Conditions for Granting the No AI Declaration™ Mark – Category No. 5: Software and applications

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1. General Introduction

No AI Declaration™ is a public statement by an individual or company that, within a specific area of activity, **it does not use artificial intelligence (AI) tools.**

The declaration is public, open, and entered into the No AI Movement™ register. Each granted declaration receives a unique identification number and is cryptographically anchored (hash) in a selected blockchain network, which enables independent confirmation of its integrity and issuance date (details in the No AI Movement™ technical specification).

The category "Software and Applications" covers the creation, development, maintenance, and publication of computer software and mobile applications in which functionality, operational logic, and data processing do not involve artificial intelligence (AI) or any machine learning-based solutions. This includes custom-built software, commercial products, and internal tools used within an organization.

2. Definitions

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Systems, models, or software components that use machine learning or adaptive algorithms (including neural networks, generative models, classifiers, predictive systems, pattern recognition tools, or NLU/NLP technologies) to automatically create, transform, analyze, classify, or predict data or user behavior.

This also includes libraries, cloud services, or APIs that contain machine learning models, even if such features are not explicitly labeled as AI or are activated conditionally.

Deterministic System

Software that operates solely based on rules explicitly programmed by a human, without the use of learning, adaptive, predictive, or generative mechanisms. A deterministic system produces the same result for the same input.

Non-AI Software (within the meaning of this category)

A computer or mobile application whose functionality does not include analysis, prediction, automated classification, pattern recognition, or content generation based on AI models. All business logic and data processing are performed using deterministic algorithms.

AI Component

Any module, library, API, SDK, plugin, or external service that performs analysis or content generation using AI techniques.

3. General Rules for the Category "Software and Applications"

The right to use the No AI Declaration™ mark in this category may only be granted to entities that:

• create, develop, or distribute software that contains no AI components,

• do not implement predictive, classification, image recognition, voice recognition, or natural language processing features,

• do not use external APIs or cloud services that provide AI functions (e.g., OpenAI API, Google Cloud AI, AWS AI, Hugging Face, Stability AI),

• are able to demonstrate that the operational logic of the software is fully deterministic.

The declarant confirms that:

• they understand potential applications of AI in software development,

• they do not use generative tools to create or optimize code, system logic, or architecture (AI may only be used for educational purposes; see Section 5 – Permissible AI Uses),

• in the event of an audit, they are able to present the system architecture and code structure to confirm the absence of AI components.

4. Typical AI Applications in Software (Prohibited)

The No AI Declaration™ excludes, in particular:

• implementation of predictive functions (e.g., forecasting user behavior),

• generation of text, images, audio, or code using AI models,

• automatic suggestions or auto-completion of content in the user interface,

• image, audio, face, object, or speech recognition,

• classification of users, content, or behavior based on data,

• recommendation engines based on machine learning,

• scoring or decision-making systems based on AI,

• tools that optimize or modify code or architecture in a generative manner.

This list is illustrative and not exhaustive. The prohibition applies to any function performing equivalent analysis, prediction, or generation, regardless of naming or implementation.

5. Permissible AI Applications – Applicable to All Categories

AI may be used in areas that do not affect the content, form, or execution of the work covered by the declaration.
Permissible applications include:

• education and self-learning (e.g. studying theory, history, techniques, and concepts related to the given field of activity),

• searching for information and inspiration (e.g. obtaining source data, auxiliary materials, examples, comparisons, trends),

• organizational and technical support (e.g. work planning, file management, provided it does not affect the content of the work/service),

6. Permissible Use of AI – Category: Software and Applications

AI may be used only for:

• developer education (e.g., studying documentation, algorithm theory, or design patterns),

• organizational workflow (e.g., task management systems, repositories, CI/CD),

• environment-level testing, provided it does not modify the application's logic or structure,

• language correctness checking in documentation, without altering code or technical logic.

The use of AI-based code assistants (e.g., GitHub Copilot, Gemini Code Assist, Cursor AI) to create, refactor, or suggest code is strictly prohibited.

7. Final Remarks

In all cases, the following principle applies:

All functionality of the software must be based on deterministic algorithms, without the use of AI at any stage of system operation.

If the software uses libraries, cloud services, or dependencies that may include AI features, the declarant is responsible for:

• confirming that such features are not active and do not affect the application's behavior,

• monitoring updates and changes to components that could introduce AI mechanisms.

Where uncertainty exists, the precautionary principle applies:

A function is considered non-permissible unless it is proven to operate deterministically.

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• The entire operational logic of the software must be deterministic.

• The software must not contain any AI components or indirect dependencies enabling AI features.

• Technical documentation must clearly indicate the absence of AI integrations.

• All future updates must maintain the non-AI status of the software.

• The declarant agrees not to imply that the application is "AI-free" in areas outside the scope of this declaration.

9. Procedure for Obtaining the Right to Use the No AI Declaration™ Mark

• reading this document,

• completing the online form,

• submitting a statement of compliance with the conditions,

• receiving a declaration number and PDF document,

• entry into the public register of No AI Movement™ declarations.

10. Rules for Using the No AI Declaration™ Mark

• The mark must be used in its original form, with preservation of clear space; it may not be combined with other marks into a single composite mark.

• The digital version of the mark should link to the entry in the public declaration register.

• It is prohibited to suggest that No AI Declaration™ is an official or governmental certificate.

11. Verification and Responsibility

Declarations may be verified randomly or in the following cases:

• suspected abuse,

• public violation of the rules,

• changes in the way the activity covered by the given category is conducted.

In case of violation:

• in minor cases, No AI Movement™ may issue a warning and corrective period (7–14 days),

• in cases of material or repeated violation, the declaration may be suspended or revoked with immediate effect,

• the declarant has the right to appeal within 14 days; the appeal is reviewed by the No AI Movement™ verification team.

The declarant undertakes to inform the organizer of any material changes and to cooperate during possible verification.

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