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## Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI).

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## Introduction

TS 101 903 [1] (XAdES henceforth) specifies formats for Advanced Electronic Signatures built on XML SIG [2]. That document defines a number of signed and unsigned optional signature properties, resulting in support for a number of variations in the signature contents and powerful processing requirements.

In order to maximise interoperability in communities applying XAdES to particular environments it is necessary to identify a common set of options that are appropriate to that environment. Such a selection is commonly called a profile.

The present document profiles TS 101 903 [1] signatures contexts where AdES signatures are used and in particular its use in the context of the "Directive 2006/123/EC [i.1] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market" (EU Services Directive henceforth).

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# 1 Scope

The present document defines a baseline profile for XAdES that provides 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 AdES signatures used in electronic documents to be interchanged across borders. In particular it takes into account eSignature needs in the context of the EU Services Directive [i.1].

The profile defines four different conformance levels addressing incremental requirements to maintain the validity of the signatures over the long term, in a way that all the requirements addressed at a certain level are always addressed also by the levels above. Each level requires the presence of certain XAdES properties, suitably profiled for reducing the optionality as much as possible and referring to the forms that are specified in XAdES [1].

Clause 4 identifies the four conformance levels and shows how these levels might encompass the life cycle of the electronic signatures.

Clause 5 provides details on the way that the requirements will be presented throughout the present document.

Clause 6 profiles short-term related XAdES properties.

Clause 7 profiles a XAdES signature for which a Trust Service Provider has generated a trusted token (time-mark or time-stamp token) proving that the signature itself actually existed at a certain date and time.

Clause 8 profiles long-term related XAdES properties tackling the long term availability of the signature validation material.

Clause 9 profiles long-term related XAdES properties tackling the long term availability and integrity of the signature validation material.

NOTE: The present document makes use of certain verbal forms (e.g. **may**, **shall**, **shall not** and **should**) as key words to signify requirements, conforming to ETSI Drafting Rules, clause 14a [i.8].

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### 2.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are necessary for the application of the present document.

- [1] ETSI TS 101 903: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XML Advanced Electronic Signatures (XAdES)".
- [2] W3C Recommendation (June 2008): "XML Signature Syntax and Processing (Second Edition)".
- [3] W3C Recommendation (March 2001): "Canonical XML Version 1.0".
- [4] W3C Recommendation (July 2002): "Exclusive XML Canonicalization Version 1.0".
- [5] W3C Recommendation (May 2008): "Canonical XML Version 1.1".
- [6] W3C Recommendation (November 1999): "XSL Transformations (XSLT) Version 1.0".

- [7] W3C Recommendation (November 2002): "XML-Signature XPath Filter 2.0".
- [8] ETSI TS 102 176-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Algorithms and Parameters for Secure Electronic Signatures; Part 1: Hash functions and asymmetric algorithms".
- [9] ECRYPT II (European Network of Excellence in Cryptology II): "ECRYPT II Yearly Report on Algorithms and Keysizes".
- [10] IETF RFC 3986: "Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax". January 2005.

## 2.2 Informative references

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market.
- [i.2] Commission Decision 2009/767/EC of 16 October 2009 amended by CD 2010/425/EU of 28 July 2010, setting out measures facilitating the use of procedures by electronic means through the "points of single contact" under Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the internal market.
- [i.3] ETSI TS 102 231: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Provision of harmonized Trust-service status information".
- [i.4] ETSI TS 101 533-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Data Preservation Systems Security; Part 1: Requirements for Implementation and Management".
- [i.5] ETSI TS 102 640-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Registered Electronic Mail (REM); Part 1: Architecture".
- [i.6] Commission Decision 2011/130/EU of 25 February 2011; establishing minimum requirements for the cross-border processing of documents signed electronically by competent authorities under Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the internal market (notified under document C(2011) 1081).
- [i.7] ISO 8601:2004 (2004-12): "Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times".
- [i.8] ETSI Drafting Rules (EDRs).

