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## **European foreword**

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**EN 17419-1:2020 (E)****Introduction**

Insurance is a very document-centric business. The number of documents issued is extremely high with an average of at least one document yearly per insurance contract. Any strategy to establish a European Single Market for insurance products requires as a mandatory prerequisite the automated transfer of electronic documents for cross-border processes in the European insurance industry. The metadata are supporting the automated processing and archiving of documents at the receiver of the document, which leads to a straight through processing. Low expectation for national or market specific requirements will facilitate the development and acceptance of a European standard. Saved costs for document printing at the producer, saved costs for the transportation of physical documents and the avoidance of manual processing at the receiver due to automated processing are strong arguments for a digital transfer of documents. The reduced time for the document transfer supports faster processes for an increased satisfaction of insurance clients.



## 1 Scope

This document defines the process and the structure of the transfer of electronic documents, and facilitates the transfer of electronic documents between stakeholders in the insurance industry.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO 639-3, *Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 3: Alpha-3 code for comprehensive coverage of languages*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*

ISO/IEC 8859-15, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 15: Latin alphabet No. 9*

ISO/IEC 10646, *Information Technology — Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*

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### 3.1

#### **insurance business process**

collection of insurance related, structured activities or tasks that in a specific sequence produces an insurance related service or product for a particular insurance related party

Note 1 to entry: Examples of business processes in the insurance industry are: quotation, contract application, documentation of contract, contract renewal, contract change, contract cancellation, premium invoice, claim notification or claim settlement.

### 3.2

#### **insurance transaction**

structured collection of information within an insurance business process describing relevant terms of this process, contents of corresponding documents

Note 1 to entry: An insurance transaction may also contain the binary representation of the related documents.

Note 2 to entry: For example, the insurance transaction of the business process “Documentation of Contract” may result in the following documents: introductory letter, insurance policy, specific contract conditions, general terms and conditions, invoice.

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