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Foreword

This European Prestandard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 331 "Postal services", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

This ENV is related to Hybrid Mail and contains the syntax rules for a data stream for the submission of printing data to a Hybrid mail operator. It is a Document Type Definition (DTD) describing the data stream.

Annex A is normative. Annexes B and C are informative.

This standard includes a Bibliography.

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1 Introduction

Hybrid Mail is the technology whereby input in one communication medium is converted for delivery on another communication medium according to the sender's instructions and/or the recipient's capabilities. The typical application of Hybrid Mail is to provide a Hybrid Mail operator with printing data as well as processing and delivery instructions, and request the operator to secure the print, enveloping and delivery of the physical letters.

The transfer of data to a Hybrid Mail operator requires that the printing data be linked to a number of data items related to the management, production, finishing, etc. of the data to be printed. Such data items secure that all relevant information is accompanying the printing data. Also it will enable the Hybrid Mail operator to automate his processes.

There is a need for a standardised yet flexible way to present the data to the Hybrid Mail operator. This will enable customers and Hybrid Mail operators to have a seamless exchange of information. It will allow makers of applications for document creation (letters, marketing mailing, etc.) and output management from other applications (accounting systems, production management, etc.), to adhere to the same data presentment and to offer the seamless data interchange.

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