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## Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI).

The present document is part 5 of a multi-part deliverable covering PAdES digital signatures - Testing Conformance and Interoperability. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [i.1].

A tool implementing the present document has been developed and is accessible at <http://signatures-conformance-checker.etsi.org/>.

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# 1 Scope

The present document defines the set of checks to be performed for testing conformance of PAdES signatures against additional PAdES signatures profiles as specified in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3]. It defines only the checks that are specific to additional PAdES signatures. The set of checks that are common to both additional and baseline PAdES signatures, are defined in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6].

The complete set of checks to be performed by any tool on additional PAdES signatures is the union of the sets defined within the present document and the set of common checks for testing conformance against ETSI EN 319 142-1 [1] and ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3] defined in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6], as indicated in the normative clauses of the present document.

The present document does not specify checks leading to conclude whether a signature is technically valid or not (for instance, it does not specify checks for determining whether the cryptographic material present in the signature may be considered valid or not). In consequence, no conclusion may be inferred regarding the technical validity of a signature that has been successfully tested by any tool conformant to the present document.

Checks specified by the present document are exclusively constrained to elements specified by PAdES [1].

Regarding PAdES attributes, the present document explicitly differentiates between structural requirements that are defined on building blocks, and the requirements specified for additional PAdES signatures conformance.

The present document is intentionally not linked to any software development technology and is also intentionally agnostic on implementation strategies. This is one of the reasons why the test assertions set specified in the present document includes tests on the correctness of the structure of all the elements specified by PAdES [1].

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## 2 References

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- [1] ETSI EN 319 142-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES digital signatures; Part 1: Building blocks and PAdES baseline signatures".
- [2] ETSI EN 319 122-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CAdES digital signatures; Part 1: Building blocks and CAdES baseline signatures".
- [3] ETSI EN 319 142-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES digital signatures; Part 2: Additional PAdES signatures profiles".
- [4] ETSI TS 119 134-4: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XAdES digital signatures - Testing Conformance and Interoperability; Part 4: Testing Conformance of XAdES baseline signatures".
- [5] IETF RFC 2315: "PKCS #7: Cryptographic Message Syntax Version 1.5".
- [6] ETSI TS 119 144-4: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES digital signatures - Testing Conformance and Interoperability; Part 4: Testing Conformance against building blocks and PAdES baseline signatures".

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- [i.1] ETSI TR 119 144-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES digital signatures - Testing Conformance and Interoperability; Part 1: Overview".
- [i.2] OASIS Committee Notes: "Test Assertions Guidelines Version 1.0" Committee Note 02, 19 June 2013.
- [i.3] ETSI TR 119 001: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of signatures; Definitions and abbreviations".

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI TR 119 001 [i.3] apply.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI TR 119 001 [i.3] apply.

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## 4 Overview

The present clause describes the main aspects of the technical approach used for specifying the set of checks to be performed for testing conformance to ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3].

ETSI EN 319 142-1 [1] defines requirements for building blocks and PAdES baseline signatures. For the purpose of identifying the whole set of test assertions required for testing conformance against additional PAdES signatures as specified in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3], the present document classifies the whole set of requirements specified in ETSI EN 319 142-1 [1] and in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3] in two groups as follows:

- 1) Requirements "PAdES\_BB" (after "PAdES building blocks"): requirements defined in clause 4, clause 5, clause 6 of ETSI EN 319 142-1 [1] to be satisfied by both PAdES baseline signatures as specified in ETSI EN 319 142-1 [1] and additional PAdES signatures as specified in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3]. The checks for these requirements are defined in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6]. When needed in the present document, such checks are referred by their TA\_id.
  - 2) Requirements "PAdES\_AS" (after "Additional PAdES signatures"): requirements defined in clauses 4, 5 and 6 of ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3]. These are requirements specific to Extended CAdES signatures.
- a) In order to test conformance to ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3], several types of tests are identified, namely:
- 1) Tests on the signature structure.
  - 2) Tests on values of specific elements and/or attributes.
  - 3) Tests on interrelationship between different elements present in the signature.

- 4) Tests on computations reflected in the contents of the signatures (message imprints for a time-stamping service, computed by digesting the concatenation of a number of elements of the signature, for instance).
- b) No tests are included testing actual validity of the cryptographic material that might be present at the signature or to be used for its verification (status of certificates for instance).
- c) Tests are defined as test assertions following the work produced by OASIS in "Test Assertions Guidelines Version 1.0" [i.2]. Each test assertion includes:
  - 1) Unique identifier for further referencing. The identifiers start with "PAdES\_AS", after "Additional PAdES signature".
  - 2) Reference to the **Normative source** for the test.
  - 3) The **Target** of the assertion. In the normative part, this field identifies one of the format specified in Additional PAdES signatures specification [3].
  - 4) **Prerequisite** (optional) is, according to [i.2], "a logical expression (similar to a Predicate) which further qualifies the Target for undergoing the core test (expressed by the Predicate) that addresses the Normative Statement". It is used for building test assertions corresponding to requirements that are imposed under certain conditions.
  - 5) **Predicate** fully and unambiguously defining the assertion to be tested.
  - 6) **Prescription level**. Three levels are defined: mandatory, recommended and optional, whose semantics is to be interpreted as described in clause 3.1.2 of [i.2].
  - 7) **Tag**: information on the element tested by the assertion.

