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## Foreword

This document (CEN/TS 15480-3:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 224 “Personal identification, electronic signature and cards and their related systems and operations”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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CEN/TS 15480, *Identification card systems — European Citizen Card*, is composed of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Physical, electrical and transport protocol characteristics;*
- *Part 2: Logical data structures and security services;*
- *Part 3: European Citizen Card Interoperability using an application interface* (the present document);
- *Part 4: Recommendations for European Citizen Card issuance, operation and use;*
- *Part 5: General Introduction.*

The following technical changes have been made in this new edition of CEN/TS 15480-3:

- addition of mention of SAL Lite component, abstraction of GCI and GCAL through Registry processed at SAL level, decision tree update, scope update, etc (5.3.5.3);
- removal of all subclauses under 6.6.3 (Data structures mapping) that were already incorporated in ISO/IEC 24727-4;
- removal of Annex J dedicated to ECC-3 API (handling ISO/IEC 7816-15 objects) considered not appropriate in ECC-3 because implementation-specific and not fundamental to interoperability;
- removal of XML Binding details for SAL API from Clause 10 and Annex G (removal of Annex G); it was incorporated in ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008/DAmD 1, Annex F;
- maintainance of the annex investigating SAL post-issuance personalisation;
- removal of Annex H describing XML binding for Authentication protocols since these protocols are now part of ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008/DAmD 1, i.e. EACv2 protocol binding doesn't need to be reflected in ECC-3 since it is incorporated in ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008, Annex E;
- removal of Annex D “example of CIA implementation for Card –Application Service description” since it is updated and incorporated in ISO/IEC 24727-4:2008/DAmD 1;
- removal of XML-based CardInfo Types (XML Registry) since it is incorporated in ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008/DAmD 1, Annex D, Clause D.3;
- IFD-API shows enhancements in comparison with ISO/IEC 24727 (e.g. SlotCapabilityType with support of transmission protocol descriptor, Transmit command with support of batch APDU, SignalEvent error coding with additional error code), therefore IFD API Annex B are removed from ECC-3 and the clauses describing enhancements are reflected in ECC-3, Annex D amongst the differences with ISO/IEC 24727;

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- addition of Annex D, Additional features versus ISO/IEC 24727 (all parts), to incorporate the description of IFD API extensions in terms of API definition and binding;
- removal of 6.2.1.1, Definition for CardInfoRepository.XSD, and 6.2.1.2, Definition for CardInfoRepository.WSDL, since these binding descriptions are now part of ISO/IEC 24727-4:2008/DAmD, 1;
- addition of a new Clause 11 dedicated to Authenticate API: the Authenticate() call makes the service layer module transparent to the Service Provider, it occurs above SAL layer;
- provision of an introductory text describing the layout where Authenticate API fits;
- IFD API C-Language Binding remains in ECC-3 till its endorsement in ISO/IEC 24727 if deemed useful;
- maintenance of ExecuteSAL API in ECC-3 (both C-language binding and java binding);
- incorporation under Annex G of “Application Discovery Profile” for the purposes of integration in ISO/IEC 24727 framework.

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## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification provides an Interoperability Model, which will enable an eService compliant with technical requirements, to interoperate with different implementations of the European Citizen Card.

This Interoperability model will be developed as follows:

- starting from the ECC Part 2, Part 3 of the ECC series provides additional technical specifications for a middleware architecture based on ISO/IEC 24727 (all parts); this middleware will provide an API to an eService as per ISO/IEC 24727-3.
- a set of additional API provides the middleware stack with means to facilitate ECC services.
- a standard mechanism for the validation of the e-ID credential is stored in the ECC and retrieved by the eService.

In order to support the ECC services over an ISO/IEC 24727 middleware configuration, this part of the standard specifies the following:

- a set of mandatory requests to be supported by the middleware implementation based on ISO/IEC 24727 (all parts).
- data set content for interoperability to be personalised in the ECC.
- three middleware architecture solutions: one based on a stack of combined ISO/IEC 24727 configurations and the other based on Web Service configuration whereas the third one is relying on a SAL Lite component.
- an Application Discovery Profile featuring the guidelines for card-applications to fit in ISO/IEC 24727 framework.

