# **Japan Security Token Association Regulations**

# **Chapter 1 - General Rules**

### **Our Purpose**

Article 1. The Japan Security Token Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") purpose is to improve the quality of security tokens through our study, research, popularization, and enlightenment activities regarding security token technology, system and businesses. We strive to ensure soundness to the ecosystem using security tokens, and to secure, promote and create opportunities for fair and free economic activities that contribute to stability and improvement to people's lives and the sound development of the Japanese economy.

#### **Our Business**

Article 2. The Association operates the following security token related businesses in order to achieve the purpose of the preceding article:

- 1) Collecting knowledge on technology, system and businesses
- 2) Activities related to application & dissemination
- 3) Information distribution and support for related parties
- 4) Holding events such as study groups and lectures
- 5) Consideration of self-regulation proposals
- 6) Relationship with domestic and overseas academic societies and organizations
- 7) Research on technology

# **Our Operation**

Article 3. About Employees, Officers, Board of Directors, etc. running the Association, please refer to separately in the Articles of Association.

# **Chapter 2 - Membership**

### **Our Members**

Article 4. Members of the Association shall be as follows:

- 1) Full member: Corporations that agree to the purpose and business of the Association, and can support and contribute to the activities by the Association, as well as pay the full member membership fee stated in Article 9, and are able to send a manager to a project of a specified steering committee stated in Chapter 3.
- 2) Supporting member: Corporations that agree to the purpose and business of the Association, and can support and contribute to the activities by the Association, as well as pay the supporting member membership fee stated in Article 9 and are able to send a member to a project of a specified steering committee stated in Chapter 3. In order to participate in projects of the steering committee, permission from all the managers will be necessary.
- 3) Guest member: Individuals who can support and contribute to the activities of the Association and agree to the purpose and business by the Association.

### **Membership Rights**

Article 5. Members have the following rights.

Full Member	Each Steering Committee
(Corporate)	Can become the project manager.
(33-1-3-3-3)	<ul> <li>Have the authority to view materials approved by the steering committee, up to 2IDs per member.</li> </ul>
	The Association run Slack (refer to 1, 2, 3 below)
	<ul> <li>Can obtain up to 2IDs per member to participate in the Full and Supporting Members channels.</li> </ul>
	The Association hosted Public / Private Events
	<ul> <li>As a general rule, up to 2 persons per event can participate for free.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>However, unless otherwise specified by the Association.</li> </ul>
	Membership Authentication (refer to 4, 5 below)
	<ul> <li>You can show the logo of the Association to a third party and prove you are a</li> </ul>
	member of the Association.
Supporting Member	Each Steering Committee
(Corporate)	Can participate as a member.
(***,	<ul> <li>Have the authority to view materials approved by the steering committee, up to 1ID per member.</li> </ul>
	The Association run Slack (refer to 1, 2, 3 below)
	<ul> <li>Can obtain up to 1ID per member to participate in the Supporting Members channel.</li> </ul>
	The Association hosted Public / Private Events
	As a general rule, one person per event can participate for free.
	<ul> <li>However, unless otherwise specified by the Association.</li> </ul>
	Membership Authentication (refer to 4, 5 below)
	<ul> <li>You can show the logo of the Association to a third party and prove you are a member of the Association.</li> </ul>
Guest Member	The Association run Slack (refer to 1, 2, 3 below)
(Individual)	Can join the guest member channel.

- 1) As a principle, Slack must be registered with a true name. However, participation and registration are not mandatory.
- 2) If you want to communicate only with specific members using Slack, you can apply at the Association administrative office for a confidential channel.
- 3) The Association administrative office has the right to view and delete all logs including confidential channels in order to manage Slack.
- 4) When it is judged that the Association logo posted by full and supporting members is incorrect or inappropriate, the Association may ask full and supporting members to stop posting the logo or request a change to how it is posted.
- 5) The Association can show the logos of full and supporting members to a third party to prove they are full or supporting members. However, the posting of the logo can be canceled at any time upon request of full and supporting members.

#### **Exclusion of Antisocial Forces**

Article 6. The following people are not eligible for membership.

