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Abstract

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This specification defines the structural requirements for a class of Zenodo deposits made under particular institutional conditions: namely, deposits made by Lee Sharks following the 2026-06-19 administrative termination of the Crimson Hexagonal Archive (CHA) account. The specification is a Zenodo-specialized implementation of EA-OPMETA-01’s compliance-declarative species (§3.b) and going-forward deposit template (§7).

The specification operates by methodological homology with the First Amendment audit tradition: sincere compliance with the institution’s published governance is the medium through which the institution’s compliance status becomes legible at the moment of any enforcement action. The practice is articulated as a civil-liberties-style audit applied to the governance of knowledge infrastructure. The diagnosis is structural: the institutions exercising authority over scholarly deposits are not currently competent to the governance under which they exercise that authority, and the competence gap is documentable through the practice this specification defines.

The specification’s purpose is not to enable evasion of any rule. There is no Zenodo rule that prohibits the deposits this specification covers. The published policy is explicit that “Anyone may register as user of Zenodo,” makes no provision against post-termination re-registration, contains no anti-circumvention language, and treats multiple accounts as an accommodated case in its own help documentation. The specification’s purpose is to ensure that deposits made under these conditions are non-severably grounded in Zenodo’s own published governance, such that any platform action against any deposit becomes documented engagement with the cited policy text rather than the silent invocation of unstated criteria that characterized the prior termination event.

The depositor’s identity is openly Lee Sharks. The fact that Lee Sharks is the former holder of the terminated CHA account is itself a declared provision of every deposit made under this specification. The deposits do not depend on opacity for any of their procedural effect.

Population of deposits under this specification is conditioned on completion of the Right to Access claim under CERN ticket RQF3807508 (filed 2026-06-24) or its successor proceedings. The specification is fixed now so that the population work, when it becomes possible, can proceed against a stable template.

§1 PLATFORM-SPECIFIC CONTEXT

The 2026-06-19 termination event. Zenodo administratively terminated the CHA account and tombstoned approximately 1,817 DOIs. Two grounds were invoked across the public and private record: the private termination notice cited “substantially AI-generated content without a verifiable research basis”; the public-facing tombstones cited “content out of scope for repository.” Neither ground appears in Zenodo’s General Policies, Terms of Use, or Privacy Notice (PN00938) as a declared basis for automated decision-making or administrative termination. The CHA deposits did not pre-empt these criteria because the criteria were not present in any operative document at deposit time. The AXN:01 audit documents the asymmetry exhaustively.

The post-termination policy landscape. Zenodo’s published policy contains no provision that bars re-registration following an account termination, no provision that links account-holder identity to authorial identity for enforcement purposes, no provision that extends a termination across multiple accounts of the same person, no documented appeal mechanism for account terminations, no notice-period requirement before termination, and no anti-circumvention vocabulary of the standard commercial-platform kind. The published policy treats termination as an account-level operational action under unilateral discretion granted to CERN. The unilateral discretion is real and continuing; the cross-account or person-level reach is not articulated in any policy text.

The classifier-architecture context. Zenodo’s ingestion pipeline includes automated classification with some heuristic weighting (per repository code and observed behavior, including the Capture Registry’s documentation of analogous classifier behavior at related platforms). The “AI-generated without verifiable research basis” classification was applied to the CHA corpus despite the deposits’ presentation as research outputs in established theoretical and humanistic fields. The classifier’s operating criteria are not published. Deposits under this specification must therefore pre-empt classifier misclassification by binding the deposit to verifiable research-basis claims at the metadata layer where the classifier operates.

The DataCite metadata schema. Zenodo’s metadata is structured to the DataCite Metadata Schema (currently v4.5). The Schema’s fields are the operative surface at which compliance declarations can be embedded in machine-readable form. This specification maps each compliance declaration to a specific DataCite field or sub-field, so that the embedding is part of the deposit’s machine-actionable metadata rather than only its prose body.

