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Foreword

This Technical Specification (CEN/TS 14014:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 331 “Postal services”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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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. Hybrid Mail operators may also exchange data.

The transfer of data to a Hybrid Mail operator or between Hybrid Mail operators 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 with customers and other Hybrid Mail operators.

There is a need for a standardised yet flexible way to present the data to the Hybrid Mail operator or to exchange data between Hybrid Mail operators. 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 add here to the same data presentment and to offer the seamless data interchange.

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