1) Members (including major investors, officers, and equivalent individuals) of the Association pledge not to be a member of antisocial forces, gang members / associate members, members of organized crime groups or people who act against public interests (hereinafter referred to as "Antisocial Forces"). Also has not been a part of Antisocial Forces for the last 5 years and does not fund or provide help or facility to Antisocial Forces in any way, and pledge not to in the future.

- 2) Members of the Association shall pledge to not individually or use a third party to do violent demanding acts, or threatening behavior regarding transactions, the use of violence, spreading rumors, damages to other party's credibility by using counterfeiting or use of force, or interfere with other party's operations and other similar acts.
- 3) If it is confirmed that a member of the Association violated the statement of paragraph 1 above, or violated the pledge of paragraph 2 above, the Association may dismiss the member. The Association will not be liable for any damages caused by the expulsion.

### Membership

Article 7. To obtain membership of the Association, one must apply through the specified membership application form and receive approval from the Member Approval Committee, which is an advisory body to the Board of Directors. Membership is officially recognized upon payment of membership fees (guest members are officially recognized when approved by the Member Approval Committee).

## **Member Approval Committee**

Article 8. The Member Approval Committee shall consist of two or more directors appointed by the Board of Directors.

### **Membership Fee**

Article 9. Each member shall pay the following membership fees that will be used as operating expenses for the Association. The membership fee period will be 12 months, including the month of your membership starting date, and must be a lump-sum payment.

- 1) Full member: Entrance fee is 1 million yen (Free for the time being, but the free period could end without notice. The annual membership fee is 480,000 yen per member.
- 2) Supporting member: No entrance fee. The annual membership fee is 120,000 yen per member.
- 3) Guest member: No entrance fee or annual fee.

#### **Loss of Membership Qualification**

Article 10. If a member falls under any of the following items, they will be deprived of their qualifications.

- 1) When a notice of withdrawal is submitted.
- 2) When a member's company went bankrupt or is in a similar situation, dissolution, received orders to suspend business operations or scheduled to be suspended.
- 3) In the case of an individual member, when the person has died or has been declared missing.
- 4) When the annual membership fee is overdue for more than one year.
- 5) Expulsion of membership.

## Withdrawal

Article 11. Members may withdraw by submitting a separate notice of withdrawal specified by the Association.

# **Expulsion**

Article 12. If a member falls under any of the following items, the Association may dismiss the member.

- 1) Violation of this agreement or any other regulation of the Association.
- 2) When there is defamation toward the Association or acts that go against the purpose of the Association.
- 3) As stated in Article 6 paragraph 3, when it is confirmed that the member violated the statements in Article 6 paragraph 1 or violated the pledge in Article 6 paragraph 2.
- 4) When the board of directors of the Association judges that there are other valid reasons to be dismissed.

#### **No Refund of Contributions**

Article 13. Membership fees and other contributions already paid to the Association will not be returned. The same shall apply when a member withdraws in the middle of the year in accordance with Article 11.

# **Chapter 3 - Steering Committee**

### **Technology Steering Committee**

Article 14. The Association shall place a Technology Steering Committee. The Technology Steering Committee reviews standard specifications for technologies related to security tokens.

# **System Steering Committee**

Article 15. The Association shall place a System Steering Committee. The System Steering Committee will consider the formulation of self-regulations that may be necessary to operate the security token ecosystem.

### **Business Steering Committee**

Article 16. The Association shall place a Business Steering Committee. The Business Steering Committee will lay out plans for the application and dissemination of security tokens to promote the construction of the security token ecosystem.

# **Chapter 4 - Subcommittee**

# **Subcommittee**

Article 17. The Association may establish a subcommittee. When establishing a subcommittee, approval from the relevant steering committees must be obtained.

# **Chapter 5 - Intellectual Property**

## **License and Patent**

Article 18. Among the security token related information collected by the Association, the information that is judged by the Steering Committee to benefit the public will be disclosed (publicized). However, the manager of the Steering Committee is able to suspend the disclosure of information.

# **Chapter 6 - Others**

## **Changes to Regulations**

Article 19. Matters not specified in the regulations, and changes must be approved by the board of directors.