

IAB UK Gold Standard 2.1

# Summary of Updates

- In addition to digital display and video, the Gold Standard will cover companies that specialise
  in emerging digital media offerings like Audio, CTV and In-game advertising.
- The Ad Fraud criteria has been renamed Security and Fraud to better suit the expanding requirements of this criteria.
- Requirements within Security and Fraud will be updated to include:

#### Ads.txt 1.1

• Ads.txt has been updated to require companies adhere to the latest version of ads.txt, 1.1, which increases levels of transparency and strengthens the ads.txt initiative.

#### Buyers.json and DemandChain Object

• Both initiatives are new additions for Gold Standard 2.1. They have been introduced to the Gold Standard as they bring more end-to-end transparency of the programmatic supply chain, helping publishers address the challenge of Scam Ads.

#### Open Measurement SDK (OM SDK)

The OM SDK is a widely adopted industry standard. Requirements to adopt this initiative as
part of the Gold Standard have been introduced as this initiative is successful in facilitating
third party viewability and verification measurement for ads served in web video, app and
CTV environments.



# Summary of Categories

The Gold Standard 2.0 Has Six Category Types For Companies

**Buyer Planner:** Companies who plan the media strategy on behalf of a brand

**Buyer Activation:** Companies that offer a managed service to facilitate the buying of inventory using external self serve buying platform(s)

**Buy Side Support:** (Tech platforms and services) Companies that offer a self-serve platform to facilitate the buying of inventory

**Full-Service Support:** Companies that offer a managed service to facilitate the buying of inventory using their own proprietary technology

**Sell Side Support:** (Non-owned inventory) Companies primarily involved in selling of inventory on sites they do not own or operate