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

**generator:** any party which creates, or adds attributes to, a signature

NOTE: This may be the signatory or any party that initially verifies or further maintains the signature.

**protocol element:** element of the protocol which may be including data elements and / or elements of procedure

**service element:** element of service that may be provided using one or more protocol elements

NOTE: All alternative protocol elements provide an equivalent service to the users of the protocol.

**trust service provider:** body operating one or more (electronic) Trust Services (see [i.3])

**verifier:** entity that validates or verifies an electronic signature

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in XAdES [1] and the following apply:

TSL Trust-service Status List (see [i.3])

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## 4 Conformance Levels

The present document defines four conformance levels as indicated below.

Applications managing signatures conformant to requirements specified in clause 6 may claim **B-Level** (basic level) conformance.

Applications managing signatures conformant to **B-Level** and also conformant to requirements specified in clause 7 may claim **T-Level** (Trusted time for signature existence) conformance.

Applications managing signatures conformant to **T-Level** and also conformant to requirements specified in clause 8 of the present document may claim **LT-Level** (Long Term level) conformance.

Applications managing signatures conformant to **LT-Level** and also conformant to requirements specified in clause 9 of the present document may claim **LTA-Level** (Long Term with Archive time-stamps) conformance.

These conformance levels are defined for encompassing the life cycle of electronic signature, namely:

- a) B-Level profiles incorporation of signed and some unsigned properties when the signature is actually generated.

NOTE 1: It is considered that this level is sufficient to conform to the Commission Decision 2011/130/EU of 25 February 2011 [i.6].

- b) T-Level profiles the generation, for an existing signature, of a trusted token proving that the signature itself actually existed at a certain date and time.
- c) LT-Level profiles the incorporation of all the material required for validating the signature in the signature. This level is understood to tackle the long term availability of the validation material.
- d) LTA-Level profiles the incorporation of time-stamp tokens that allow validation of the signature long time after its generation. This level is understood to tackle the long term availability and integrity of the validation material.

NOTE 2: The levels b) to d) are appropriate where the technical validity of signature needs to be preserved for a period of time after signature creation where certificate expiration, revocation and/or algorithm obsolescence is of concern. The specific level applicable depends on the context and use case.

All conformance levels up to LTA use properties defined in XAdES [1].

When signed data is exchanged between parties the sender **should** use at least signatures conforming to a level that allows the relying parties to trust the signature at the time the exchange takes place.

NOTE 3: Archiving or preservation of electronic signatures over long term requires in general conformance to LTA level. The use of LTA-level is considered an appropriate preservation and transmission technique for signed data. Conformance to lower level is sufficient when combined with appropriate additional protection techniques such as use of systems compliant to TS 101 533-1 [i.4].

NOTE 4: The assessment of the effectiveness of other preservation and transmission techniques for signed data are out of the scope of the present document. The reader is advised to consider legal instruments in force and related standards such as TS 101 533-1 [i.4] or TS 102 640-1 [i.5] to evaluate their appropriateness.

## 5 General requirements

### 5.1 Algorithm requirements

Generators are referred to applicable national laws regarding algorithms and key lengths.

Generators are also recommended to take into account the latest version of TS 102 176-1 [8] for guidelines purposes and the latest ECRYPT2 D.SPA.x [9] yearly report for further recommendations, when selecting algorithms and key lengths.

MD5 algorithm **shall not** be used as digest algorithm.

### 5.2 Compliance requirements

Profiles in the present document define requirements for generators of XAdES signatures [1].

A verifier **shall** be able to accept a signature containing any elements/properties conformant to XAdES [1], but this profile does not specify any processing requirement on such elements/properties present in the signature as it is meant to be used together with a specification describing processing during signature validation.

Requirements are grouped in two different categories, each one having its corresponding identifier. Table 1 defines these categories and their identifiers.

**Table 1: Requirement categories**

Identifier	Requirement on generator
M	Generator shall include the element in the signature.
O	Generator may include the element in the signature.