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## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TS 15480-2:2012, *Identification card systems — European Citizen Card — Part 2: Logical data structures and security services*

CEN/TS 15480-4, *Identification card systems — European Citizen Card — Part 4: Recommendations for European Citizen Card issuance, operation and use*

ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-15, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 15: Cryptographic information application*

ISO/IEC 24727-1, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 1: Architecture*

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ISO/IEC 24727-2:2008<sup>1)</sup>, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 2: Generic card interface*

ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008<sup>2)</sup>, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 3: Application interface*

ISO/IEC 24727-4:2008<sup>3)</sup>, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 4: Application programming interface (API) administration*

ISO/IEC 24727-5, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 5: Testing procedures*

ISO/IEC 24727-6, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 6: Registration authority procedures for the authentication protocols for interoperability*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1 descriptive elements**

information nested in data objects and intended for the discovery mechanism and encapsulated along with procedural elements in the ACD and CCD

**3.2 procedural elements**

translation code to process any request at the Generic Card Interface (GCI) and every relevant card response

Note 1 to entry: The translation has one entry point, the TranslationCode() function as per ISO/IEC 24727-2.

**3.3 middleware**

set of abstraction layers which serves as the intermediate between a client-application and an application resident in the ECC and behind which the actual pieces of software running these abstraction layers are implementation-specific and out of the scope of this document

**3.4 eService**

application based locally on the client PC or based somewhere in the internet (eg government eService, eBusiness eService,...) which offers in combination with the ECC smart card the execution of a task

**4 Symbols and abbreviations**

ADF	Application Dedicated File
AID	Application Identifier
AJAX	Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
AMB	Access Mode Byte
AT	Authentication Template

1) This document is currently impacted by the draft amendment ISO/IEC 24727-2:2008/DAmD 1.

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3) This document is currently impacted by the draft amendment ISO/IEC 24727-4:2008/DAmD 1.

ATR	Answer to Reset
ATS	Answer to Select
BER	Basic Encoding Rules
BHT	Biometric Header Template
BIT	Biometric Information Template
CA	Certification Authority
CAPICOM	Cryptographic API COM Object ( <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com">http://msdn.microsoft.com</a> )
CAR	Certification Authority Reference
CBC	Cipher Block Chaining
CCT	Cryptographic Checksum Template
CED	Certificate Effective Date
CHA	Certificate Holder Authorization
CHR	Certificate Holder Reference
CIA	Cryptographic Information Application
CPI	Certificate Profile Identifier
CRT	Control Reference Template
CryptoAPI	Cryptographic Application Programming Interface ( <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com">http://msdn.microsoft.com</a> )
CSP	Cryptographic Service Provider
CT	Confidentiality Template
CV	Card Verifiable
CXD	Certificate Expiration Date
DES	Data Encryption Standard
DF	Dedicated File
DH	Diffie Hellman
DOCP	Data Object Control Parameters
DST	Digital Signature Template
ECDH	Elliptic Curve DH
ELC	Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem
ECDSA	Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm
EF	Elementary File
FCI	File Control Information
FCP	File Control Parameters
GCAL	Generic Card Access Layer
HT	Hash Template
ICC	Integrated Circuit Card
DID	Differential Identity according to ISO/IEC 24727-3
IFD	Interface Device
IFDH	Interface Device Handler
JSON	Java Script Object Notation ( <a href="http://www.json.org">http://www.json.org</a> )

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KAT	Control reference template for key agreement
LSB	Least Significant Byte
MAC	Message Authentication Code
MF	Master File
M.U.S.C.L.E	Movement for the Use of Smart Card in Linux Environment
MSE	Manage Security Environment
OID	Object Identifier
PAN	Primary Account Number
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PUK	unlocking password
PK – DH	Public key – Diffie Hellman (asymmetric key base algorithm)
PSO	Perform Security Operation
RFU	Reserved for Future Use
RSA	Rivest Shamir Adleman
SAL	Service Access Layer
SAL Lite	Service Access Layer Lite
SDO	Security Data Object
SCB	Security Condition Byte
SE	Security Environment
SEID	Security Environment Identifier byte
SM	Secure Messaging
SSD	Security Service Descriptor
TLV	Tag Length Value
UQB	Usage Qualifier Byte

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**5 ECC fitting in ISO/IEC 24727 model****5.1 ISO/IEC 24727 main features**

This standardization initiative (ISO/JTC1/SC17 WG4/TF9) aims to design a new framework for interoperability based on a discovery mechanism of which the following paradigm:

The low level implementation features of the smart card, including proprietary specific features and characteristics based on ISO standards (i.e. ISO/IEC 7816-4) are hidden to the client-application through a high-level description provided to the terminal and processed by the middleware stack.

