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Foreword

This European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI).

The present document is part 5 of multi-part deliverable covering the Certificate Profiles. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [i.1].

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Introduction

ITU and ISO issued standards for certification of public keys in Recommendation ITU-T X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8 [i.7] which are used for the security of communications and data for a wide range of electronic applications.

The IETF qualified certificate profile, IETF RFC 3739 [2] defines an extension to X.509 certificates, the `qcStatements` extension, which can include statements relevant for qualified certificates. IETF RFC 3739 [2] defines qualified certificates in a general context as "a certificate whose primary purpose is to identify a person with a high level of assurance, where the certificate meets some qualification requirements defined by an applicable legal framework". The use of IETF RFC 3739 [2] `qcStatements` in the present document goes beyond the scope of the RFC which is directed at natural persons only.

The `qcStatements` certificate extension can contain any statement by the certificate issuer that can be useful to the relying party in determining the applicability of the certificate for an intended usage. Such statement can be a declaration that the certificate fulfils specific legal requirements for qualified certificates according to a defined legal framework.

The present document is aiming to meet the general requirements of the international community to provide trust and confidence in electronic transactions including, amongst others, applicable requirements from Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] Annexes I, III and IV.

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1 Scope

The present document defines specific `QCStatement` for the `qcStatements` extension as defined in IETF RFC 3739 [2], clause 3.2.6, including requirements for their use in EU qualified certificates. Some of these `QCStatements` can be used for other forms of certificate.

The `QCStatements` defined in the present document can be used in combination with any certificate profile, either defined in ETSI EN 319 412-2 [i.2], ETSI EN 319 412-3 [i.5] and ETSI EN 319 412-4 [i.6], or defined elsewhere.

The `QCStatements` defined in clause 4.3 can be applied to regulatory environments outside the EU. Other requirements specified in clause 4 are specific to Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] but may be adapted for other regulatory environments.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

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- [1] [ISO 639-1:2002](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023): "Codes for the representation of names of languages -- Part 1: Alpha-2 code".
- [2] [IETF RFC 3739](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023): "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure: Qualified Certificates Profile".
- [3] Recommendations ITU-T [X.680](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023), [X.681](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023), [X.682](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023), [X.683](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023): "Information technology - Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)".
- [4] [ISO 4217](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023): "Currencies codes".
- [5] [IETF RFC 2818](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023): "HTTP Over TLS".
- [6] [ISO 3166-1](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/58d48471-c5c2-4b0c-ac33-989fdad91aa2/sist-en-319-412-5-v2-4-1-2023): "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions -- Part 1: Country codes".

2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] ETSI EN 319 412-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 1: Overview and common data structures".
- [i.2] ETSI EN 319 412-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 2: Certificate Profile for certificates issued to natural persons".

- [i.3] [Directive 1999/93/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1999 on a Community framework for electronic signatures.
- [i.4] ETSI TS 101 862: "Qualified Certificate profile".
- [i.5] ETSI EN 319 412-3: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 3: Certificate Profile for certificates issued to legal persons".
- [i.6] ETSI EN 319 412-4: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 4: Certificate profile for web site certificates".
- [i.7] Recommendation ITU-T X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8: "Information technology - Open systems interconnection - The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks".
- [i.8] [Regulation \(EU\) No 910/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.
- [i.9] IETF RFC 5280: "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile".
- [i.10] ETSI EN 319 411-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for Trust Service Providers issuing certificates; Part 1: General requirements".
- [i.11] CA/Browser Forum: "Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted Certificates".
- [i.12] CA/Browser Forum: "Guidelines for The Issuance and Management of Extended Validation Certificates".

3 Definition of terms, symbols, abbreviations and notations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI EN 319 412-1 [i.1] and the following apply:

EU qualified certificate: qualified certificate that is stated to be in accordance with Annex I, III or IV of the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] or Annex I of the Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3] whichever is in force at the time of issuance

QCStatement: statement for inclusion in a qcStatements certificates extension as specified in IETF RFC 3739 [2]

qualified electronic signature/seal creation device: As specified in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8].

secure signature creation device: As specified in Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3].

3.2 Symbols

Void.

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
CA	Certification Authority
CRL	Certificate Revocation List
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union

IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
PDS	PKI Disclosure Statements
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
QC	Qualified Certificate
QSCD	Qualified electronic Signature/Seal Creation Device
RFC	Request For Comments
URL	Uniform Resource Locator

3.4 Notations

For the purposes of the present document, the notations given in ETSI EN 319 412-1 [i.1] apply.

4 Qualified certificate statements

4.1 General requirements

QCS-4.1-01: The `qcStatements` extension shall be as specified in clause 3.2.6 of IETF RFC 3739 [2].

QCS-4.1-02: The `qcStatements` extension shall not be marked as critical.

The following clauses define a number of individual `QCStatements` to be included in the `qcStatements` extension.

QCS-4.1-03: The syntax of the defined statements shall comply with ASN.1 (Recommendations X.680 to X.683 [3]).

QCS-4.1-04: The complete ASN.1 module for all defined statements shall be as provided in Annex B. Annex B takes precedence over the ASN.1 definitions provided in the body of the present document, in case of discrepancy.

NOTE: This extension is not processed as part of IETF RFC 5280 [i.9] path validation and there are no security implications with accepting a certificate in a system that cannot parse this extension.

4.2 `QCStatements` claiming compliance with specific legislation

4.2.1 `QCStatement` claiming that the certificate is a EU qualified certificate or a certificate being qualified within a defined legal framework from an identified country or set of countries

This `QCstatement` claims:

- i) either that the certificate is an EU qualified certificate that is issued according to Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3] or the Annex I, III or IV of the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] whichever is in force at the time of issuance; or
- ii) that the certificate is a certificate that is issued as qualified within a defined legal framework from an identified country or set of countries.

Syntax:

```
esi4-qcStatement-1 QC-STATEMENT ::= { IDENTIFIED BY id-etsi-qcs-QcCompliance }
id-etsi-qcs-QcCompliance OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs 1 }
```

The precise meaning of this statement is enhanced by:

- a) the QC type statement defined in clause 4.2.3 according to table 1; and