

**INSTITUTIONAL USE ONLY**

# Institutional Implementation Guide

Full Matrices, Schemas, Audit Mappings, Export Packages

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**NON-NEGOTIABLE CONSTRAINT**

This guide may not be interpreted or implemented in any way that: grants authority to AI systems, allows automated final decisions, obscures accountability ownership, or replaces human judgment. Any implementation that violates this constraint is non-compliant.

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## 1. Purpose of This Guide

**What This Guide Does**

- Translates the Accountability Invariant into deployable governance artifacts
- Provides schemas, mappings, and specifications for institutional implementation
- Supports legal defensibility, audit readiness, and regulatory compliance
- Assumes institutions have accepted the foundational governance principle

**What This Guide Does Not Do**

**EXPLICIT LIMITATIONS**

This guide does not certify ethical behavior. It does not guarantee correctness of AI outputs. It does not eliminate institutional liability. It does not replace legal counsel review. Institutions remain fully responsible for deployment decisions.

## 2. Responsibility Matrix - Full Specification

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The Responsibility Matrix is a mandatory system artifact. Every AI-assisted outcome must produce exactly one matrix record. No matrix record means no valid output.

### Required Fields

| FIELD                | TYPE     | REQUIRED    | DESCRIPTION                                      |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| matrix_id            | UUID     | Yes         | Unique identifier for this responsibility record |
| outcome_id           | UUID     | Yes         | Reference to the AI-assisted outcome             |
| ai_system_id         | String   | Yes         | Identifier and version of AI system              |
| ai_recommendation    | Object   | Yes         | AI output with confidence and uncertainty        |
| human_reviewer_id    | String   | Yes         | Authenticated identity of human reviewer         |
| human_decision       | Enum     | Yes         | APPROVED   REJECTED   MODIFIED                   |
| human_rationale      | String   | Conditional | Required if REJECTED or MODIFIED                 |
| policy_version       | String   | Yes         | Active policy version at decision time           |
| escalation_triggered | Boolean  | Yes         | Whether escalation occurred                      |
| escalation_reason    | String   | Conditional | Required if escalation_triggered = true          |
| institution_id       | String   | Yes         | Accountable institution identifier               |
| created_at           | ISO 8601 | Yes         | Immutable creation timestamp                     |
| checksum             | SHA-256  | Yes         | Integrity verification hash                      |

# Conceptual Schema

## RESPONSIBILITYMATRIX SCHEMA

```
ResponsibilityMatrix {
  matrix_id:          UUID [PRIMARY KEY, IMMUTABLE]
  outcome_id:         UUID [FOREIGN KEY, NOT NULL]

  // AI Contribution
  ai_system_id:       STRING [NOT NULL]
  ai_recommendation:   JSON {
    output:           ANY
    confidence:       FLOAT [0.0-1.0]
    uncertainty:      FLOAT [0.0-1.0]
    model_version:    STRING
  }

  // Human Review
  human_reviewer_id:  STRING [NOT NULL, AUTHENTICATED]
  human_decision:     ENUM [APPROVED, REJECTED, MODIFIED]
  human_rationale:    STRING [REQUIRED IF decision != APPROVED]
  review_timestamp:   TIMESTAMP [NOT NULL]

  // Policy Constraints
  policy_version:     STRING [NOT NULL]
  policy_rules_applied: ARRAY[STRING]

  // Escalation State
  escalation_triggered: BOOLEAN [NOT NULL]
  escalation_reason:   STRING [REQUIRED IF triggered]
  escalation_timestamp: TIMESTAMP [NULLABLE]

  // Institutional Ownership
  institution_id:     STRING [NOT NULL]
  department_id:      STRING [NULLABLE]

  // Audit Fields
  created_at:         TIMESTAMP [IMMUTABLE]
  checksum:           SHA256 [COMPUTED]
}
```

### IMMUTABILITY REQUIREMENT

Matrix records must be append-only. No UPDATE or DELETE operations are permitted after creation. Corrections require new matrix records with explicit references to superseded records.

## Storage & Retention

- **Storage:** Append-only data store with cryptographic integrity verification
- **Retention:** Minimum 7 years or as required by applicable regulations
- **Access:** Read-only for audit; no modification access granted to any role
- **Backup:** Geographically distributed with integrity verification on restore

### 3. Role Enforcement Schemas

Each role has explicit permissions, prohibitions, and attestation requirements. These are governance constraints, not application features.