The middleware stack is defined by abstraction layers ensuring the interoperability. These layers are sustained by applicative components of which the implementation is up to the integrator and may vary according to the environment. For instance, the use of CAPICOM, CryptoAPI, CSP, proprietary API or DLL, ActiveX objects, Applets, PKCS#11 interface, JCE, M.U.S.C.L.E PC/SC emulation on Linux environment, etc, are all possible solutions upon which the ISO/IEC 24727 abstraction layers may run.

The middleware abstraction layers are of two kinds:

- The Service Access Layer (SAL) is in charge of interpreting the requests addressed by the client-application to the card via a high-level API (the SAL-API). The SAL translates the requests in terms of

sequences of APDU that are sent out to the underlying abstraction layer (the GCAL). This translation is performed according to the rules defined by a set of interoperability data reflecting the rules governing the card-applications. The SAL shall generate on the fly these interoperability data out of the ISO/IEC 7816-15 information available in the card. This ISO/IEC 7816-15 information is either provided within the CardApplicationServiceDescription data, or within the DF.CIA files, or both. Upon request from the eService, the SAL may surface the interoperability data to the eService. The SAL is specified in Part 3 of the ISO/IEC 24727 series.

- The Generic Card Access Layer (GCAL) is in charge of translating the APDU handed on by the SAL in terms of APDU understandable to the smart card. This translation is applied according to the rules defined in the ACD (Application Capability Descriptor) and/or in the CCD (Card Capability Descriptor) templates. These templates are read out of the card by the GCAL. The GCAL performs a bootstrap mechanism upon card detection in order to retrieve the ACD and CCD containers from the card. The bootstrap operation is the first step of the discovery mechanism. The GCAL functionality is specified in Part 2 of the ISO/IEC 24727 series.