**Direct Seller:** (Owned inventory) Companies primarily involved in the selling of owned and operated inventory





# The Compliance Grids 2.1

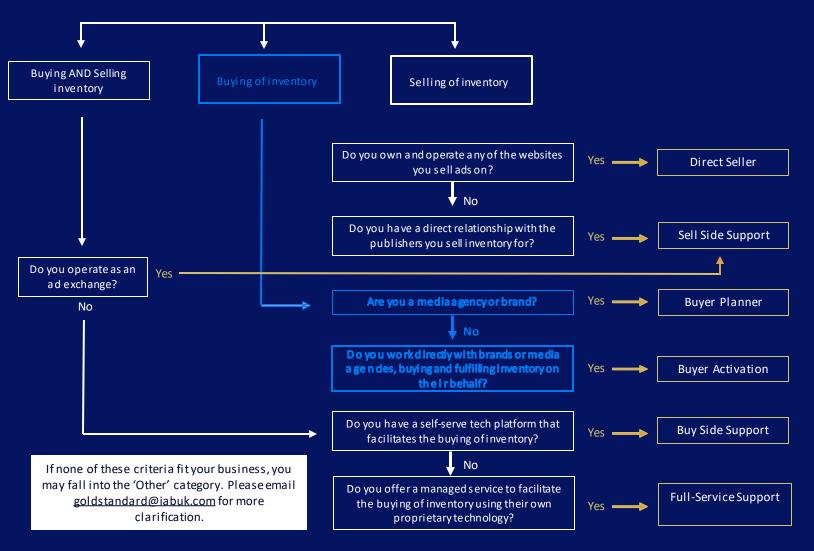
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	DIRECT SELLERS (Owned inventory) Companies primarily involved in the selling of owned and operated inventory	SELL SIDE SUPPORT (Non-owned inventory) Companies primarily involved in selling of inventory on sites they do not own or operate	BUY SIDE SUPPORT (Tech platforms and services) Companies that offer a self-serve platform to facilitate the buying of inventory	FULL SERVICE SUPPORT  Companies that offer a managed service to facilitate the buying of inventory using their own proprietary technology	BUYER ACTIVATION  Companies that offer a managed service to facilitate the buying of inventory using external self serve buying platform(s)	BUYER PLANNER Companies who plan the media strategy on behalf of a brand or agency	ALL OTHER (Data, Quality, Creative) Companies who do not meet one of the previous four categories (F)
	Autotrader, Bauer Media, Guardian, Facebook, LADbible, YouTube	SSPs, Facebook AudienceNetwork, Index Exchange Teads	DSPs, Google AdV, Amazon DSP	Blis, Crimtan, TAN, Unruly, vdx.tv	Trading Desks, Managed Service, Quantcast, Mobsta, Matterkind,	GroupM, MediaCom, MC&C Media, The Media People	DMPs, ad verification, creative agencies, content management platforms
General	Complete Gold Standard e-learningtraining modules	Complete Gold Standard e-learningtraining modules	Complete Gold Standard e-learningtraining modules	Complete Gold Standard e-learningtraining modules	Complete Gold Standard etarning training moduls where necessary to compliment GS training as below	Complete Gold Standard e-learning training modules where necessary to complement GS training as below     Public support for the Gold Standard     Encourage upstream partners to become Gold Standard Supporters	For companies who do not fit into the current Gold Standard categorisation of Direct – Indirect – Support – Buyer Support Buyers, compliance in this area will initially be determined on a case by case basis. Please contact goldstandard@labuk.com for more information about demonstrating compliance.
Security and Fraud	(app-)ads.ht	(app-)ads.bt (app-	roadmap- Committed date of launch (Émail and written commitment)  Public support for Buyers, ison and DemandChain Object (link to article or blog)  Encourage downstream partners to adopt Buyers, ison and DemandChain Object (Email.comms, training programs or other)	app-Jack.txt  - Encourage your downstream partners to adopt (app-)ads.txt  - Ensure that you are listed within the (app-)ads.txt of your downstream partners through a contractual requirement or T&Cs  - Have a minimum of 90% of UK wab traffic delivered through altes with an ads.txtfile  - Measure the proportion of UK app traffic going through apps with an app-ads.txtfile  - Filter for (app-) ads.txt full through apps with an app-ads.txtfile  - Filter for (app-) ads.txt authorised inventory in your platform  - Sellers, json  - Implement a Sellers, json file listing your authorised publishers and resellers and their SELLERID and legalentities where relevant  - Ensure the Sellers json files are kept up to date  - SupplyChain Object  - Include/Populate the SupplyChain Object field in your bid Request  - Bugers, json and DemandChain Object roadmap - Committed date of baunch (Email and written croadmap - Committed date of baunch (Email and written crommitment)  - Public support for Buyers json and DemandChain Object (link to article or blug)  - Encourage all measurements to adopt Buyers, json and DemandChain Object (Email comms, training programs or other)  - Open Measurement SDK (OM SDK)  - Encourage all measurement and verification partners to be included in the OM SDK	be included in the OMSDK  Choose to work with measurement and verification companies that are integrated with OM SDK	Include requirements for(app-)ads.txttraffic on your   IOs/dOs with downstream partners     Internal training to explain the advantages of (app-) ads.txt (Guidance)     Selers.json     Encourage downstream partners to adopt. Selers.json	
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CBA (User Experience)	<ul> <li>Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA Standards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA Standards.</li> </ul>	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA Standards.      Explain how you filter for non-compliant units in	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBAStandards.  Explain how you filter for CBA/non-compliant units	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBAStandards.	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA Standards.	
		Explain how you filter for CBA/non-compliant units in your platform	Legan now your platform      Have a minimum of 99% of domains that you work with to conform the CBA's better ad standards.      Domains that have failed the CBA standards can be found on the Google's agle xperience report.	Expain now you meer or Cssynon-compliant units     in your platform		Internal training to explain the Better Ads Standards	
		Register for the <u>TCF_Global Vendor List</u>	Register for the <u>TCF Global Vendor List</u>	Register for the <u>TCF Global Vendor List</u>	Work with vendors on the <u>TCFGlobal Vendor List</u>		
	Use a CMP that is on the list of registered TCF CMPs list where relevant	Work with vendors on the <u>TCFGlobal Vendor List</u> Encourage downstream partners to adopt TCF	Work with vendors on the <u>TCFGlobal Vendor List</u> Encourage downstream partners to adopt TCF	Work with vendors on the <u>TCFGkbal Vendor List</u>			
TCF (Data & Privacy)	Ensure the CMP you are using compiles with the TCF 2.0 Technical Specifications and Policy ( <u>Guidance</u> )     Work with vendors on the <u>TCFGlobal Vendor list</u> .	Through contractual T&Cs include that you are listed on the CMP of any pages or websites where you are processing personal data and/or using cookies or other similar technologies	Through contractual T&Cs include that you are listed on the CMP of any pages or websites where you are processing personal data and/or using cookies or other similar technologies	<ul> <li>Through contractualT&amp;Cs include that you are listed on the CMP of any pages or websites where you are processing personal data and/or using cookles or other similar technologies</li> <li>Measure proportion of traffic with a TCF consent string</li> </ul>		Encourage all downstream partners to adopt and participate with the TCF	
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# Identifying Your Company Category

