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and administration — Long term
signature —**

**Part 1:
Profiles for CMS Advanced Electronic
Signatures (CAAdES)**



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Foreword

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- [Clause 6](#) and [Annex B](#) have been technically revised with the addition of a new archive time-stamp format: archive-time-stamp-v3 (ATSv3) and an associated attribute ats-hash-index-v3 and with the addition of other methods defined in ISO 14533-4:2019.

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to ensure the interoperability of implementations with respect to long term signatures that make digital signatures verifiable for a long term. Long term signature specifications referenced by each implementation cover Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) digital signatures defined in IETF RFC 5652 extended in CAAdES digital signatures developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

ETSI changes 'CMS Advanced Electronic Signature' to 'CAAdES Digital Signature' from TS to EN. In this document, CAAdES is used also in line with the ETSI EN definition.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the elements, among those defined in CMS digital signatures and CAdES digital signatures that enable verification of a digital signature over a long period of time.

It does not give new technical specifications about the digital signature itself, nor new restrictions of usage of the technical specifications about the digital signatures which have already existed.

NOTE CAdES digital signature is the extended specification of Cryptographic message syntax (CMS), used widely.

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.

ISO 14533-4, *Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration — Long term signature profiles — Part 4: Attributes pointing to (external) proof of existence objects used in long term signature formats (PoEAttributes)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

long term signature

signature that is made verifiable having the ability to maintain its validity status and to get a proof of existence of the associated signed data for a long term by implementing measures to enable the detection of illegal alterations of signature information, including the identification of signing time, the subject of said signature, and validation data

3.2

profile

rule used to ensure interoperability, related to the optional elements of referenced specifications, the range of values

3.3

required level

level of requirement for implementing each element constituting a *profile* (3.2)