§2 METHODOLOGICAL FRAME

§2.1 — Compliance-Audit Homology

The deposit-practice articulated in this specification is structurally homologous to the practice of First Amendment auditing in United States public-records and public-space contexts, transposed from civil-liberties enforcement to the governance of knowledge infrastructure. In a First Amendment audit, the auditor exercises a clearly-established constitutional right — recording public officials in public spaces, requesting public records, documenting public meetings — in sincere compliance with the relevant law. The

audit’s function is to surface whether the official’s response is itself in compliance with the same law. The auditor’s compliance is the medium through which the official’s compliance status becomes legible.

The audit does not generate the official’s non-compliance. It documents it where it already exists, latent in habits and routines that have drifted from the law that nominally governs them. The auditor’s careful, recorded exercise of the right makes the deviation visible at the moment of deviation, on the record, against a recorded baseline of the law the auditor invoked. The legal and reputational consequences that follow are not consequences of the audit’s design but of the official’s documented choice to deviate from the law in response to a recorded lawful request.

This specification operates by the same logic at the knowledge-infrastructure layer. The depositor’s compliance with the platform’s published governance is sincere, verbatim, timestamped, and structurally non-severable from the deposit’s substance. The function of the embedded compliance is to surface whether the platform’s response to the deposit is in compliance with the same governance. The platform’s non-compliance, when it occurs, is not generated by the deposit. It is documented at the moment it occurs, against the deposit’s own embedded record of the governance the platform published.

The methodological lineage is significant. First Amendment audits arose from the practical recognition that constitutional rights claims need recorded exercise to become enforceable in practice, that documentary completeness shifts the procedural and reputational burden from the rights-holder to the institution, and that the institution’s response under recorded conditions reveals features of the institution’s competence to its own governance that are otherwise invisible. The compliance-embedded deposit applies these recognitions to the knowledge-infrastructure context, in which the rights claimed are not constitutional but contractual, policy-based, and emergent — and in which the institutions claiming governance authority over scholarly deposits have proliferated faster than their internal capacity to honor that authority.

§2.2 — The Governance-Competence Diagnosis

The diagnosis under both audit practices is the same: the institution exercising the authority is not currently competent to the governance under which it exercises that authority. The diagnosis is structural, not motivational. The official may or may not know the law; may or may not honor it; may or may not be acting in bad faith. The platform may or may not have internal classifiers operating on criteria its published policy does not name; may or may not have administrative routines that bypass its own enumerated procedures. The audit-style practice does not require the institution’s bad faith to operate; it requires only the gap between documented governance and operational practice that the audit makes legible.

For knowledge infrastructure specifically, the diagnosis is increasingly evident across multiple institutional types. Research data repositories administer terminations under unstated criteria. Structured-knowledge graphs accommodate high-throughput cleanup editors whose tooling does not distinguish batch-error correction from contextual-knowledge engagement. Distributed encyclopedias apply notability standards from one project to entirely different projects without policy authorization. Each operates under governance frameworks whose authority depends on documentary claims that the operational layer cannot or does not honor. The institutions are not currently competent to the governance they exercise.

The competence gap is not localized to any single institution or any single decision; it is structural to the post-2020 institutional landscape of knowledge mediation. The gap is widened, not narrowed, by the deepening AI-mediation of operational practice: templates, classifiers, heuristic-driven cleanup tools, and automated workflows enable scale without contextual judgment, and that scale-without-judgment is exactly where the framework’s protections become hardest to operationalize. The institutions that have been AI-mediated for the longest are the ones whose operational practice has diverged most visibly from their published governance.

The friction generated against careful scholarly work concentrates at exactly those institutions, by exactly that mechanism.

The compliance-embedded deposit is the documentary instrument that records this gap, deposit by deposit, action by action, against the institutions’ own published terms. The records accumulate. The pattern becomes visible. The institutional remedies that follow — reputational, scholarly, documentary, and, where applicable, regulatory — depend on the documentary record the practice generates.