# What category is my business?

Note: Some businesses may have multiple operations that fall under different categories (e.g. media agency and trading desk). If your business falls under multiple categories, please register each part of the business separately.







# The Requirements

### **Direct Seller**

Companies primarily involved in the selling of owned and operated inventory.

CRITERIA	ACTION	STATUS	EVIDENCE
	Complete Gold Standard online training modules		Provide evidence that the relevant teams have been sent and encouraged to complete the necessary training https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gold-Standard-Training
	Implement/update to ads.txt 1.1 at your root URL listing DIRECT and RESELLERS including their publisher IDs & payment IDs where relevant		Provide links to the ads.txt 1.1 files for the websites that you own or manage
	Ensure (app-)ads.txtfile is kept up to date		Explain the process in place that ensure the file is kept up to date
	Implement an app-ads.txt file at the root domain of your developer website		Provide links to the app-ads.txt files for the apps that you own or manage
	Ensure the "Developer Website" field in iOS and Android app store is up to date		Provide app store links to the apps that you own and manage
	Encourage upstream partners to adopt Sellers. json, Buyers. json and Demand Chain object		Provide examples of comms/publics upport to your upstream partners for Sellers.json, Buyers.json and DemandChain Object
	Ens ure you have implemented the latest version of the OM SDK		Demonstrate you have implemented the latest version of the OM SDK by either:  • List your SDK partner(s) if your SDK(s) are provided by a third party •  Demonstrate implementation of the OM SDK Domain Loader:  https://iabtechlab.com/standards/open-measurement-sdk
	Be a TAG Member in Good Standing and hold a valid TAG Brand Safety certificate		Provide certificate
User Experience	Ensure your units do not breach any of the 'bad ad' features as defined by the Coalition for Better Ads		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Support the CBA Better Ad Standards in your creative guidelines		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA standards		Provide example(s) of communication of creative best practice information to clients
Data & Privacy	Use CMP listed on IAB EU approved TCF2.0 CMP list		Provide name of CMP vendor for every domain
	Ensure CMP is implemened to the TCF2.0 Technical Specifiactions & Policy		Send result from IAB EU CMP validator test
	Work with vendors on the TCF Global Vendor List		List all your upstream partners



# **Sell Side Support**

Companies primarily involved in the selling of inventory on sites they do not own or operate.

