property Rights Policy (v1.2). This Review Period is for Final Maintenance Guidelines (30 day Review Period). A complete draft of the Draft Guideline that is the subject of this Review Notice is provided with this Notice.

Date Review Notice Sent:	February 7, 2018
Ballot for Review:	Ballot 217 - Sunset RFC 2527
Draft Guideline Sent with Notice:	CA-Browser Forum BR 1.5.5, CA-Browser Forum EV Guidelines v1.6.8
Start of Review Period:	February 7, 2018 at 22:00 UTC
End of Review Period:	March 9, 2018 at 22:00 UTC

### **IPR Policy Section 4.1 - Review of Draft**

**Specifications.** Prior to the approval of a CAB Forum Draft Guideline as a CAB Forum Final Guideline or Final Maintenance Guideline there shall be a review period during which Participants may exclude certain Essential Claims from CAB Forum RF Licenses. The CAB Forum Chair shall initiate the Review Period by distributing to each CAB Forum Participant a notice of review period and a complete draft of the Draft Guideline that is the subject of such notice ("Review Notice"). Each Participant on behalf of itself and its Affiliates shall have sixty (60) days following the date of the receipt of such Review Notice ("Review Period") to review such Draft Guideline and consider any licensing obligations with respect to any Essential Claims that may be encompassed by such Draft Guideline. The approval of a CAB Forum Final Maintenance Guideline shall follow the same process except that the Review Period shall be thirty (30) days.

**Section 4.2 - Excluding Patents and/or Patent Applications From Royalty Free Licensing Obligations During Review Period.** Except for Essential Claims encompassed by a Participant's Contributions that are actually incorporated into a Final Guideline or Final Maintenance Guideline approved in accordance with the CAB Forum Guideline approval process, Participants may within the Review Period exclude Essential Claims from the CAB Forum RF License. In such case, Participant shall be permitted to either make an election, (i) not to grant a license or (ii) to provide a license with all of the requirements of Section 5.1 with the exception of subsection 5.1 f.

### **Bylaws Section 2.4 - Requirements for Draft Guideline Ballots \*\*\***

(e) If a Draft Guideline Ballot passes the Initial Vote, the Chair shall initiate, no later than the 3rd business day after the announcement of the Initial Vote results, the Review Period of 30 or 60 days, as applicable and as described in Section 4.1 of the IPR Policy. The Chair will initiate the Review Period by sending the Review Notice to both the Member Mail List and the Public Mail List. The Review Notice will clearly specify the open and close dates and times (with time zone) of the Review Period. If the Chair does not initiate the Review Period within 5 business days after the announcement of the Initial Vote results, the Vice Chair may initiate the Review Period, using the same process as the Chair would have been required to use.

(f) The Review Period will continue to the end of the 30- or 60-day period, as applicable, regardless of the number of Exclusion Notices filed pursuant to the IPR Policy during such period, if any. No later than 3 business days after the conclusion of the applicable Review Period, the Chair will distribute any Exclusion Notices submitted in accordance with Section 4.2 of the IPR Policy via the Public Mail List; provided, however, that the Chair may distribute such Exclusion Notices earlier.\*\*\*