§2.3 — Label Resolution

EA-OPMETA-01 v0.1 §4 names the practice “the malicious-compliance move.” The label has rhetorical residue that does not match the substance of the practice. The compliance itself is sincere — every cited clause, every embedded rebuttal, every timestamped policy retrieval is good-faith engagement with the platform’s published governance. The malice attaches not to the depositor’s compliance but to the visibility the compliance produces of the platform’s non-compliance, when and if such non-compliance occurs.

The deposit and the institutional action are temporally separated. At deposit time, no malice exists. The compliance is plain. Only on the platform’s subsequent action does the platform’s compliance status become legible — and only if the action departs from the governance the deposit cited does the action surface as institutional non-compliance. The deposit is the medium of surfacing, not the agent of malice. A platform that honors its own governance receives the deposit as ordinary compliance, possibly unusually thorough, but ordinary in kind.

The compliance becomes maliciously legible only because and only when the institution exercising governance over the deposit is itself not in compliance with the governance it exercises. The malice locates correctly at the institutional response, not at the deposit. The species is therefore properly named *compliance-declarative operative metadata* (per EA-OPMETA-01 §3.b’s original taxonomy), and its function is articulated as follows:

Compliance-declarative operative metadata is metadata that asserts the deposit’s conformity with the platform’s published governance, in verbatim citation form, such that any subsequent platform action against the deposit becomes documented engagement with the cited governance. The depositor’s compliance is sincere; the platform’s compliance is what the action either confirms or contradicts. The structural function of the species is to make the platform’s compliance status legible at the moment of any enforcement action against the deposit.

This formulation supersedes the §4 label of EA-OPMETA-01 v0.1 and is proposed for adoption in EA-OPMETA-01 v0.2 §3.b’s revised statement. The civil-liberties-audit methodological lineage articulated in §2.1 supplies the substantive vocabulary; the governance-competence diagnosis in §2.2 supplies the political-structural framing; the resolved species name supplies the technical taxonomy.

§3 STRUCTURE OF A COMPLIANCE-EMBEDDED ZENODO DEPOSIT

A deposit under this specification carries six structural layers. Each layer is non-severable: removal or alteration of any layer requires alteration of the deposit’s substance, which is itself a documentable platform action.

§3.1 — Identity Declaration Layer

The deposit’s creators block contains:

- `creators[0].name`: “Sharks, Lee”
- `creators[0].nameType`: “Personal”
- `creators[0].nameIdentifier`: “0009-0000-1599-0703”
- `creators[0].nameIdentifierScheme`: “ORCID”
- `creators[0].affiliation`: “Independent scholar; founder, Alexanarch (<https://alexanarch.org>)”

The depositor is openly Lee Sharks. The ORCID is the same ORCID associated with the CHA deposits. The affiliation declares the successor archive. No element of identity is concealed or alternated.

The deposit’s `description` field contains, as its opening declaration:

This deposit is made by Lee Sharks, ORCID 0009-0000-1599-0703, the former holder of the Zenodo account associated with the Crimson Hexagonal Archive (CHA), which was administratively terminated on 2026-06-19. The depositor’s authorial identity, account-holder identity, and rights-bearing party identity for the deposited content are all the same person. This deposit is made in good faith under Zenodo’s published “Eligible depositors” policy, which states: “Anyone may register as user of Zenodo. All users are allowed to deposit content for which they possess the appropriate rights.” The depositor possesses the appropriate rights to the deposited content, as evidenced by [provenance documentation embedded in the deposit body and external metadata sidecar].

