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# **Foreword**

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### Introduction

In the Green paper on postal services in 1992 the European Commission emphasised the need to establish common rules for the development of community postal services and the improvement of quality of service. The Commission identified requirements for quality of service measurement that included the reliability of services and treatment of problems of loss, theft and damage.

CEN was asked to draw up standards related to the methodology for the measurement of quality of service of mail at reasonable cost for some mail types.

The objective of the measurement is to estimate the transit time quality of service given to the customer in each European country domestically and cross-border between the European countries.

This Technical Report refers to a number of principles and minimum requirements to be applied for the measurement of transit time of domestic and cross-border parcels using a track and trace system.

A number of standards are available for the measurement of transit time for postal services without the use of a track and trace system. EN 13850 is for use with priority single piece mail, EN 14508 with single-piece non-priority mail, and EN 14534 with bulk mail.

EN 14137 may be used to measure loss of parcels using a track and trace system.



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