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## European foreword

This document (EN 15016-4:2023) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 “Railway applications”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This document supersedes EN 15016-4:2006.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are listed below:

- The scope has been changed to rolling stock because this is the typical application field.
- The data model has been completely revised to simplify the data exchange by focusing on the necessary data. Data tables for additional data have been introduced to enable a scalable use of the data model.
- The purpose of the data model is the structured exchange of item data. The same data model now also supports the structured exchange of technical document data.
- Rules have been specified to ensure and to check the consistency of the data model.
- A detailed application guide has been incorporated to ensure an easy implementation.
- Because the data exchange is handled by data processing systems an example for layout for a table of documents and an example for entries in a table of documents is superfluous and has therefore been deleted.

This document is part of the standard series “Railway applications — Technical documents”, which consists of the following parts:

- EN 15016-1: General principles;
- EN 15016-2: Parts lists;
- EN 15016-3: Handling of modifications of technical documents;
- EN 15016-4: Data exchange.

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## Introduction

In railway business, the parties require, as part of a contract, bill of material and technical documents. To support co-operation and effective data exchange of information between customers, suppliers and partners, it is necessary to have the data exchange precisely defined.

In European directives, the term “Technical Files” is mainly used to summarize types of documents, drawings, data, reports, etc.

Three main classes of data can be distinguished:

- a) technical data and documents;
- b) maintenance data and documents;
- c) authorization documents, reports, assessments, and safety data.

This document will support the exchange of bill of material and technical documents between two parties.

The aim of this document is to improve cooperation with respect to time, quality, and costs for the whole railway sector (e.g. railway users, manufacturers, rail system operators, entities in charge of maintenance).

This document covers exclusively the specification of the data model of the data exchange process between two parties. Common project management or contractual arrangements aspects like data content or the handling of change management are not covered.

This document refers to EN, ISO or IEC standards dealing with data fields. In cases where ISO or IEC standards are not sufficiently precise, this document gives specific details. These additions to EN, ISO and IEC standards facilitate the exploitation and the administration of the data exchange.

These requirements have been drawn up in order to accommodate:

- the large variety of users;
- ease of transfer of documents;
- any specific series of documentation related to rolling stock.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the data exchange of technical documents such as bill of material, technical drawings and other related technical documents for rolling stock.

## 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.

EN 17343:2020, *Railway applications - General terms and definitions*

EN 15016-1:2023<sup>1</sup>, *Railway applications - Technical documents - Part 1: General principles*

ISO 639-1, *Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 1: Alpha-2 code*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 17343:2020, EN 15016-1:2023<sup>1</sup> and the following 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 item

subject being considered

Note 1 to entry: The item may be an individual part, component, device, functional unit, equipment, subsystem, or system.

Note 2 to entry: The item may consist of hardware, software or any combination thereof.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-192:2015, 192-01-01, modified — Note 3 to Note 5 to entry have been deleted, in Note 2 the term people has been deleted.]

### 3.2 bill of materials BOM

documented formal hierarchical tabulation of the physical assemblies, subassemblies, and components needed to fabricate a product

Note 1 to entry: The BOM consists of items and therefore may include software.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC/IEEE 24765:2017, 3.378, modified — Note 1 to entry added]

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