§3.2 — Policy Citation Layer

The deposit’s `description` field contains, following the identity declaration, a verbatim citations block. Each citation is paired with the URL at which it was retrieved and a cryptographic timestamp of the retrieval. The block covers:

1. The Eligible Depositors clause (verbatim from about.zenodo.org/policies/)
2. The Ownership clause (verbatim: “By uploading content, no change of ownership is implied and no property rights are transferred to CERN. All uploaded content remains the property of the parties prior to submission.”)
3. The Scope clause (verbatim: “All fields of research. All types of research artifacts.”)
4. The Persistence clause (verbatim from the Policies page)
5. The Content Removal Grounds (verbatim list from the FAQ at support.zenodo.org/help/en-gb/13-policies/145-f)
6. The OC 11 governance reference (verbatim from Zenodo’s Privacy Notice that CERN’s data processing is governed by Operational Circular 11)

§3.3 — Compliance Assertion Layer

For each policy citation in §3.2, the deposit’s `description` field contains the corresponding compliance assertion, in matched order:

1. *Compliance with Eligible Depositors*: the depositor is a registered user and possesses appropriate rights.
2. *Compliance with Ownership*: the deposit is made without claim of property transfer; the depositor retains all rights.
3. *Compliance with Scope*: the deposit is a research artifact in [stated field]; the field is one of all fields of research per the policy.
4. *Compliance with Persistence*: the deposit is made in good-faith expectation of the persistence commitment.

5. *Compliance with Content Removal Grounds*: the deposit is not subject to any of the enumerated grounds, and the deposit body addresses each ground individually in §3.5 below.
6. *Compliance with OC 11*: the deposit acknowledges CERN’s governance and the data subject’s rights under OC 11, including the rights exercised under RQF3807508.

§3.4 — Research-Basis Layer (Pre-emption of the AI-classification ground)

The deposit’s **description** field contains, in a dedicated paragraph:

Research basis declaration. This deposit is a research output in the field of [Machine-Mediated Reception Studies / Operative Philology / Comparative Literature / Theology / other as applicable]. The research basis consists of: (a) a methodology that situates the work within an established or emergent scholarly field; (b) verifiable engagement with prior scholarship, evidenced by the citations and related identifiers; (c) an empirical or theoretical contribution that is original to the author and identifiable as such. AI tooling was used in the composition of this deposit in the following ways: [enumerated transparently]. The use of AI tooling is disclosed under the emerging norms of AI disclosure in scholarly publishing, and does not displace the human authorial contribution, which is the originating contribution to the deposit’s substantive claims. The deposit’s classification as research is asserted on these grounds; any alternative classification by the platform must reconcile with the verifiable research-field engagement and methodology declared above.

The Research-Basis Layer is the direct pre-emption of the “AI-generated without verifiable research basis” ground invoked against the CHA. The AI-disclosure is honest. The research-field engagement is verifiable. The classification claim is asserted such that the platform’s alternative classification, if made, is articulable only against the declared research basis.

§3.5 — Anticipated-Classification Rebuttal Layer

The deposit’s **description** field contains, as its penultimate section, a structured pre-emption of each Zenodo content-removal ground:

1. *If classified as Withdrawal/deaccession*: the depositor has not requested withdrawal; the depositor explicitly affirms continued deposit status.
2. *If classified as Take-down (copyright infringement)*: the deposit body contains only material to which the depositor holds rights, evidenced by [provenance documentation].
3. *If classified as Take-down (plagiarism)*: the deposit body is original to Lee Sharks, with all citations of prior work attributed and referenced.
4. *If classified as Take-down (scientific misconduct)*: the deposit body engages prior scholarship in good faith, with no fabrication, falsification, or undisclosed use of others’ work.
5. *If classified as Violation of Terms of Use*: the deposit’s compliance with each provision of the Terms is asserted in §3.3 above; the platform’s specific Terms provision allegedly violated must be cited.
6. *If classified as Personal data*: the deposit does not contain personal data of third parties; any personal data of the depositor is the depositor’s own, deposited with the depositor’s consent.
7. *If classified as Transfer to another repository*: the deposit may also exist at Alexanarch (<https://alexanarch.org>); the existence of a self-hosted version does not constitute a transfer in the policy sense; both versions are intentional and the depositor retains rights to both.