The presentation of the checks is organized following the formats of Additional PAdES signatures specified in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3]. The following signature formats is considered:

- CMS Signatures in PDF.
- PAdES-E-BES.
- PAdES-E-EPES.
- PAdES-E-LTV.
- XAdES Signatures signing XML content in PDF.

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## 5 Testing conformance to CMS signatures in PDF profile

### 5.1 Introduction

The present clause specifies the set of assertions to be tested on signatures claiming conformance to the CMS signatures in PDF profile as specified by clause 4 of ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3].

The next clauses specify the assertions for testing the elements that are profiled by clause 4 of ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3]. The constraints imposed by clause 4 of ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3] and PKCS #7 syntax [5] to the signature elements are tested.

Clause 5.2 specifies the assertions for testing the elements that are profiled by clause 4 of ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3].

Clause 5.3 specifies the assertions for testing the properties that are specified by the PKCS #7 syntax [5].

## 5.2 Testing signature dictionary elements

This clause defines the test assertion for signature dictionary elements requirements.

PAdES\_BB/SDC/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/SDC/1  
**Normative source:** [3] - Clause 4.2.1  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Prerequisites:** PAdES\_BB/DSC/1  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications encode the signature, included in the signature dictionary entry with the key Contents, as a DER-encoded PKCS#7 binary data object.  
**Prescription level:** **mandatory**  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

PAdES\_BB/SDBR/1-2 checks as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDF/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/SDSF/1  
**Normative source:** [3] - Clause 4.2.2  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications include the string "adbe.pkcs7.detached" in the SubFilter entry of the signature dictionary.  
**Prescription level:** **mandatory**  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/SDSF/2  
**Normative source:** [3] - Clause 4.2.2  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** While validating signatures, applications accept the string "adbe.pkcs7.detached" or "adbe.pkcs7.shal" in the SubFilter entry of the signature dictionary.  
**Prescription level:** **recommended**  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/SDM/1  
**Normative source:** [3] - Clause 4  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications include the claimed time of signing in the M entry of the signature dictionary.  
**Prescription level:** **permitted**  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

PAdES\_BB/SDL/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDR/1-2 checks as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDCERT/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDCI/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDNAME/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

## 5.3 Testing PKCS #7 signature elements

This clause defines the test assertions for the signature, included in the signature dictionary entry with the key Contents, requirements.

Test assertions for SignedData.certificates attribute:

PAdES\_BB/CER/1-2 checks as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

Test assertion for revocation data attribute:

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/CRL/1  
**Normative source:** [3] - Clause 4.2.1  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications include all crls or ocsps responses needed for certificates validation in the signed attributes of the signature.  
**Prescription level:** **recommended**  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.



Test assertion for timestamp signature attribute:

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/TST/1  
**Normative source:** [1] - Clause 4.2.1  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications include a timestamp in the unsigned attributes of the signature.  
**Prescription level:** recommended  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

Test assertion for signing time attribute:

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/STI/1  
**Normative source:** [1] - Clause 4  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications include a claimed signing time in the signed attributes of the signature.  
**Prescription level:** permitted  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

Test assertion for signer-location attribute:

**TA id:** PAdES\_AS/SL/1  
**Normative source:** [1] - Clause 4  
**Target:** PAdES signature generator claiming conformance to PAdES signatures as specified in [3]  
**Predicate:** For new signatures, applications include a signer-location in the signed attributes of the signature.  
**Prescription level:** permitted  
**Tag:** Additional PAdES signatures.

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## 6 Testing conformance to PAdES-E-BES and PAdES-E-EPES additional signatures

### 6.1 Introduction

The present clause specifies the set of assertions to be tested on signatures claiming conformance to PAdES-E-BES and PAdES-E-EPES signatures level as specified by clause 5 of ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3].

The next clauses specify the assertions for testing whether the elements that are profiled by ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3], are actually conformant to these levels. The constraints imposed by the PAdES-E-BES and PAdES-E-EPES levels and CADES specification [2] to the signature elements are tested.

Clause 6.2 specifies the assertions for testing whether the elements that are profiled by PAdES-E-BES level in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3], are actually conformant to this level.

Clause 6.3 specifies the assertions for testing whether the elements that are profiled by PAdES-E-EPES level in ETSI EN 319 142-2 [3] are actually conformant to this level.

### 6.2 Testing PAdES-E-BES signature dictionary and CMS signature elements

#### 6.2.1 Testing signature dictionary elements

This clause specifies assertions for testing those constraints imposed by the CADES specification [2] and the PAdES-E-BES level [3] to the signature dictionary elements.

PAdES\_BB/SDC/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDBR/1-2 checks as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDF/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.

PAdES\_BB/SDSF/1 check as specified in ETSI TS 119 144-4 [6] shall apply.