**Optional elements defined in XAdES [1] but not specified in the present document are treated as "O" as above.**

Certain service elements **may** be provided by different protocol elements at user's choice. In these cases the semantics of M and O defined in table 1 depend on the requirement for the service element itself. Tables 2 and 3 (each one applies to a different requirement on the service element) define these semantics.

**Table 2: Requirements for mandatory service with choices**

Requirement Identifier for the Service / Protocol element	Requirement on generator
Service = M	Generator <b>shall</b> provide the service by including one protocol element chosen from the list of choices.
Protocol Choice = O	Generator <b>may</b> use this protocol element for providing the mandatory service elements.

**Table 3: Requirements for optional service with choices**

Requirement Identifier for the Service / Protocol element	Requirement on generator
Service = O	Generator <b>may</b> provide the service by including one protocol element chosen from the list of choices.
Protocol Choice = O	If the generator decides to provide the service, then it <b>may</b> use this protocol element.

The present document shows new requirements for each service and protocol element in tabular form. Below follows the structure of the table.

**Table 4: Requirements for optional service with choices**

Service / Protocol element	Reference	Requirement on generator	Additional requirements/notes
Service:			
Choice 1			
Choice 2			

Column **Service / Protocol element** will identify the service element or protocol element the requirement applies to. Service elements that **may** be implemented by different protocol elements (i.e. users **may** make a choice on several protocol elements) build tables with more than one row.

Column **Reference** will reference the relevant clause of the standard where the element is first defined. The reference is to XAdES [1], except where explicitly indicated otherwise.

Column **Requirement on generator** will contain an identifier of the requirement, as defined in table 1, bound to the corresponding protocol element for the generator.

Column **Notes/Additional requirements** will contain numbers referencing notes and/or letters referencing additional requirements. Both notes and additional requirements are listed below the table.

Profiles **may** be affected by applicable regulations; hence implementers **should** check any national regulation that may affect these profiles.

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## 6 Requirements for B-Level Conformance

This clause defines requirements that XAdES signatures claiming conformance to the B-Level have to fulfil.

This clause actually profiles XAdES-BES (signatures that do not incorporate `xades:SignaturePolicyIdentifier`) and XAdES-EPES (signatures that do incorporate `xades:SignaturePolicyIdentifier`) signatures.

In consequence, the following XAdES properties are addressed directly in this clause: `xades:SigningCertificate`, `xades:SigningTime` and `xades:DataObjectFormat`. Further `xades:SignatureProductionPlace`, `xades:SignerRole`, `xades:AllDataObjectsTimeStamp`, `xades:IndividualDataObjectsTimeStamp`, `xades:SignaturePolicyIdentifier`, and `xades:CounterSignature` are also inherently addressed.

Clause 6.1 specifies the incorporation of the XAdES properties to the signature.

Clause 6.2 specifies additional requirements for some XML Sig [2] elements, namely: `ds:KeyInfo`, `ds:SignedInfo`, `ds:CanonicalizationMethod`, `ds:Reference` and `ds:Transform`.

Clause 6.3 specifies additional requirements for some of the XAdES [1] properties already mentioned. More specifically, this clause profiles `xades:SigningCertificate`, `xades:SigningTime` and `xades:DataObjectFormat`. No further requirements are defined by this profile for the rest of the XAdES properties already mentioned than those ones specified by XAdES [1].

## 6.1 Incorporation of XAdES qualifying properties to the signature

XAdES qualifying properties incorporation to the signature **shall** be direct as specified in [1], clause 6.3.

NOTE: This means that all the XAdES qualifying properties will remain within one single `xades:QualifyingProperties` element, which in turn will be the child of one `ds:Object` element within the signature; and that in consequence no `xades:QualifyingPropertiesReference` elements will be present.

