



# Versioning Guidelines

## ***EASI Standard Document Versioning Recommendations***

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## **EASI Standard Document Versioning Recommendations:**

Adopt a release number comprised of two components, broken down as follows:

- first number: major release
- second number: minor release
- Examples include 3.0, 3.2, 2.1, 4.5, etc.
- Beta releases are denoted by adding “B-Beta version number” after the release number.
- Examples include 3.0B-1, 2.4B-2, etc.
- A **major release** is warranted when substantive changes are made to an EASI Document that affect the file layout, or when a significant number of smaller enhancements are made such that a major release would be more appropriate than a minor release. A major release must be approved by a simple majority of EASI Organization voting members.
- A **minor release** is warranted when changes are made that do not affect the file layout and are more administrative in nature. A minor release must be approved by a simple majority of EASI Organization Steering Committee members.



## **Field Name Change**

- Required Field Name Change - Minor Release
- Optional Field Name Change - Minor Release

## **Field Definition Change**

- Required Field Definition Change - Minor Release
- Optional Field Definition Change - Minor Release

## **Example Change**

- Required Example Change - Minor Release
- Optional Example Change - Minor Release

## **Required/Optional Change**

- Change from Required to Optional - Major Release
- Change from Optional to Required - Major Release



## **Field Format Change**

- Required Field Format Change - Major Release
- Optional Field Format Change - Major Release

## **Field Size Change**

- Required Field Size Change - Major Release
- Optional Field Size Change - Major Release

## **Comments Change** - Minor Release

## **Field Addition** - Major Release

## **Field Removal** - Major Release

## **Corrections to Known Errors** – Minor Release

