



## USB-IMPLEMENTERS FORUM (USB-IF)

### POLICY REGARDING VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (VIDs)

#### A. General Policy.

1. The USB Implementers Forum (USB-IF) is the authority which assigns and maintains all USB Vendor Identification Numbers (VID). Each VID is assigned to one company for its sole and exclusive use. VIDs may not be sold, transferred, or used by others, directly or indirectly, except in special circumstances and then only upon prior written approval from the USB-IF. Unauthorized use of assigned or unassigned USB VIDs is strictly prohibited.

2. Further, in order for a product to be listed by a company on the USB-IF maintained Integrator's List of certified USB products, the product must, in addition to other any other applicable requirements, have a VID and the VID must be the VID assigned to the company by USB-IF.

#### B. Special Circumstance Under which USB-IF May Approve Exception.

The following are special circumstances which the USB-IF will consider as exceptions to the General Policy above and require the prior written approval from the USB-IF:

1. Where a company is the original manufacturer of a silicon component or equipment (OEM) and the OEM sells the original silicon component or the equipment to another company (Reseller) for inclusion in Reseller's product, the OEM may obtain a VID for the silicon component or equipment, and permit the Reseller to use the VID in products incorporating the OEM's components.

2. Similarly, where an OEM manufactures a finished product that is sold to a Reseller for resale under the Reseller's brand, the OEM may permit the Reseller to use the OEM's VID.

3. An OEM must notify the USB-IF of its intention to permit use of the VID by a Reseller in the circumstances described in paragraphs B.1. and B.2., and obtain the prior written approval of the USB-IF.

4. It is the responsibility of the OEM to manage, coordinate, and keep a record of the assignment of the product identification numbers (PIDs) and OEM must make such records available to USB-IF on request.

5. The Reseller may submit a product using an OEM's VID for compliance testing to qualify to use the Certified USB logo in conjunction with the product, but the Reseller must provide written authorization to use the VID from the OEM at the time of registration.

6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Reseller may not have its product listed on the Integrators List unless it obtains its own unique VID for the product directly from USB-IF.

7. Additionally, subject to prior approval by USB-IF, a manufacturer of a component may share its VID or PID with another manufacturer solely for the purpose of verifying or enabling interoperability.