

# Regulatory-Audit-Native Marketplace

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## What It Specifies

Each marketplace transaction carries credentialed lineage. The lineage is retained under declared retention authority; regulatory authorities admit the lineage as audit evidence; the audit proceeds structurally.

Regulatory authorities can participate as credentialed observers. Their observation authority admits them to relevant marketplace events; their resulting audit records integrate with their regulatory procedures.

## Why It Matters Structurally

Platform-mediated marketplaces produce audit records that depend on platform cooperation. The audit reconstruction is slow, error-prone, and capture-prone.

Audit-native architecture produces structural support. The records are architecturally retained; the audit traversal is structurally defined; the regulatory burden falls on understanding the architecture rather than reconstructing platform behavior.

## How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines the audit retention requirements, the audit traversal primitives, and the regulatory-observer participation protocol. Implementations apply the architecture; regulatory authorities use the audit primitives.

Audit composes with other features. Cross-jurisdictional audit, byzantine-robust audit, and dispute-integrated audit all build on the audit-native primitive.

## **What This Enables**

Regulated marketplaces (spectrum, financial-instrument exchange, controlled-substance distribution) gain structurally-supported regulatory compliance. The architecture supports the regulatory burden structurally.

The architecture also supports emerging regulatory regimes. As new regulatory requirements emerge, the architecture admits the requirements through declared audit specifications.