## 6.2 Profile of elements defined in XML Signature

### 6.2.1 Placement of the signing certificate

Table 5

Service / Protocol element	XML SIG [2] Reference	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
<code>ds:KeyInfo/X509Data/X509Certificate</code>	Clause 4.4.4	M	a, b

Additional requirements:

- a) The generator **shall** include the signing certificate as content of `ds:KeyInfo/X509Data/X509Certificate` element.
- b) In order to facilitate path-building, generators **should** include in the same `ds:KeyInfo/X509Data` element as in note a) all certificates not available to verifiers that can be used during path building. In the case of signature based on qualified certificates and whose verification is expected to be based on TSLs (in particular on Trusted Lists as defined in CD 2009/767/EC amended by CD 2010/425/EU [i.2]), the generator **should** include all intermediary certificates forming a chain between the signer certificate and a CA present in the TSL which are not available to verifiers.

NOTE 1: A certificate is considered available to the verifier, if reliable information about its location is known and allows automated retrieval of the certificate (for instance through an Authority Info Access Extension or equivalent information present in a TSL).

NOTE 2: In the general case, different verifiers can have different trust parameters and can validate the signer certificate through different chains. Therefore, generators may not know which certificates will be relevant for path building. However, in practice, such certificates can often clearly be identified. In this case, it is advised that generators include them unless they can be automatically retrieved by verifiers. In the specific case of a signature meant to be validated through TSL, it is advised to include at least the unavailable intermediary certificates up to but not including the CAs present in the TSLs, since the TSL is information that is shared globally by all verifiers.

## 6.2.2 Canonicalization of ds:SignedInfo element

Table 6

Service / Protocol element	Reference	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
Service: canonicalization of ds:SignedInfo element		M	a
ds:CanonicalizationMethod's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2006/12/xml-c14n11">http://www.w3.org/2006/12/xml-c14n11</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 4.3.1 Can. XML V1.1 [5]	O	1
ds:CanonicalizationMethod's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#">http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 4.3.1 Ex. Canon. [7]	O	2
ds:CanonicalizationMethod's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315">http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 4.3.1 Can. XML V1.0 [3]	O	3
ds:CanonicalizationMethod's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2006/12/xml-c14n11#WithComments">http://www.w3.org/2006/12/xml-c14n11#WithComments</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 4.3.1 Can. XML V1.1 [5]		a, 4, 7
ds:CanonicalizationMethod's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#WithComments">http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#WithComments</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 4.3.1 Ex. Canon. [7]		a, 5, 7
ds:CanonicalizationMethod's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315#WithComments">http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315#WithComments</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 4.3.1 Can. XML V1.0 [3]		a, 6, 7

Additional requirement:

- a) The generator **should not** use canonicalization algorithms "with comments".

NOTE 1: This URI value corresponds to Canonical XML v1.1 (omits comments).

NOTE 2: This URI value corresponds to Exclusive Canonicalization [4] (omits comments).

NOTE 3: This URI value corresponds to Canonical XML v1.0 (omits comments).

NOTE 4: This URI value corresponds to Canonical XML v1.1 (with comments).

NOTE 5: This URI value corresponds to Exclusive Canonicalization (with comments).

NOTE 6: This URI value corresponds to Canonical XML v1.0 (with comments).

NOTE 7: Support of canonicalization algorithms "with comments" is for residual interoperability in the signature verification process.

## 6.2.3 Profile of ds:Reference element

Table 7

Service / Protocol element	XML Sig Reference [2]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
ds:Reference	Clause 4.3.3	M	a, b

Additional requirements:

- a) The generator **shall** create as many ds:Reference element as signed data objects (each one referencing one of them) plus one ds:Reference element referencing xades:SignedProperties element.
- b) The ds:Reference's URI attribute referencing signed data objects **may** have as values references that are or are not "same-document" references as defined in [10], section 4.4.