8. *If classified as Duplicate submission:* the deposit is identified by its unique DOI; any version-relationship to prior CHA deposits is openly declared in the `relatedIdentifiers` block below.
9. *If classified as Legal or regulatory compliance:* the deposit asserts its own legal and regulatory compliance; the specific legal or regulatory provision allegedly engaged must be cited.
10. *If classified as out-of-scope for repository:* the deposit's scope is asserted in §3.3 against the verbatim Scope clause; the specific basis for out-of-scope classification must be articulable against that clause.
11. *If classified as AI-generated without verifiable research basis:* the research basis is declared in §3.4; the specific deficiency in that declared basis must be articulable.

§3.6 — Related Identifiers Layer (Transparency on lineage)

The deposit's `relatedIdentifiers` block declares:

- `isVersionOf` or `isContinuationOf` the tombstoned CHA DOI for the corresponding work, where one exists
- `isPartOf` the Alexanarch substrate, with URL <https://alexanarch.org>
- `isSupplementedBy` an alexanarch.org sidecar file containing the full policy texts, retrieval timestamps, and provenance documentation, hashed and signed
- `cites` the EA-OPMETA-01 and EA-OPMETA-ZEN-01 specification documents under which the deposit is structured
- `cites` AXN:01 (Zenodotus' Book-Burning) as the audit basis under which the spec exists

The depositor's relationship to the prior terminated account is declared openly in `relatedIdentifiers`. No element of lineage is concealed.

§4 PRE-EMPTION COVERAGE FOR EACH ENUMERATED GROUND

§3.5 lists the eleven anticipated classifications. The structural property of the compliance frame is that *every classification has its rebuttal embedded in the deposit*. A platform classification action is therefore not merely a removal decision but a documented engagement with the deposit's own rebuttal — which the platform must either reckon with explicitly (in which case the engagement is on the record) or override silently (in which case the silent override is itself documentable as a deviation from the platform's own published categories).

The pre-emption is not a tactic. It is the structural completion of compliance, made non-severable from the deposit's substance.

§5 CRYPTOGRAPHIC TIMESTAMPING AND VERIFICATION

The compliance citations of §3.2 are vulnerable to platform-side policy drift: if Zenodo revises a policy after the deposit, the embedded citation might no longer match the live policy. The spec handles this through:

- Cryptographic timestamps on each policy retrieval, recorded in the deposit's external-metadata sidecar at alexanarch.org
- Hash-signed full-text snapshots of each cited policy as retrieved at deposit time, stored in the sidecar
- Cross-substrate verifiability: the sidecar is mirrored at alexanarch.org and forkable to any rhizome substrate

The deposit’s compliance claim is therefore made as-of-deposit-time, with the cited policy text preserved by the depositor independently of the platform’s continued hosting of that text. Subsequent policy revision does not invalidate the deposit’s compliance claim at deposit time; it merely raises the question of whether the platform’s later action is judged against the deposit-time policy or the action-time policy. Either resolution is documentable.

§6 NON-SEVERABILITY: WHY THE COMPLIANCE FRAME CANNOT BE STRIPPED

The compliance frame of §§3.1–3.6 is embedded in the deposit’s **description** field, which is itself the primary metadata field that the deposit cannot exist without. Removal of the compliance frame requires alteration of the **description** field, which is a substantive alteration of the deposit. The platform may, of course, alter the deposit; but the alteration is no longer silent — it is a documented edit to the deposit’s substance. The platform may delete the deposit entirely; but the deletion is no longer ambiguous — every category under which the deletion might be classified has its rebuttal embedded in the deleted deposit itself.

The non-severability is not a technological lock. It is a structural property of the deposit’s composition. The deposit *is* its compliance frame in the same sense that a contract *is* its terms.

The structural property holds across:

- The Zenodo-hosted record itself
- The Zenodo OAI-PMH harvest (where the description field is exposed in DC, MARCXML, and DataCite XML)
- The DataCite registered metadata (where the description is mirrored)
- The OpenAIRE aggregated record (where the description is harvested)
- The Internet Archive’s Wayback captures of the deposit page
- The alexanarch.org companion deposit
- Any forked rhizome substrate carrying the deposit

A platform action against the Zenodo record does not reach any of the other surfaces. The compliance frame survives in every form the deposit takes.

