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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 4 of a multi-part deliverable covering Associated Signature Containers (ASiC) - Testing Conformance and Interoperability. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [i.2].

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

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## Modal verbs terminology

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# 1 Scope

The present document defines the set of checks to be performed for testing conformance of ASiC containers against ASiC baseline containers as specified in ETSI EN 319 162-1 [1].

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

Checks are exclusively constrained to elements specified by ASiC [1].

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 ASiC [1].

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- [1] ETSI EN 319 162-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Associated Signature Containers (ASiC); Part 1: Building blocks and ASiC baseline containers".
- [2] ETSI TS 119 124-4: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CADES digital signatures - Testing Conformance and Interoperability; Part 4: Testing conformance of CADES baseline signatures".
- [3] 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".
- [4] ISO/IEC 21320-1: "Information technology -- Document Container File -- Part 1: Core".

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- [i.1] OASIS "Test Assertions Guidelines Version 1.0", 19 June 2013. OASIS Committee Note 02.

NOTE: Available at: <http://docs.oasis-open.org/tag/guidelines/v1.0/cn02/guidelines-v1.0-cn02.html>

- [i.2] ETSI TR 119 164-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Associated Signature Containers (ASiC) - Testing Conformance and Interoperability; Part 1: Overview".
- [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] and in the Test Assertions Guidelines [i.1] apply. In case of contrast the former prevails.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

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

CS	Container Structure
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
SC	Syntactical Conformance
STV	Signature Time-stamp token Value
TA	Test Assertion

NOTE: Refer to [i.1].

TAL Test Assertion List

NOTE: Refer to [i.1].

TC	Test Case
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier

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## 4 ASiC baseline container conformity test specification overview

The present clause describes the main aspects of the technical approach used for specifying the whole set of checks to be performed for testing conformance to ASiC baseline containers [1].

ASiC [1] defines different containers forms grouped in Simple (ASiC-S) and Extended (ASiC-E).

In order to test conformity against ASiC [1], for each ASiC form, tests are specified as belonging to one of three layers:

- The first layer is based on test assertions on the conformance of the container structure: the presence of certain files in the container with specific names. Entities testing conformance can obtain specific information to identify potential container conformance problems.
- The second layer is based on test assertions on the syntactical conformance and/or properties of files relevant to ASiC form under test: specific information to identify potential conformance issues related to ASiC file syntax or properties can be obtained.
- The third layer is based on assertions on conformance of the CAdES or XAdES signatures contained in the specific ASiC form under test: specific information to identify potential conformance issues caused by lack of conformance in signatures contained in ASiC containers can be obtained.

All layer tests shall be performed to complete testing.

No tests are included testing the technical validity of the cryptographic material that might be present in the signature or to be used for its verification (status of certificates for instance).

The test definitions are based on test assertions work produced by OASIS in "Test Assertions Guidelines Version 1.0" [i.1].

Each test assertion includes the following information:

- 1) Unique identifier for further referencing.
- 2) Reference to the **Normative source** for the test.
- 3) The **Target** of the assertion.
- 4) The **Prerequisite** specifies the conditions under which the TA is applicable/can be performed
- 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.1].
- 7) **Tag**: information on the element tested by the assertion.

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## 5 Testing conformance to ASiC-S baseline containers

### 5.1 Testing ASiC-S baseline containers

#### 5.1.1 Test assertions for ASiC-S baseline container structure

All the test assertions related to the first conformance layer, the container structure, are grouped in a Test Assertion List defined as follows:

**TA List id:** TAL/ASiC-S/CS

**List Description:** all TAs describing container structure requirements for ASiC-S containers to the following Clauses in ASiC [1]: 5.3.1, 5.3.2.1, 5.3.2.2, 5.3.2.3

**List Members:** TA/ASiC-S/CS/1 ... 5

The Test Assertions that belong to this Test Assertion List are specified as follows:

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/CS/1

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.1

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S baseline containers [1]

**Predicate:** The container shall be compliant with ISO/IEC 21320-1 [6]

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** conformance layer = 1 (container structure); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/CS/2

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.1 Table 2 row 1

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S baseline containers [1]

**Predicate:** ASiC File extension is ".asics".

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** conformance layer = 1 (container structure); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/CS/3

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.1 Table 2 row 2

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S baseline containers [1]

**Predicate:** mimetype is encoded as specified in ASiC [1] Clauses 4.3.3.1, point 2) b) and A.1

**Prescription Level:** optional

**Tag:** conformance layer = 1 (container structure); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/CS/4

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 4.3.3.2 item 3 and either 4b or 4c

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S baseline containers [1]