CRITERIA	ACTION	STATUS	EVIDENCE
	Complete Gold Standard online training modules		"Demonstrate that the relevant teams have been sent and encouraged to complete the necessary training https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gold-Standard-Training"
	Encourage your downstream partners to adopt ads.txt 1.1		Provide an example of communications sent to downstream partners e.g. email
	Ensure that you are listed within the (app-)ads.txt of your downstream partners through a contractual requirement or T&Cs		Provide copy of contract/T&Cs
	Provide links to (app-)ads.txt files of top sites and or apps you work with		Provide links to the top 10 sites and/or apps you work with (based on delivery in the last 30 days)
	"Implement a sellers. json file listing your authorised publishers and resellers and their SELLER ID and legal entities where relevant"		Provide a linkto the sellers.json files
	Include the supplychainobject field in your bid request		"Evidence a sample bid request"
	Have a minimum of 90% of UK web traffic delivered through sites with an ads.txt file		Measure and report the proportion of delivery in the last 30 days that has gone through sites with an ads. txt file present
	"Measure a network-wide percentage of app-ads.txt traffic/apps"		Measure and report the proportion of in-app delivery in the last 30 days that has gone through apps with an app-ads.txt file present
	Add Buyers. json and Demand Chain Object to your product roadmap.		Email, PPT and/or written commitment
	Public support for Buyers.json and DemandChain Object		Link to article/blog and/or email to upstream partners
	Encourage upstream partners to a dopt Buyers. js on and Demand Chain Object		Provide email comms, training programmes or other
	OM SDK should be offered to downstream partners where applicable (i.e. in instances where the SSP provides an SDK to downstream partners that SDK should be the OM SDK)		Demonstrate the OM SDK files are hosted on your CDN
	Be a TAG Member in Good Standing and hold a valid TAG Brand Safety certificate		Provide certificate
	Ensure your units do not breach any of the 'bad ad' features as defined by the Coalition for Better Ads		Provide copy of creative guidelines
User Experience	Support the CBA Better Ad Standards in your creative guidelines		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA standards		Provide example(s) of communication of creative best practice information to clients
	Demonstrate how you filter for CBA/non-compliant units in your platform		Demonstrate the creative quality assurance processes in place
	Register for IAB EU Global Vendor List		"Be listed on IAB EU Global Vendor List"
Data & Privacy	Demonstrate how you implement and work with TCF2.0		"Provide a complete list of all upstream partners used (e.g. SSPs, DSPs) Measure and report the proportion of traffic you received in the last 30 days that comes with a consent string."
	Ensure you are listed within the CMP of any partners where you are collecting data		Provide a list of top 10 publishers



# **Full-Service Support**

Companies that offer a managed service to facilitate the buying of inventory using their own proprietary technology.

CRITERIA	ACTION		EVIDENCE
	Complete Gold Standard online training modules		"Demonstrate that the relevant teams have been sent and encouraged to complete the necessary training https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gold-Standard-Training
	Encourage your downstream partners to adopt ads.txt 1.1		Example of communications sent to downstream partners e.g. email
	Ensure that you are listed within the (app-)ads.txt of your downstream partners through a contractual requirement or T&Cs		Provide copy of contract/T&Cs
	Provide links to (app-)ad.txt files of top sites and or apps you work with		Provide links to the top 10 sites and/or apps you work with (based on deliveryin the last 30 days)
	If you source or sell inventory to or from 3rd party supplies: Demonstrate how you comply with sellers.json & SupplyChain Object listing your authorised publishers and resellers and their SELLER ID and legal entities where relevant		Provide a linkto your sellers. json files and a sample bid request
	Demonstrate how (app-)ads.txt traffic selection is built into your platform		Demonstrate that (app-)ads.txt filtering has been built into your platforme.g. screenshots of filtered traffic
	Have a minimum of 90% of UK web traffic delivered through sites with an ads.txt file		Measure and report the proportion of delivery in the last 30 days that has gone through sites with an ads.txt file present
	"Measure a network-wide percentage of app-ads.txt traffic/apps"		Measure and report the proportion of in-app delivery in the last 30 days that has gone through apps with an app-ads.txt file present
	Add Buyers.json and DemandChain Objectto your product roadmap - Committed date of launch		Email, PPT and/or written commitment
	Public support for Buyers. json and DemandChain Object		Link to article/blog and/or email to upstream partners
	Encourage downstream partners to adopt Buyers.json and DemandChain Object		Provide email comms, training programmes or other
	Encourage all measurement and verification partners to be included in the OM SDK Choose to work with measurement and verification companies that are integrated with the OM SDK		List your measurement and verification provider(s)
	Be a TAG Member in Good Standing and hold a valid TAG Brand Safety certificate		Provide certificate
User Experience	Ensure your units do not breach any of the 'bad ad' features as defined by the Coalition for Better Ads		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Support the CBA Better Ad Standards in your creative guidelines		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA standards		Provide example(s) of communication of creative best practice information to clients
Data & Privacy	Demonstrate how you filter for CBA/non-compliant units in your platform		Demonstrate the creative quality assurance processes in place
	Registerfor IAB EU Global Vendor List		"Be listed on IAB EU Global Vendor List"
	Demonstrate how you implement and work with TCF2.0		"Provide a complete list of all upstream partners used (e.g. SSPs, DSPs) Measure and report the proportion of traffic you received in the last 30 days that comes with a consent string."
	Ensure you are listed within the CMP of any partners where you are collecting data		Provide a list of top 10 publishers



