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European foreword

The intended audience of this document are all parties that affect or are affected by security in the postal supply chain. These include public and private postal operators, customs, manufacture of equipment, senders and receivers of parcels etc.

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Introduction

The postal sector is an important part of the supply chain, handling over 6.4 billion items in 2011¹. There has been recognition, both by regulators and by the industry, of the importance of security in this context².

This CEN Workshop agreement (CWA) is proposed by the SAFEPOST³ consortium. The SAFEPOST consortium was created within the framework of the FP7 programme, for which a grant was received in 2012. SAFEPOST aims at raising the current level of postal security by integrating innovative screening solutions, suitable for uninterrupted flow of parcels and letters, with operational postal processes and the criminal and customs intelligence work in a European wide cooperative distributed model.

The goal of the CWA is to define standardization needs related to security aspects in postal services. The scope of the Workshop includes security aspects in postal item delivery services of both public and private operators. The aim is to develop a single CWA containing a mapping of existing standards and a roadmap with a gap analysis and possible standardization needs.

1 Scope

The scope of this CWA includes security aspects in both public and private letter and parcel delivery services. This CWA defines standardization requirements related to security aspects in postal services. Security requirements are not part of this CWA.

2 Terms and definitions

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

postal authority

body that regulates the postal market

Note 1 to entry: Tasks of a postal authority include the establishment of postal policies, postal rates, postal services offered, budgeting for and financing postal operations security condition whereby the level of risk is deemed acceptable.

customs

government organization that deals with the levying of duties and taxes on imported goods from foreign countries and the control over the export and import of goods

[Source: ISO/TS 24533:2012(en), 2.17]

threat

person or thing likely to cause damage or danger

security gap

situation where current security measures are insufficient to reduce a given risk to a pre-determined level

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/postal-services/index_en.htm

² Commission's Green Paper Parcel Delivery 2012

³ SAFEPOST, 285104, FP7-SECURITY