## 6.2.4 Transforms within ds:Reference element

Table 8

Service / Protocol element	Reference	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/ notes
Service: Transforms applicable within ds:Reference element		O	a, b
ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#base64">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#base64</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 6.6.2	O	
ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-19991116">http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-19991116</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 6.6.3	O	
ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 6.6.4	O	
ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xslt-19991116">http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xslt-19991116</a> "	XML Sig [2], clause 6.6.5 XSLT [6]	O	
ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2">http://www.w3.org/2002/06/xmldsig-filter2</a> "	XPathFilter 2 [7]	O	
ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute set to: " <a href="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/package/2006/RelationshipTransform">http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/package/2006/RelationshipTransform</a> "		O	

Additional requirements:

- Generator **should** limit the range of transforms used in the signatures to the ones identified in table 8 of the present document.
- Requirements defined in clause 6.2.2 of the present document **shall** apply when ds:Transform's Algorithm attribute is set to any of the canonicalization algorithms identifiers mentioned in that clause.

## 6.3 Profile of XAdES elements

### 6.3.1 Profile of xades:SigningCertificate element

Table 9

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
xades:SigningCertificate	Clause 7.2.2	M	a, 1
xades:SigningCertificate/CertDigest	Clause 7.2.2	M	b
xades:SigningCertificate/IssuerSerial	Clause 7.2.2	M	c

Additional requirements:

- The generator **shall not** generate xades:Cert children's URI optional attribute.
- xades:SigningCertificate/CertDigest element **shall** contain the digest value of the signing certificate present within ds:KeyInfo element and the identifier of the corresponding digest algorithm.
- xades:SigningCertificate/IssuerSerial element **shall** contain the IssuerSerial of the signing certificate present within ds:KeyInfo element.

NOTE 1: The presence of the signing certificate within ds:KeyInfo ensures a way to locate it (on the basis of digest equality with the value within xades:SigningCertificate/CertDigest) within the signature.

### 6.3.2 Profile of `xades:SigningTime` element

Table 10

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
<code>xades:SigningTime</code>	Clause 7.2.1	M	a

Additional requirement:

- a) The generator **shall** include the claimed UTC time when the signature was generated as content of this element.

### 6.3.3 Profile of `xades:DataObjectFormat` element

Table 11

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
<code>xades:DataObjectFormat</code>	Clause 7.2.5	M	a, 1
<code>xades:DataObjectFormat/Description</code>	Clause 7.2.5	O	
<code>xades:DataObjectFormat/ObjectIdentifier</code>	Clause 7.2.5	O	
<code>xades:DataObjectFormat/MimeType</code>	Clause 7.2.5	M	
<code>xades:DataObjectFormat/Encoding</code>	Clause 7.2.5	O	
<code>xades:DataObjectFormat's ObjectReference attribute</code>	Clause 7.2.5	M	

Additional requirement:

- a) Implementations claiming conformance to the present document **shall** generate one `xades:DataObjectFormat` for each signed data object, except the `xades:SignedProperties` element.

NOTE 1: XAdES [1] specification establishes that this signed property "qualifies one specific signed data object". This is done by forcing that `ObjectReference` attribute refers to a `ds:Reference`. However XAdES does not mandate this `ds:Reference` to be a child of `ds:SignedInfo`; it actually could be a `ds:Reference` within a signed `ds:Manifest`, as the object referenced in this way is also a signed object.

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## 7 Requirements for T-Level Conformance

This clause defines those requirements that XAdES signatures conformant to B-Level, have to fulfil to also be conformant to T-Level. In consequence, XAdES signatures claiming conformance to the T-Level of the present profile **shall** be built on signatures conformant to the B-Level.

A XAdES signature conformant to T-Level **shall** be a signature conformant to B-Level for which a Trust Service Provider has generated a trusted token (time-mark or time-stamp token) proving that the signature itself actually existed at a certain date and time.

NOTE: XAdES signatures conformant to T-Level of the present specification are, in consequence, XAdES-T signatures suitably profiled as per the requirements defined in this clause.

Table 12 further profiles the provision of the trusted token that proves existence of the signature at a certain date and time.