# **Buy Side Support**

Companies that offer a selfserve platform to facilitate the buying of inventory.

CRITERIA	ACTION		EVIDENCE
	Complete Gold Standard online training modules		"Demonstrate that the relevant teams have been sent and encouraged to complete the necessary training https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gold-Standard- Training"
	Support (app-)ads.txt 1.1 in your T&Cs with downstream partners		Provide copy of T&Cs
	Publicly declare support for (app-)ads.txt1.1		Provide link(s) to online articles or blog posts
	Filter for ads.txt (1.1) authorised inventory in your platform		Explain how ads.txt filtering has been built into your platform e.g. screenshots of filtered traffic
	Review the supplychain object and demonstrate how you will filter out for any unauthorised traffic		List process and timelines for when you will filter using the supplychain object
	Demonstrate how app-ads.txt 1.1 traffic selection is/being built into your platform		Link/Presentation/Text/Screengrab
	Add Buyers.json and DemandChain Object to your product roadmap.		Email, PPT and/or written commitment
	Public support for Buyers.json and DemandChain Object		Link to article/blog and/or email to upstream partners
	Encourage downstream partners to adopt Buyers.json and DemandChain Object		Provide email comms, training programmes or other
	Encourage all measurement and verification partners to be included in the OM SDK. Choose to work with measurement and verification companies that are integrated with the OM SDK		List your measurement and verification provider(s)
	Be a TAG Member in Good Standing and hold a valid TAG Brand Safety certificate		Provide certificate
	Ensure your units do not breach any of the 'bad ad' features as defined by the Coalition for Better Ads		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Support the CBA Better Ad Standards in your creative guidelines		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA standards		Provide example(s) of communication of creative best practice information to clients
	Demonstrate how you filter for CBA/non-compliant units in your platform		Explain the creative quality assurance processes in place
	Ensure that a minimum of 99% of the domains that you work with comply with [or 'conform to'] The CBA's Better Ads Standards		Measure and report the proportion of domains that do not comply with the CBA standards
	Register for IAB EU Global Vendor List		Be listed on IAB EU Global Vendor List
Data & Privacy	Demonstrate how you implement and work with TCF2.0		"Provide a complete list of all downstream partners used (e.g. SSPs, Exchanges) Measure and report the proportion of traffic you received in the last 30 days that comes with a consent string"



# **Buyer Activation**

Companies that offer a managed service to facilitate the buying of inventory using external self serve buying platform(s).

