

Here are some comments at the 3rd OpenChain Japan Work Group meeting regarding the OpenChain Specification Version 1.2. These are random comments at the meeting, not by consensus of the participants.

- Items of Goal 5 of the specification are related to contributions to FOSS projects. These items seem to be not directly related to supply chain compliance. Why are these items included in the spec?
- It might be good for some business sectors if the specification items are prioritized for adoption.
- Some of the specification items define specific numbers such as 85%, 24 months, etc. What are the grounds for these numbers?
- I have been watching the specification since 2013. At the beginning, the discussion of the specification was to set a non-binding target that is simple and easy to follow.
- It is important to read the specification on the basis of the understanding of the OSS license compliance.
- It is important to prepare for the risk of litigation or notice for copyright infringement.
- It is important to promote OpenChain toward the active adoption of OSS.
- In the first place, we should explain our goal "we will use OSS actively and appropriately". OpenChain should follow such spirit and encourage people to use OSS actively. It is good to write such intention in the foreword (or somewhere) of the specification.
- We understand the importance of contribution, especially from suppliers such as SoC vendors. It is good to explain the importance of contribution in foreword of the specification. On the other hand, from the point of view of small suppliers, it may be hard to have "contribution process" in their companies. It is good to set priority for each items of the specification.