#### AI System Role

##### PERMITTED ACTIONS

- Generate recommendations
- Compute confidence scores
- Quantify uncertainty
- Flag escalation conditions
- Log outputs to matrix

##### PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- Mark output as "final"
- Execute decisions
- Bypass human review
- Modify policy rules
- Accept responsibility

##### REQUIRED ATTESTATIONS

- Output is recommendation only
- Confidence bounds are valid
- Escalation rules evaluated
- Policy version recorded

#### Human Reviewer Role

##### PERMITTED ACTIONS

- Review AI recommendations
- Approve, reject, or modify
- Override AI output
- Request additional review
- Document rationale

##### PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- Delegate to AI system
- Approve without review
- Bypass escalation
- Modify audit records
- Transfer accountability

##### REQUIRED ATTESTATIONS

- Review was performed
- AI output was evaluated
- Decision is independent
- Accountability accepted

#### Policy Configuration Role

##### PERMITTED ACTIONS

- Define thresholds
- Set escalation triggers
- Configure constraints
- Version policy changes
- Audit policy history

##### PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- Disable escalation
- Remove human review
- Grant AI authority
- Delete policy history
- Bypass approval flow

##### REQUIRED ATTESTATIONS

- Changes are authorized
- Version is incremented
- Invariant preserved
- Audit trail updated

#### Institution Role

##### PERMITTED ACTIONS

- Accept liability
- Enforce governance
- Authorize deployments
- Review audit records
- Respond to regulators

##### PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- Transfer accountability to AI
- Claim AI decided
- Obscure responsibility
- Disable audit logging
- Modify historical records

##### REQUIRED ATTESTATIONS

- Framework compliance
- Audit readiness
- Liability acknowledged
- Governance enforced

## Enforcement Rules

### ROLE ENFORCEMENT LOGIC

RULE: AI\_OUTPUT\_NEVER\_FINAL

```
IF output.status == "FINAL" AND output.source == "AI"  
THEN REJECT with "AI outputs cannot be marked final"
```

RULE: HUMAN\_DECISION\_REQUIRED

```
IF matrix.human_decision IS NULL  
THEN BLOCK output propagation
```

RULE: POLICY\_VERSION\_BOUND

```
IF matrix.policy_version != active_policy.version  
THEN REJECT with "Policy version mismatch"
```

RULE: ESCALATION\_NON\_BYPASSABLE

```
IF escalation_condition_met == TRUE  
THEN REQUIRE human_review  
AND BLOCK auto_approval
```

## 4. Escalation Logic - Operational Mapping

### Escalation Triggers

| TRIGGER TYPE | CONDITION                  | THRESHOLD EXAMPLE             | ACTION           |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Confidence   | confidence < threshold     | confidence < 0.85             | Mandatory review |
| Uncertainty  | uncertainty > threshold    | uncertainty > 0.20            | Mandatory review |
| Bias Flag    | bias_score > threshold     | bias_score > 0.10             | Mandatory review |
| Domain Risk  | risk_category IN high_risk | Life-safety, legal, financial | Mandatory review |
| Anomaly      | input NOT IN distribution  | Out-of-distribution detected  | Mandatory review |
| Manual       | human_request == TRUE      | Any user request              | Review initiated |

### Escalation Sequence

#### ESCALATION STATE MACHINE

```
STATE: AI_PROCESSING
  ON trigger_detected:
    FREEZE ai_output
    SET status = ESCALATED
    TRANSITION TO AWAITING_REVIEW

STATE: AWAITING_REVIEW
  REQUIRE human_reviewer_assignment
  PROVIDE full_context {
    ai_recommendation
    confidence_scores
    uncertainty_bounds
    escalation_reason
    policy_rules
  }
  ON human_decision:
    LOG to responsibility_matrix
    TRANSITION TO DECISION_LOGGED

STATE: DECISION_LOGGED
  SET matrix.human_decision
  SET matrix.human_reviewer_id
  SET matrix.review_timestamp
  COMPUTE matrix.checksum
  TRANSITION TO COMPLETE

STATE: COMPLETE
  OUTPUT is now valid
  RESPONSIBILITY assigned to human_reviewer
  RECORD immutable
```

**NON-BYPASSABLE CONSTRAINT**

Escalation cannot be disabled, bypassed, or overridden by configuration. No administrative privilege permits skipping escalation when trigger conditions are met. This is enforced at the system architecture level.

5. Audit & Compliance Mapping

Framework artifacts map to regulatory requirements. This section provides traceability, not legal interpretation.

| REGULATION   | REQUIREMENT                                  | FRAMEWORK ARTIFACT    | EVIDENCE  |
|--------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| FDA CDS      | Human oversight of clinical decisions        | Responsibility Matrix | human_reviewer_id, human_decision fields        |
| GDPR Art. 22 | Right to human review of automated decisions | Escalation Logic      | Mandatory review for high-risk; escalation logs |
| EU AI Act    | High-risk system oversight                   | Role Enforcement      | Human role cannot be bypassed; audit trail      |
| EU AI Act    | Transparency and traceability                | Responsibility Matrix | Complete decision chain with timestamps         |
| SOC 2        | Processing integrity                         | Immutable Logging     | Append-only records with checksums              |
| SOC 2        | Change management                            | Policy Versioning     | Version history with approval records           |
| HIPAA        | Audit controls                               | Audit Export          | Exportable logs with access controls            |
| OCC/Fed      | Model risk management                        | Escalation + Matrix   | Uncertainty quantification; human override      |

Audit Evidence Availability

- **Decision Chain:** Complete path from AI output to human approval
- **Temporal Accuracy:** Immutable timestamps at each stage
- **Policy State:** Exact policy version active at decision time
- **Override Documentation:** Rationale for rejections or modifications
- **Escalation Records:** Why escalation occurred; how it resolved

## 6. Language Protocol - Enforcement Layer

Language constraints are deployable governance rules. Mislabeling creates legal exposure.