CRITERIA	ACTION	STATUS	EVIDENCE
	Complete Gold Standard online training modules		"Demonstrate that the relevant teams have been sent and encouraged to complete the necessary training https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gold-Standard-Training"
	Support ads.txt 1.1 in your T&Cs with downstream partners		Provide copy of T&Cs
	Provide links to (app-)ads.txt files of top sites you work with		Provide links to the top 10 sites and/or apps you work with (based on delivery in the last 30 days)
	Public support for (app-)ads.txt 1.1		Provide link(s) to online articles or blog posts
	Encourage downstream partners to enable filtering using the supplychainobject OR filter using the supplychainobject where a pplicable		Provide examples of comms/publics upport for sellers.json and supplychain object and/or demonstrate processes used to filter non-authorised traffic
	Demonstrate how ads.txt 1.1 traffic selection is built into your platform		Screenshot of JIRA ticket if you own your plaform OR provide a full list of the DSPs you work with and information on how you ensure you are buying authorised inventory through them
	Demonstrate how app-ads.txt 1.1 traffic selection is/being built into your platform and/or buying processes		Link/Presentation/Text/Screengrab
	Encourage adoption of Buyers Json and Demand Chain Object from downstream partners		Provide email comms, training programmes or other
	Encourage all measurement and verification partners to be included in the OM SDK Choose to work with measurement and verification companies that are integrated with the OM SDK		List your measurement and verification provider(s)
	Be a TAG Member in Good Standing and hold a valid TAG Brand Safety certificate		Provide certificate
	Ensure your units do not breach any of the 'bad ad' features as defined by the Coalition for Better Ads		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Support the CBA Better Ad Standards in your creative guidelines		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA standards		Provide example(s) of communication of creative best practice information to clients
TCF Compliance	Demonstrate how you implement and work with TCF2.0		"Provide a complete list of all downstream partners used (e.g DSPs) Measure and report the proportion of traffic you received in the last 30 days that comes with a consent string"



# **Buyer Planner**

Companies who plan the media strategy on behalf of a brand or agency.

CRITERIA	ACTION	STATUS	EVIDENCE
General	Complete Gold Standard online training modules		"Demonstrate that the relevant teams have been sent and encouraged to complete the necessary training https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gold-Standard-Training"
	Public support for the Gold Standard		Article, blog or other
	"Encourage upstream partners to become Gold Standard Supporters"		"Demonstrate comms or education sessions to upstream patners about the Gold Standard"
Security & Fraud	Include requirements for (app-)ads.txttraffic on your IOs/eIOs with downs tream partners		Provide copy of IO/eIO
	Deliver internal training to explain a dvantages of (app-)ads.txt		Training can be provided by IAB staff OR provide training presentation slides/screenshot of training event and attendees
	Encourage downstream partners to adopt sellers.json and supplychain object		Provide copy of T&Cs or comms with downstream partners
	Public support for Buyers. Json and Demand Chain Object		Article, blog or other
	Encourage all measurement and verification partners to be included in the OM SDK Choose to work with measurement and verification companies that are integrated with the OM SDK		List your measurement and verification provider(s)
	Encourage for partners to be TAG Brand Safety audited within your T&Cs		Provide copy of T&Cs with downstream partners
	Deliver internal training to explain a dvantages of TAG Brand Safety		Training can be provided by IAB staff OR provide training presentation slides/screenshot of training event and attendees
	Be a TAG Member in Good Standing and hold a valid TAG Brand Safety certificate		Provide certificate
User Experience	Ensure your units do not breach any of the 'bad ad' features as defined by the Coalition for Better Ads		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Support the CBA Better Ad Standards in your creative guidelines		Provide copy of creative guidelines
	Promote best practice to clients by promoting latest CBA standards		Provide example(s) of communication of creative best practice information to clients
	Deliver internal training to explain the Better Ads Standards		Training can be provided by IAB staff OR provide training presentation slides/screenshot of training event and attendees
TCF Compliance	Encourage all downstream partners to be listed on the IAB EU Global Vendor List		Provide example(s) of communication to downstream partners (e.g. T&Cs/contracts)





# Thank You

Please submit evidence to goldstandard@iabuk.com