Table 12

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
Service: trusted time for existence of the signature		M	
xades:SignatureTimeStamp	Clause 7.3	O	a, b
Time-mark	Clause 7.3	O	c

Additional requirements:

- a) The present profile recommends usage of time-stamps as attestation of the time for existence of the signature instead of time-marks.
- b) A XAdES signature claiming conformance to the T-Level **may** contain several xades:SignatureTimeStamp elements. Each xades:SignatureTimeStamp element **shall** contain only one time-stamp token.
- c) If a time-mark is used, then no additional property is incorporated in the signature. It is the responsibility of the TSP generating the time-mark to provide the needed trust on the signature time.

## 8 Requirements for LT-Level Conformance

This clause defines those requirements that XAdES signatures conformant to T-Level, have to fulfil to also be conformant to LT-Level. In consequence, XAdES signatures claiming conformance to the LT-Level of the present profile **shall** be built on signatures conformant to the T-Level.

### 8.1 Profile of XAdES elements

XAdES signatures conformant to LT-Level **shall not** incorporate any of the following XAdES unsigned attributes: xades:CompleteCertificateRefs, xades:CompleteRevocationRefs, xades:AttributeCertificateRefs, xades:AttributeRevocationRefs, xades:SigAndRefsTimeStamp, and xades:RefsOnlyTimeStamp.

NOTE: The requirements above are meant to highly reduce optionality.

XAdES signatures conformant to LT-Level are built by direct incorporation to XAdES-T signatures conformant to the T-Level, of XAdES unsigned properties containing values of certificates and values of certificate status. In consequence, this clause defines additional specific requirements for the following unsigned XAdES properties: xades:CertificateValues, xades:RevocationValues, xades:AttrAuthoritiesCertValues, xades:AttributeRevocationValue, and xadesv141:TimeStampValidationData.

Clauses below define additional requirements for these XAdES unsigned properties.

#### 8.1.1 Profile of xades:CertificateValues property

Table 13

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
Service: certificate values	Clause 7.6.1	M	
xades:CertificateValues	Clause 7.6.1	O	a, b, c

Additional requirements:

- a) Implementations claiming conformance to this profile **shall** include in this property the set of certificate values that, in addition to the certificate values present within ds:KeyInfo element, build up the full set of certificates (including the trust anchor when it is available in the form of a certificate) used to validate the signature.

- b) In situations different from those ones identified in clause 6.2.1 of the present document, requirements a) and b), applications **should** include certificate values within `xades:CertificateValues` property.
- c) Duplication of certificate values within the signature **should** be avoided.

### 8.1.2 Profile of `xades:RevocationValues` property

Table 14

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
Service: revocation values	Clause 7.6.2	M	
<code>xades:RevocationValues</code>	Clause 7.6.2	O	a, b, c

Additional requirements:

- a) Implementations claiming conformance to this profile **shall** include in this property the set of revocation values that, in addition to the revocation values present within `ds:KeyInfo` element, build up the full set of revocation values used to validate the signature.
- b) Applications **should** include certificate status values within `xades:RevocationValues` property instead within `ds:KeyInfo` element.
- c) Duplication of revocation values within the signature **should** be avoided.

### 8.1.3 Profile of `xades:AttrAuthoritiesCertValues` property

If the signature contains attribute certificates within `xades:SignerRole` signed property, implementations claiming conformance to this profile **shall** include in this property the set of attribute authority values that, in addition to the rest of certificate values present in the signature, build up the full set of certificates required for validating the attribute certificates.

### 8.1.4 Profile of `xades:AttributeRevocationValues` property

If the signature contains attribute certificates within `xades:SignerRole` signed property, implementations claiming conformance to this profile **shall** include in this property the set of revocation values that, in addition to the rest of revocation values present in the signature, are used for validating the attribute certificates.

### 8.1.5 Validation material for time-stamp tokens

This clause further profiles the incorporation of the validation material for time-stamp tokens within XAdES signatures compliant with LT-Level.

Table 15

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
Service: validation data for time-stamp tokens		M	1
<code>xadesv141:TimeStampValidationData</code>	Clause 8.1 of version 1.4.2	O	2
embedded in time-stamp token itself		O	

NOTE 1: This ensures that the signature profiled actually contains all the validation material needed.