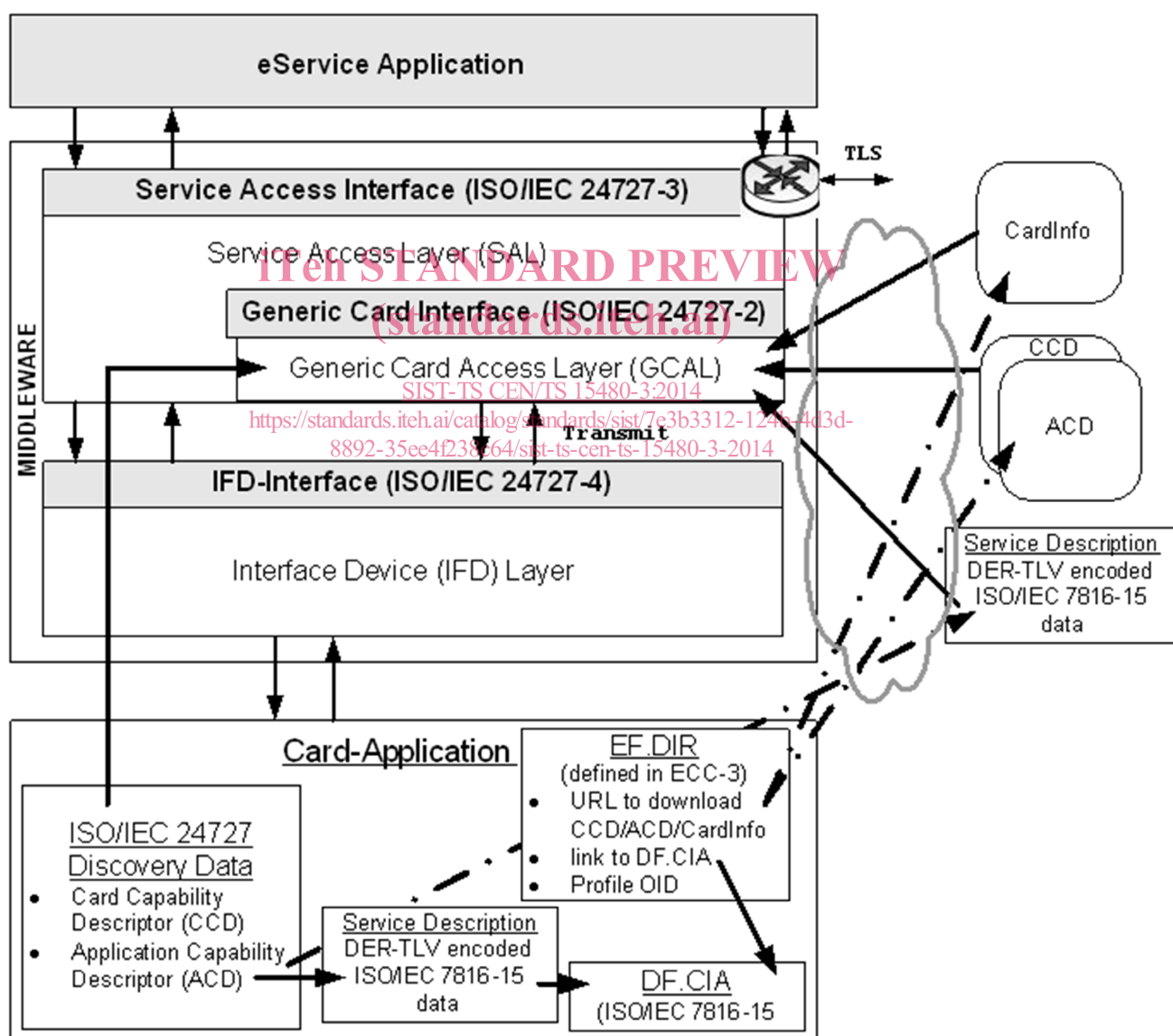


Figure 1 — CEN/TS 15480 compliant smart card in ISO/IEC 24727 framework

The smart card hosts a set of interoperability data that are DER-TLV encoded according to an ASN.1 definition. This ASN.1 specification provided in ISO/IEC 24727-2 describes all the information items required

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by a terminal to access the services offered by the card (resources, actions) and to allow as well the end-user to access services running on terminal side. This ASN.1 specification is built upon the computational model specified in ISO/IEC 24727-3. Therefore, the ASN.1 definition encompasses the descriptors of the services hosted on-card per application, the card application list, the access control rules applying to each on-card action or resource, and the description of each modular authentication item (called Differential-Identity or DID). This latter item (Figure 2 — Differential-Identity structure according to ISO/IEC 24727-3) is the modular descriptor of each authentication procedure. DID comprises five fields among which an optional element, the DIDQualifier, that conveys further information to clear ambiguities whenever required by cryptographic requests.

Element 1	Element 2	Element 3	Element 4	Element 5
DIDName	Authentication Protocol	Marker	Scope (Global or Local; implicit)	dIDQualifier
Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory		Optional

**Figure 2 — Differential-Identity structure according to ISO/IEC 24727-3**

The relationship between the elements constituting a DID is such as a Marker applied in a given Scope feeds the algorithm of a given Authentication Protocol that is applied to authenticate a given named DID.

The rules controlling the access to a card resource or authorising a card action are expressed as a boolean combination of Differential-Identities. If the boolean expression evaluates to "TRUE", the requested card resources are made available or the card action is executed, otherwise the request is rejected.

The DifferentialIdentityQualifier may serve to convey to the SAL the OID related to a cryptographic operation or authentication protocol. The DIDQualifier type depends on the Authentication Protocol to which it applies. Details of DIDQualifiers are given in ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008, Annex A.

## 5.2 General security issues – Applicable ISO/IEC 24727-4 Stack Configurations for the ECC environment

The abstraction layers defined by ISO/IEC 24727 (all parts) are intended to hide seamlessly the implementation differences that may occur between smart cards from different vendors even when their respective implementation is based on the same standard or specification (i.e. CEN/TS 15480-2).