### Prohibited Phrases

| PROHIBITED             | RISK                       | REQUIRED ALTERNATIVE         |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| "The AI decided"       | Implies AI authority       | "The AI recommended"         |
| "System approved"      | Implies automated approval | "Reviewer approved"          |
| "Algorithm determined" | Implies AI judgment        | "Analysis indicated"         |
| "Automated decision"   | Implies no human           | "AI-assisted recommendation" |
| "AI concluded"         | Implies AI reasoning       | "AI identified"              |

### Enforcement Points

- **User Interface:** Validate labels before display
- **Audit Logs:** Scan entries for prohibited phrases
- **Reports:** Template enforcement for generated documents
- **Exports:** Compliance check before external delivery
- **API Responses:** Response validation middleware

#### LANGUAGE VALIDATION RULE

```
FUNCTION validate_language(text):
  prohibited = [
    "AI decided", "system approved", "algorithm determined",
    "automated decision", "AI concluded", "machine judgment"
  ]
  FOR phrase IN prohibited:
    IF phrase IN text.lower():
      RETURN {valid: FALSE, violation: phrase}
  RETURN {valid: TRUE}
```



## 7. Export & Regulator Packages

### Standard Export Bundles

| PACKAGE           | CONTENTS   | USE CASE                                      |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Decision Audit    | Responsibility matrices for date range; escalation logs; policy versions | Regulatory inquiry; internal audit            |
| Escalation Report | All escalations with triggers, resolutions, timing                       | Compliance review; process audit              |
| Policy History    | Complete version history with change rationale                           | Change control audit; timeline reconstruction |
| Role Activity     | Actions by role type; reviewer activity; override frequency              | Operational review; capacity planning         |
| Full Compliance   | All above packages combined with integrity proofs                        | Regulatory examination; legal discovery       |

### Export Metadata

All exports include:

- Export timestamp and requesting user
- Date range and filter criteria applied
- Record count and integrity checksums
- Framework version and policy version at export time
- Chain of custody fields for legal use

#### EXPORT GUARANTEE

Exports contain sufficient information for external review without requiring system access. A regulator can verify accountability chains using export data alone.

## 8. Deployment Checklist (Institutional)

All items must be satisfied before production deployment. This is risk gating, not feature enablement.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Roles Declared:</b> All four roles (AI, Human, Policy, Institution) formally assigned with named owners       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Policies Versioned:</b> Initial policy version created, approved, and logged with version 1.0                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Escalation Tested:</b> All escalation triggers verified with test cases; bypass attempts confirmed blocked    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Audit Logging Verified:</b> Responsibility matrix creation confirmed; immutability tested; export validated   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Language Protocol Enforced:</b> Prohibited phrases blocked in UI, logs, reports; validation middleware active |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Human Review Path Tested:</b> End-to-end flow from AI output to human decision verified functional            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Export Packages Generated:</b> Test exports created and validated for completeness                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Retention Configured:</b> Data retention period set per regulatory requirements; backup verified              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Legal Review Complete:</b> Institutional counsel has reviewed deployment configuration                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Accountability Sign-off:</b> Institutional owner has formally accepted liability for deployment               |

### GATE REQUIREMENT

Production deployment is blocked until all checklist items are completed and documented. Incomplete deployments are non-compliant.

## 9. Change Control & Versioning

### Change Categories

| CATEGORY       | EXAMPLES  | REVIEW REQUIRED | APPROVAL LEVEL        |
|----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Frozen         | Core invariant; role definitions; escalation non-bypass | Not changeable  | N/A - Immutable       |
| Major          | New escalation triggers; role permission changes        | Full review     | Institutional + Legal |
| Minor          | Threshold adjustments; domain-specific rules            | Standard review | Policy owner          |
| Administrative | User assignments; documentation updates                 | Logged only     | Authorized admin      |

### Version Control Requirements

- All policy changes increment version number
- Change rationale is mandatory for Major and Minor changes
- Previous versions are retained indefinitely
- Active policy version is bound to all new matrix records
- Rollback requires same approval as original change

#### GOVERNANCE DRIFT WARNING

Governance drift (gradual weakening of controls through incremental changes) increases institutional risk. All changes must be reviewed for cumulative effect on accountability guarantees.