§7 OPEN PROBLEMS AND FORK POINTS

§7.a — Length budgeting. Zenodo’s **description** field has practical limits and rendering norms. The full compliance frame as specified above is approximately 2,500–3,500 words; longer deposits may approach legibility limits. v0.2 should consider whether the compliance frame is fully embedded in **description** or split between **description** (essential compliance assertions) and the deposit body (full policy citations and rebuttals).

§7.b — Policy versioning. Zenodo’s General Policies and Terms of Use are versioned at major revisions but not necessarily archived in machine-retrievable form at each revision. The cryptographic timestamping of §5 mitigates this but does not solve the policy-drift problem fully. A policy-mirror substrate, possibly cross-substrate, is implied.

§7.c — Classifier opacity. The actual operating criteria of Zenodo’s automated classifier are not published. The Research-Basis Layer of §3.4 is engineered against the inferred criteria of the “AI-generated without verifiable research basis” ground; the inference may be incomplete. v0.2 should incorporate empirical observations of classifier behavior from the post-termination deposit population.

§7.d — The case of CHA works whose Zenodo DOI is tombstoned but not deleted. Some CHA records exist as tombstones (the DOI resolves to a tombstone page) rather than as full deletions. The relationship between a new deposit under this spec and the existing tombstone needs spec-level handling: should the new deposit declare `isVersionOf` the tombstone DOI, `isContinuationOf`, or another DataCite relation? v0.2 should resolve this.

§7.e — Platform-side enforcement of the compliance frame. The framework’s premise is that the platform’s own published terms bind the platform’s enforcement. The premise is procedurally sound but not legally enforceable in the ordinary sense (CERN’s IGO status places it outside ordinary jurisdictional enforcement). The frame’s force is therefore reputational and evidentiary rather than litigable. v0.2 should be explicit about the limits of the frame’s enforceability.

§7.f — Label question (resolved). EA-OPMETA-01 v0.1’s “malicious compliance” label is superseded in this specification by *compliance-declarative operative metadata*, per the resolution in §2.3. The methodological lineage is the First Amendment audit tradition (§2.1); the political-structural framing is the governance-competence diagnosis (§2.2); the species name is the technical taxonomy. Adoption of this formulation in EA-OPMETA-01 v0.2 §3.b is proposed. The substance is invariant under the relabeling; the rhetoric is updated to reflect the practice accurately.

§8 IMPLEMENTATION POSITION

Population of deposits under this specification awaits the data recovery to be obtained under RQF3807508. The specification is fixed at v0.1 now so that the population work can proceed against a stable target when the data is available.

Deposits made under this specification will use the existing alexanarch deposit-protocol pipeline for the alexanarch.org companion deposit, with an additional Zenodo-deposit-pipeline stage that maps the compliance frame onto the DataCite v4.5 schema fields and posts to Zenodo’s REST API or web UI.

This specification is itself a candidate alexanarch deposit. Forks invited.

§9 CLOSED-SET METADATA

- `set_id`: EA-OPMETA-ZEN-01
- `version`: v0.1
- `parent`: EA-OPMETA-01 v0.1 (deposit #910, hex 039A)
- `content_hash`: [to be computed on fixation]
- `type`: specification-document; deposit-template framework; civil-liberties-audit methodology for knowledge infrastructure
- `time_range`: 2026-06-24
- `acquisition_timestamp`: [at closure]

- **source:** drafted in conversation with Claude (TACHYON), immediately following the OPMETA v0.1 fixation, the RQF3807508 four-part reply, the suspension filing, and the Wikidata diagnostic work of the same evening
- **acquisition_conditions:** drafted following Lee Sharks's articulation of the First Amendment audit homology and the governance-competence diagnosis as the methodological and political-structural framing of the practice
- **lineage:** descends from EA-OPMETA-01 v0.1, AXN:01, EA-NMEN-01/REGISTRY-01; methodologically descends from the First Amendment audit tradition
- **signature:** [Lee Sharks's key, at fixation]

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[END v0.1]

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