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Foreword

Successful implementation of Directive 1999/93/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1999 on a Community framework for electronic signatures requires standards for services, processes, systems and products related to electronic signatures as well as guidance for conformity assessment of such services, processes, systems and products.

In 1999 the European ICT Standards Board, with the support of the European Commission, undertook an initiative bringing together industry and public authorities, experts and other market players, to create the European Electronic Signature Standardisation Initiative (EESSI).

Within this framework the Comité Européen de Normalisation / Information Society Standardisation System (CEN/ISSS) and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute / Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ETSI/ESI) were entrusted with the execution of a work programme to develop generally recognised standards to support the implementation of Directive 1999/93/EC and development of a European electronic signature infrastructure.

The CEN/ISSS Workshop on electronic signatures (WS/E-SIGN) resulted in a set of deliverables, CEN Workshop Agreements (CWA), which contributed towards those generally recognised standards. The present document is one such CWA.

The purpose of this CWA is to provide guidance with a view to harmonise the application of the standards for services, processes, systems and products for Electronic Signatures. The CWA is intended for use by certification-service-providers, manufacturers, operators, independent bodies, assessors, evaluators and testing laboratories involved in assessing conformance to the related EESSI deliverables.

This CWA is provided as a series of discrete documents, each a part of the overall CWA, the present part being Part 2, Certification Authority services and processes, providing guidance on conformity assessment of Certification Authorities.

Details of all applicable parts can be found in Part 1.

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1 Scope

This document provides guidance on conformity assessment of Certification Authorities (CAs) against the following standards:

- ETSI TS 101 456 "Policy requirements for certification authorities issuing qualified certificates";
- ETSI TS 102 042 "Policy requirements for certification authorities issuing public key certificates".

The guidance is intended for use by independent bodies and their assessors.

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