A high level description (according to ISO/IEC 24727 (all parts)) of the security rules governing the services hosted by the card allows an extension of the information provided by ISO/IEC 7816-15 implementation, ensuring thereby a more comprehensive interoperability protocol based on ISO/IEC 7816-15.

By personalising the necessary data sets for interoperability as per ISO/IEC 24727-2 and ISO/IEC 24727-3, a European Citizen Card can fit in the ISO/IEC 24727 framework with the following limitations:

- a) The GCAL being assumed to translate APDU handed on by the SAL, these command APDU cannot be secured (integrity, confidentiality) otherwise any change in the command header according to the ACD procedural elements will cause a rejection of the command by the smart card. Therefore, if the translation function of the GCAL is performed, end-to-end Secure Messaging cannot be applied between the client-application and the card-application in the ISO/IEC 24727 framework. With this respect, the European Citizen Card needs to discard the GCAL translation function except for use cases where no Secure Messaging is envisioned. This issue was solved by the first amendment to ISO/IEC 24727-4 as follows:
  - 1) Execution of Procedural Element (PE) functionality directly in the Service Access Layer implementation; the PE consume the Registry that is either XML-based CardInfo file or [ISO/IEC 7816-15]-based DER-TLV Data Object. The PE translate the SAL API calls into card-specific APDUs according the instructions brought by the Registry; consequently, the former process

in two stages i.e. first generation of generic APDU commands conforming to GCI, and second the translation by the GCAL of the commands so obtained into card-specific APDUs is no longer useful and is replaced by one-step process handled by PE with Registry input. The GCAL implementation becomes abstract and the PE is enabled for a variety of card managements through SAL API including Global Platform.

- b) The Loyal-stack configuration (Figure 3 — ISO/IEC 24727-4 excerpt: Loyal-Stack configuration), the Remote-ICC-stack configuration (Figure 4 — ISO/IEC 24727-4 excerpt: Remote-ICC-Stack configuration), and the Remote-Loyal-Stack configuration (Figure 5 — ISO/IEC 24727-4 excerpt: Remote-Loyal-Stack configuration) are considered in the present document. A generic depiction of ISO/IEC 24727 middleware stack lying over different platforms is represented on Figure 6 — ISO/IEC 24727-4 excerpt: Generic elements of ISO/IEC 24727 MW stack).
- c) The implementation of Part-3 Layer (SAL) and Part-2 Layer (GCAL), if any, on separate machines raises the communication channel security issue to bridge the two layers. The use of a TLS session in between to prevent eavesdropping, tampering or message forgery, raises further constraints:
- 1) For the client-application to keep control on the intermediate TLS secured communication channels it requires a handle on the TLS secure session and it needs to share the secrets involved in the secure session establishment. Such control is not provided by ISO/IEC 24727-4, nevertheless a parameter denoting the available routes between the client-application and the card-application is backed up to the client-application for awareness then path selection. During the first phase of the SSL session, the client and server negotiate which cryptographic algorithms will be used. In typical use, only the server is authenticated while the client remains unauthenticated. For the purposes of mutual authentication, a public key infrastructure (PKI) deployment to clients is required.
  - 2) ISO/IEC 24727-3 and ISO/IEC 24727-4 do not provide to the client-application control over the secure messaging features and therefore require session keys sharing, which raises different security issues. It is preferable for the session keys and more generally for the host security module functions and keys to remain the property of the eService.
  - 3) SSL runs on layers beneath HTTP, SMTP and NNTP application protocols, and above TCP or UDP transport protocol. SSL can be exploited to add security to any protocol using reliable connections like TCP. Therefore, to avoid using separate ports for encrypted communications and to enable the application protocols to upgrade to TLS from a plaintext connection, the client should support SSL natively instead of relying on standalone SSL products.
- d) The implementation of client-application and Part 3 Layer (SAL) on separate machines entails securing the requests between the SAL Proxy and the SAL Agent on both sides, and requires the marshalled requests to be transported over TLS. The marshalling protocol may be based on DER-TLV encoding according ASN.1 definition and encapsulation into ENVELOPE APDU command, or on WSDL-based XML messages transported over SOAP binding. Both methods are described in ISO/IEC 24727-4.