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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 of the ETSI EN Approval Procedure (ENAP).

The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable covering the PDF digital signatures (PAdES), as identified below:

ETSI EN 319 142-1: "Building blocks and PAdES baseline signatures";

ETSI EN 319 142-2: "Additional PAdES signatures profiles";

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The present document is intended to cover digital signatures supported by PKI and public key certificates, and aims to meet the general requirements of the international community to provide trust and confidence in electronic transactions, including, amongst other, applicable requirements from Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.2].

The present document can be used for any transaction between an individual and a company, between two companies, between an individual and a governmental body, etc. The present document is independent of any environment. It can be applied to any environment e.g. smart cards, SIM cards, special programs for electronic signatures, etc.

The present document is part of a rationalized framework of standards (see ETSI TR 119 000 [i.3]).

ETSI TR 119 100 [i.4] provides guidance on how to use the present document within the aforementioned framework.

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1 Scope

The present document specifies PAdES digital signatures. PAdES signatures build on PDF signature mechanisms defined in the ISO 32000 series. For documents conforming to ISO 32000-1 [1] PAdES utilizes an extended, alternative signature encoding. For documents conforming to ISO 32000-2 [9], these signature structures are incorporated natively by default within the core standard. Both approaches support digital signature formats equivalent to the signature format CAdES as specified in ETSI EN 319 122-1 [2], by incorporation of signed and unsigned attributes, which fulfil certain common requirements (such as the long term validity of digital signatures) in a number of use cases.

The present document specifies formats for PAdES baseline signatures, which provide the basic features necessary for a wide range of business and governmental use cases for electronic procedures and communications to be applicable to a wide range of communities when there is a clear need for interoperability of digital signatures used in electronic documents.

The present document defines four levels of PAdES baseline signatures addressing incremental requirements to maintain the validity of the signatures over the long term, in a way that a certain level always addresses all the requirements addressed at levels that are below it. Each level requires the presence of certain PAdES attributes, suitably profiled for reducing the optionality as much as possible.

Procedures for creation, augmentation, and validation of PAdES digital signatures are out of scope and specified in ETSI EN 319 102-1 [10]. Guidance on creation, augmentation and validation of PAdES digital signatures including the usage of the different attributes defined in the present document is provided in ETSI TR 119 100 [i.4]. The present document aims at supporting electronic signatures in different regulatory frameworks.

NOTE: Specifically but not exclusively, PAdES digital signatures specified in the present document aim at supporting electronic signatures, advanced electronic signatures, qualified electronic signatures, electronic seals, advanced electronic seals, and qualified electronic seals as per Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.2].

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[1] ISO 32000-1: "Document management — Portable document format — Part 1: PDF 1.7".

[2] ETSI EN 319 122-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CAdES digital signatures; Part 1: Building blocks and CAdES baseline signatures".

[3] IETF RFC 5652 (2009): "Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS)".

[4] IETF RFC 5280 (2008): "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile".

[5] IETF RFC 6960 (2013): "X.509 Internet Public Key Infrastructure Online Certificate Status Protocol - OCSP".

[6] IETF RFC 3161 (2001): "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Time-Stamp Protocol (TSP)".

[7] W3C® Recommendation (2 May 2008): "Canonical XML Version 1.1".

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[8] IETF RFC 5816 (2010): "ESSCertIDv2 Update for RFC 3161".

[9] ISO 32000-2: "Document management — Portable document format —Part 2: PDF 2.0".

[10] ETSI EN 319 102-1: "Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI); Procedures for Creation and Validation of AdES Digital Signatures; Part 1: Creation and Validation".

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[i.1] Void.

[i.2] 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.3] ETSI TR 119 000: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of digital signatures and trust services; Overview".

[i.4] ETSI TR 119 100: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Guidance on the use of standards for signature creation and validation".

[i.5] Void.

[i.6] ETSI TS 119 312: "Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI); Cryptographic Suites".

[i.7] Adobe® XFA: "XML Forms Architecture (XFA) Specification" version 2.5, (June 2007), Adobe Systems Incorporated".

[i.8] ETSI TS 103 172: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES Baseline Profile".

[i.9] IETF RFC 2315 (1998): "PKCS #7: Cryptographic Message Syntax Version 1.5".

[i.10] ETSI TS 119 612: "Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI); Trusted Lists".

[i.11] ETSI EN 319 142-2: "Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES digital signatures; Part 2: Additional PAdES signatures profiles".

[i.12] ETSI TR 119 001: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of signatures; Definitions and abbreviations".

[i.13] ETSI TS 119 511: "Electronic Signatures and Trust Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for trust service providers providing long-term preservation of digital signatures or general data using digital signature techniques".

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