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Disposal**

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## Introduction

When electronic documents are managed in a typical office environment, it is necessary to determine the processes required for their management. This includes identifying the type of documents to be managed and their importance to the organization. The volumes of electronic documents that require management is growing, as electronic documents are being created by an ever-increasing variety of combinations of hardware and software. It is essential that documents are managed in such a way that supports the management of the organization and its core business activities.

The ISO 19475 series specifies the minimum requirements necessary to maintain the authenticity, integrity and readability of documents managed by an electronic document management system. Clarifying the management of electronic documents promotes usability of the documents, in both a legal and business context.

The series is composed of three parts.

ISO/TS 19475-1 specifies requirements for the capture of documents into document management systems.

ISO/TS 19475-2 specifies requirements for the storage of documents. It is aimed at maintaining the authenticity and integrity of the stored documents.

This document specifies requirements for the evaluation of stored documents and for implementing decisions to either destroy the documents or transfer them to another storage facility.

This document specifies the minimum requirements that are necessary when operating a document management system to preserve the authenticity, integrity and readability of an electronic document. Implementing these requirements helps to demonstrate the authenticity of the documents. The organization managing the documents is able to maintain the quality of its document management systems by specifying and implementing the prescribed methods of operation.

The purpose of this document is to specify the minimum requirements that an organization implements in order to capture electronic documents. This document focuses on those electronic documents that may be required for legal, regulatory or business evidential purposes.

