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Registered Electronic Mail (REM) is a particular instance of An Electronic Registered Delivery Service (ERDS). Standard email, used as a backbone, makes interoperability smooth and increases usability. At the same time, the application of additional security mechanisms ensures integrity, confidentiality and non-repudiation (of submission, consignment, handover, etc.). It protects against the risk of loss, theft, damage and any illegitimate modification. The present document covers the common and worldwide-recognized requirements to address electronic registered delivery securely and reliably. Particular attention is paid to the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.1]. However, the legal effects are outside the scope of the present document.

1 Scope

The present document specifies the interoperability profiles of the Registered Electronic Mail (REM) messages according to the formats defined in ETSI EN 319 532-3 [6] and the concepts and semantics defined in ETSI EN 319 532-1 [4] and ETSI EN 319 532-2 [5]. It deals with issues relating to authentication, authenticity and integrity of the information, with the purpose to address the achievement of interoperability across REM service providers, implemented according to the aforementioned specifications.

The present document covers all the options to profile REM services for both styles of operation: S&N and S&F.

The mandatory requirements defined in the aforementioned referenced REM services specifications are not normally repeated here, but, when necessary, the present document contains some references to them.

More specifically, the present document:

- a) Defines generalities on profiling.
- b) Defines constraints for SMTP profile.

The present document also specifies a REM baseline supporting the technical interoperability amongst service providers in different regulatory frameworks.

NOTE: Specifically but not exclusively, REM baseline specified in the present document aims at supporting implementations of interoperable REM services by use of Trusted List Frameworks to constitute Trusted domains and qualified REM services (instances of electronic registered delivery services) by use of EU Trusted List system as per Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.1].

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- [2] ETSI EN 319 522-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered Delivery Services; Part 2: Semantic Contents".
- [3] ETSI EN 319 522-3: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered Delivery Services; Part 3: Formats".
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- [i.1] Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.
- [i.2] ISO/IEC TR 10000:1998: "Information technology - Framework and taxonomy of International Standardized Profiles".
- [i.3] IETF RFC 6698: "The DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities (DANE), Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol: TLSA".
- [i.4] IETF RFC 7208: "Sender Policy Framework (SPF) for Authorizing Use of Domains in Email, Version 1".
- [i.5] IETF RFC 6376: "DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Signatures".
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- [i.7] NIST Special Publication 800-45: "Guidelines on Electronic Mail Security, Version 2".
- [i.8] IPJ - The Internet Protocol Journal - November 2016, Volume 19, Number 3: "Comprehensive Internet E-Mail Security: Review of email vulnerabilities and security threats".
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