**Predicate:** META-INF folder is present and contains one file named signature.p7s or signatures.xml.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** conformance layer = 1 (container structure); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/CS/5

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.1 Table 2 row 3

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S baseline containers [1]

**Predicate:** a single data object, in addition to the optional mimetype, is present in the root folder.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** conformance layer = 1 (container structure); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

## 5.1.2 Test assertions for ASiC-S baseline container syntactical conformance

All the test assertions related to the second conformance layer, the syntactical conformance, are grouped in a Test Assertion List defined as follows:

**TA List id:** TAL/ASiC-S/SC

**List Description:** all TAs describing container structure requirements for ASiC-S containers to the following Clauses in ASiC [1]: 5.3.1, 5.3.2.1, 5.3.2.2, 5.3.2.3

**List Members:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/1 ... 4

The Test Assertions that belong to this Test Assertion List are specified as follows:

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/1

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.2 Table 3

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S with CAdES [1]

**Prerequisite:** the expected input is ASiC-S with CAdES.

**Predicate:** signature.p7s is present and contains a CAdES baseline signature whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for CAdES baseline signatures specification [4], clause 5.2.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 2 (syntactical conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/2

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.3 Table 4

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S with XAdES [1]

**Prerequisite:** the expected input is ASiC-S XAdES.

**Predicate:** signatures.xml is present and contains asic:XAdESSignatures

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 2 (syntactical conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/3

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.3 Table 4

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S with XAdES [1]

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/2 passed.

**Predicate:** signatures.xml contains a XAdES baseline signature whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for XAdES core specification [5] clauses 5.2 and 5.3

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 2 (syntactical conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/4

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.3 Table 4

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S with XAdES [1]

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/SC/3 passed.

**Predicate:** Each XAdES signature child of the asic:XAdESSignatures element shall reference explicitly the signed file object using a ds:Reference child of the ds:SignedInfo element

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 2 (syntactical conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

## 5.1.3 Test assertions for ASiC-S signature conformance

All the test assertions related to the third conformance layer, the signature/time-stamp token conformance, are grouped in a Test Assertion List defined as follows:

**TA List id:** TAL/ASiC-S/STV

**List Description:** all TAs describing signature conformance requirements for ASiC-S to the following clauses in ASiC [1]: 5.3.1, 5.3.2.1, 5.3.2.2, 5.3.2.3

**List Members:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/1 ...



The Test Assertions that belong to this Test Assertion List are specified as follows:

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/1

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.2 Table 3

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S with CADES baseline container

**Prerequisite:** TAL/ASiC-S/CS and TA/ASiC-S/SC/1

**Predicate:** the signatures in signature.p7s apply to the data object in TA/ASiC-S/CS/5

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/2

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.3.2.3 Table 4

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S with XAdES baseline container

**Prerequisite:** TAL/ASiC-S/CS, TA/ASiC-S/SC/2, TA/ASiC-S/SC/3 and TA/ASiC-S/SC/4

**Predicate:** XAdES signatures in signatures.xml apply to the data object in TA/ASiC-S/CS/5

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/3

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.1 item a

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S B-B level with CADES

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/1

**Predicate:** the signatures in signature.p7s are CADES-B-B signatures whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for CADES baseline signatures specification [4] clause 5.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/4

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.1 item a

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S B-B level with XAdES

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/2

**Predicate:** the signatures in signatures.xml are XAdES-B-B signatures whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for XAdES baseline signatures specification [5] clause 5.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/5

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.1 item b

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S B-T level with CADES

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/1

**Predicate:** the signatures in signature.p7s are CADES-B-T signatures whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for CADES baseline signatures specification [4] clause 6.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/6

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.1 item b

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S B-T level with XAdES

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/2

**Predicate:** the signatures in signatures.xml are XAdES-B-T signatures whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for XAdES baseline signatures specification [5] clause 6.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/7

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.1 item c

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S B-LT level with CADES

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/1

**Predicate:** the signatures in signature.p7s are CADES-B-LT signatures whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for CADES baseline signatures specification [4] clause 7.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)

**TA id:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/8

**Normative Source:** ASiC [1] - Clause 5.1 item c

**Target:** ASiC generator claiming conformance to ASiC-S B-LT level with XAdES

**Prerequisite:** TA/ASiC-S/STV/2

**Predicate:** the signatures in signatures.xml are XAdES-B-LT signatures whose conformance shall be tested according to Conformance Testing for XAdES baseline signatures specification [5] clause 7.

**Prescription Level:** mandatory

**Tag:** assertion layer = 3 (signature conformance); Container type=Simple (ASiC-S)