Metarules: update of status of a "Metarule Process" document

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Abstract

This paper briefly documents the current status with respect to a Metarule Process document, and summarises intersessional discussions and outstanding issues.

Introduction

At the CCSBT MPWS4 in Canberra, May 2005, the meeting considered papers on metarules and implementation issues. Based on those papers (CCSBT-MP/0505/05 and CCSBT-MP/0505/09), draft documents on proposed a CCSBT Metarule Process and a Review process were developed, and appended as Attachments 8 and 9 to the MPWS4 report. Members were requested to provide further intersessional input to the authors (Basson and Polacheck) who were asked to povide an update for consideration at this meeting (SAG6/SC10).

The relevant paragraph from the MPWS report is:

> 92. The workshop agreed to start the process of putting together a document that would form the metarule specification for the MP, and a similar document that would form the specification for the review and revision process for the MP. These documents are still being developed, but preliminary drafts are attached as **Attachments 8 and 9**.

The data manager was requested to deal with implementation issues and this is not discussed here.

Update

In an email from the Chair of the SC (Andrew Penney, 1 July 2005), some of the specific issues that still need to be considered were listed, namely:

- Definitions of 'exceptional circumstances'.
- Proposed metarules to be implemented under such circumstances.
- Detailed specification of data to implement proposed metarules.

In a follow-up email (Basson, 18 July 2005) it was noted that Attachment 8 to MPWS4 report was intended as the draft paper on the proposed metarule process and that the authors welcomed further comments from members on that attachment for incorporation into an updated draft.

There was no further input to, or comment on, the draft, and Attachment 8 of MPWS4 is therefore the current version of the document on a Metarules Process.