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Foreword

This draft European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI), and is now submitted for the combined Public Enquiry and Vote phase of the ETSI EN Approval Procedure (ENAP).

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 639:2023](#): "Code for individual languages and language groups".
- [2] [IETF RFC 3739](#): "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure: Qualified Certificates Profile".
- [3] Recommendations ITU-T [X.680](#), [X.681](#), [X.682](#), [X.683](#): "Information technology - Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)".
- [4] Void.
- [5] [IETF RFC 2818](#): "HTTP Over TLS".
- [6] [ISO 3166-1](#): "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code".

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- [i.1] ETSI EN 319 412-1: "Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 1: Overview and common data structures".
- [i.2] ETSI EN 319 412-2: "Electronic Signatures and Trust 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 Trust 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 Trust 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".
- [i.13] [Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1183](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards establishing the European Digital Identity Framework.
- [i.14] [ISO 4217](#): "Codes for the representation of currencies".

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 Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] or Annex I of 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
EEA	European Economic Area
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 ITU-T 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 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
- b) the QcCClegislation statement defined in clause 4.2.4 according to table 1A.

Table 1: esi4-qcStatement-1 meaning

QC type statement (esi4-qcStatement-6)	Meaning of this statement (esi4-qcStatement-1)
Absent	The certificate is issued for electronic signatures according to Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3] or to Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8], or in accordance with another regulatory environment which use electronic signature with the same meaning.
Present	The certificate is issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either according to Annex I, III or IV of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] as of the types declared by the QC type statement in accordance with clause 4.2.3; or • according to another regulatory environment which use electronic signature, electronic seal or web site authentication with the same meaning.

Table 1A: esi4-qcStatement-1 meaning

QcCClegislation statement (esi4-qcStatement-7)	Meaning of this statement (esi4-qcStatement-1)
Absent	The certificate is issued in accordance with Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3] or with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8].
Present	The certificate is issued in accordance with the regulatory environment in application in the country or set of countries identified by the country code declared by the QcCClegislation statement in accordance with clause 4.2.4.

QCS-4.2.1-01: A certificate that includes the esi4-qcStatement-1 statement with the aim to declare that it is an EU qualified certificate that is issued according to Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3] or the Annex I, III or IV of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] whichever is in force at the time of issuance:

- a) shall not include the QcCClegislation statement; and
- b) shall comply with all requirements defined in clause 5.

4.2.2 QCStatement claiming that the private key related to the certified public key resides in a QSCD

This QCstatement declares that the private key related to the certified public key resides in a Qualified Signature/Seal Creation Device (QSCD) according to Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] or a secure signature creation device as defined in Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3].

Syntax:

```
esi4-qcStatement-4 QC-STATEMENT ::= { IDENTIFIED BY id-etsi-qcs-QcSSCD }
id-etsi-qcs-QcSSCD OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs 4 }
```

4.2.3 QCStatement claiming that the certificate is a certificate of a particular type

This QCStatement declares that a certificate is issued as one and only one of the purposes of electronic signature, electronic seal or web site authentication.

When used in combination with the qcStatement as defined in clause 4.2.1, this QCStatement states that a qualified certificate, within a specific legislative context, such as Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8], is issued as one and only one of the purposes of electronic signature, electronic seal or web site authentication.

When not used in combination with the qcStatement as defined in clause 4.2.1, it indicates that a certificate is issued as one and only one of the purposes of electronic signatures, seals or web site authentication for "non-qualified certificates" within a legislative context, which may be indicated by the qcStatement defined in clause 4.2.4.

EXAMPLE: This QCStatement states that an EU qualified certificate is issued as one specific type according to Annex I, III or IV of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8] when used in combination with the qcStatement as defined in clause 4.2.1 without the qcStatement defined in clause 4.2.4.

Syntax:

```
esi4-qcStatement-6 QC-STATEMENT ::= { SYNTAX QcType IDENTIFIED
  BY id-etsi-qcs-QcType }

id-etsi-qcs-QcType      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs 6 }

QcType ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER (id-etsi-qct-esign | id-etsi-qct-eseal |
  id-etsi-qct-web | ...)

-- QC type identifiers
id-etsi-qct-esign  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs-QcType 1 }
-- Certificate for electronic signatures as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014
id-etsi-qct-eseal  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs-QcType 2 }
-- Certificate for electronic seals as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014
id-etsi-qct-web    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs-QcType 3 }
-- Certificate for website authentication as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014
```

4.2.4 QCStatement stating the country or set of countries under the legislation of which the certificate is issued as a qualified certificate

This QCStatement identifies the country or set of countries under the legislation of which the certificate is issued as a qualified certificate.

QCS-4.2.4-01: If the certificate is issued according to Directive 1999/93/EC [i.3] or Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.8], this QCStatement shall not be present.

Syntax:

```
esi4-qcStatement-7 QC-STATEMENT ::= { SYNTAX QcCClegislation IDENTIFIED BY id-etsi-qcs-
  QcCClegislation }
id-etsi-qcs-QcCClegislation OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-etsi-qcs 7 }
QcCClegislation ::= SEQUENCE OF CountryName
CountryName ::= PrintableString (SIZE (2)) (CONSTRAINED BY { -- ISO 3166-1 [6] alpha-2 codes only
-- })
```

4.2.5 QCStatement stating the country or set of countries under the legislation of which the QSCD was certified

This QCStatement declares that the private key related to the certified public key resides in a signature creation device recognized as qualified within a defined legal framework from an identified country, or set of countries, outside the European Union and outside the European Economic Area.

QCS-4.2.5-01: CountryName shall not have as value any code identifying:

- a country of the European Union (EU); or
- a country of the European Economic Area (EEA); or
- a group of EU or EEA countries; or
- the value of "EU".