**Licensing of SNOMED CT in HL7 International products**

The following key points are provided by the IHTSDO to confirm the SNOMED CT licensing arrangements that have been agreed between IHTSDO and HL7 International. These are in line with the condition set out in the SNOMED CT Affiliate License agreement and do not replace them. For further information, first review SNOMED CT licensing information at <http://www.ihtsdo.org/snomed-ct/get-snomed-ct> and then contact [info@ihtsdo.org](mailto:info@ihtsdo.org) to discuss your specific requirements for a license.

1. **Can HL7 access the full scope of SNOMED CT when developing HL7 documents, irrespective of their status in terms of being in an IHTSDO Member country?**

HL7 International working group members can access SNOMED CT if they are participating in the development of HL7 International products. A Development License has been provided by IHTSDO to HL7 International, and HL7 International has set up a mechanism to access SNOMED CT (International version). Please contact Karen Van Hentenryck, Associate Executive Director, HL7 International, for further information on accessing SNOMED CT for this work. An individual SNOMED CT Affiliate license is not required for this purpose.

1. **Is it true that any User of HL7 specifications who have agreed to the HL7 development license of SNOMED CT can receive, store, display and communicate SNOMED CT concept identifiers and terms within the scope of the agreement?**

No. HL7 International Working Group members can access SNOMED CT for development of international products under the HL7/IHTSDO agreement, using the agreed mechanism. If an HL7 member is accessing an HL7 International product containing SNOMED CT to Use, Deploy or Distribute, they must have an Affiliate License for which they apply to the IHTSDO (web link above). Please be aware that fees may apply for IHTSDO non-member countries.

1. **Does the HL7 Development license only cover SNOMED CT International?**

Yes. The Development license agreed between IHTSDO and HL7 International covers the use of SNOMED CT International release in HL7 International products.

1. **Are both extensional and intensional SNOMED CT values in HL7 International products included in the development Agreement?**

The Development license covers both intensional and extensional SNOMED CT value sets in HL7 international products.

1. **How can the licensing process be made simple and clearer?**

HL7 International is putting in place a licensing statement for all terminologies they use in their products for when Users download an HL7 International product. The licensing statement makes it clear that Users are responsible for obtaining the appropriate license.

1. **If an HL7 Affiliate in an IHTSDO non-member country takes a code and description from an HL7 International repository or standard and uses the IHTSDO browser to assist in mapping to local codes, is a license required?**

The Agreement between HL7 International and IHTSDO is for the development of HL7 International products and not for Use – Use requires an Affiliate License in IHTSDO non-Member countries which may involve a fee. (Note: The situation may change if HL7 International and IHTSDO agree a set of SNOMED CT International codes and descriptions which can be used for free globally in HL7 International products)

1. **HL7 International is exploring the publication considerations and requirements for standards and repositories i.e. standards may use intensional definitions which need to be applied by a terminology service. HL7 FHIR may render these instructions and deliver codes and descriptions to users of the standards. Does HL7 International need a specific license for use of SNOMED CT in our standards, and in terminology services?**

HL7 International can publish products using SNOMED CT International that have been developed using the ‘Development license’ for HL7 International products.

1. **What type of restrictions/access requirements will be applied as part of the ‘Development license’ applied when developing HL7 International products?**

As discussed in 1 above, HL7 International is providing access to SNOMED CT International for HL7 International working group members who are contributing to the development of HL7 International products. The portal will require registration of the individual and the piece of work they are contributing to which requires this access.

1. **A request for the expansion of an intensional value set is done by a terminology server via an API**
   1. **What access reporting requirements are necessary from the host of the terminology server?**
   2. **What are the licensing requirements for the requester?**

Assuming the terminology server is in an IHTSDO Member country, any person or organization downloading from an IHTSDO Member country’s terminology server is individually responsible for ensuring they have the appropriate license to use SNOMED CT.

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