NOTE 2: Although this profile allows incorporation of the validation material within the time-stamp token itself, within the new XAdES element, or within both, applications **should** implement support for `xadesv141:TimeStampValidationData`.

## 9 Requirements for LTA-Level Conformance

This clause defines those requirements that XAdES signatures conformant to LT-Level, have to fulfil for also be conformant to LTA-Level. In consequence, XAdES signatures claiming conformance to the LTA-Level of the present profile **shall** be built on signatures conformant to the LT-Level.

A XAdES signature conformant to LTA-Level **shall** be a signature conformant to LT-Level to which one or more `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` (or `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp`) have been directly incorporated.

NOTE 1: This conformance level specifies a profile for XAdES-A signatures.

NOTE 2: As stated in XAdES [1], XAdES-A form may help to validate the signature beyond any event that may limit its validity.

**Table 16**

Service / Protocol element	XAdES Reference [1]	Generator requirement	Additional requirements/notes
Service: add archive time-stamp		M	
<code>xades:ArchiveTimeStamp</code>	Clause 7.7	O	a, b, c, d, e
<code>xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp</code>	Clause 8.2 of version 1.4.2	O	a, b, c, d, e

Additional requirements:

- a) Signatures conformant to LTA-level **shall** incorporate at least one `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` or one `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` property.
- b) Signatures conformant to LTA-level **may** also have more than one `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` or `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` properties. Presence of both types of properties shall be conformant to the transition strategy specified in clause 9.1.
- c) `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` and `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` within signatures conformant to the LTA-Level **may** contain more than one time-stamp token issued by different TSAs.
- d) Before generating and incorporating any of the two properties profiled in this clause, applications claiming conformance to this profile, **shall** include all the validation material required for verifying the electronic signature. This validation material includes all the certificates and all certificate status information (like CRLs or OCSP responses) required for:
  - validating the signing certificate;
  - validating any attribute certificate present in the signature; and
  - validating the signing certificate of any previous time-stamp token already incorporated in the signature within any XAdES time-stamp token container property (including, of course, `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` and/or `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp`).
- e) Implementations claiming conformance to the present profile **shall** respect the transition strategy specified in clause 9.1 of the present document.

### 9.1 Transition strategy for ArchiveTimeStamp frameworks

Before 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC, applications claiming conformance to this profile, **may** generate and add `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` or `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` properties. Applications capable to manage both, **should** add and generate `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp`.

NOTE 1: Date and time formats in this clause conform to ISO 8601:2004 [i.7].

Applications claiming conformance to this profile **shall not** generate and add `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` properties to the signatures from 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC onwards. From 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC, applications claiming conformance to this profile **shall** generate and incorporate exclusively `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` properties into the signatures.

Before 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC, applications claiming conformance to this profile **shall** consider conformant to this profile any XAdES signature including `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` and/or `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` only if the signature fulfils all the requirements specified in the clauses above.

Starting from 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC, applications claiming conformance to this profile **shall** consider conformant to this profile any XAdES signature including one or more `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` properties if it fulfils all the requirements specified in the clauses above and it **may** be ascertained that all the time-stamp tokens contained within these properties were generated before 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC.

This transition strategy results in an additional requirement on the transform chains to be used in signatures that may be evolved towards XAdES-A. Applications that generate signatures before 2013/01/01T00:00:00 UTC, and that know in advance that `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` properties are used for upgrading the generated signature, or that are uncertain about how the upgrade will be done, **should** fulfil the following requirement: `ds:Reference` elements used for signing `ds:Object` elements **shall** contain only transform chains that result in XML node sets or transform chains whose last transform is a canonicalization transformation.

NOTE 2: If this requirement is not ensured, checks of `xades:ArchiveTimeStamp` might fail. In fact, this was the reason why `xadesv141:ArchiveTimeStamp` was defined.

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## History

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