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SYNTAX DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Executive Summary

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Submitted by the Syntax Development Group *

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SYNTAX DEVELOPMENT GROUP - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Meeting 18 - Dublin, 16-20 December 1996

Submitted by the Syntax Development Group (SDG)

Summary of documents submitted by SDG

In addition to this Executive summary, the following documents have also been submitted by SDG to the March 1997 session:

ISO 9735 Part 4 - TRADE/WP.4/R.1244	**(for approval and submission to ISO)**
ISO 9735 Part 5 - TRADE/WP.4/R.1245/Rev.1	**(for information and submission to ISO)**
ISO 9735 Part 6 - TRADE/WP.4/R.1246/Rev.1	**(for information and submission to ISO)**
ISO 9735 Part 9 - TRADE/WP.4/R.1249	**(for approval and submission to ISO)**
CD 9735 Part 7 - TRADE/WP.4/R.1251/Rev.1	(for information and comment)
CD 9735 Part 10 - TRADE/WP.4/R.1284	(for information and comment)

Meeting details

1. The group held its 18th meeting Dublin, making editorial changes to Parts 5 & 6 (which were approved at the last UN session). Part 5 - Security rules for batch EDI (authenticity, integrity and non-repudiation of origin) and Part 6 - Secure authentication and acknowledgement message(message type - AUTACK) are submitted for information and for submission to ISO for fast-tracking.

2. Part 4 - Syntax and service report message for batch EDI (message type - CONTRL) and Part 9 - Security key and certificate management message (message type - KEYMAN) are submitted for approval and for submission to ISO for fast-tracking.

3. Part 7 - Security rules for batch EDI (confidentiality) and Part 10 - Security rules for EDI are submitted at this stage only for information and comment, since SDG require one further meeting to finalise the documents to their satisfaction. SDG's intention is that these Parts will be submitted to WP.4 in September 1997, for approval and for submission to ISO for fast-tracking. (This opportunity exists, arising from the ISO TC 154 Resolution 116 agreed at its 12th plenary meeting, which proposed an end of September 1997 cut off date for the submission of further parts of ISO 9735 Version 4 for the fast-track procedure.)

4. Providing Parts 7 & 10 can be completed within the above timescale, then all of the current parts of ISO 9735 Version 4 (ten in all) will have been submitted to ISO for fast-tracking. In the event that any Part is not completed within the above timescale, then it will become a Work Item for the Joint UN/ISO Syntax Working Group (JSWG). One item which may fall under this heading is for the extension of Part 4 (CONTRL) to address the requirements of the Security Parts for batch EDI (Parts 5, 6, 7, & 9), depending upon progress at the next SDG meeting and on procedures for submitting an addendum to Part 4.

Next meeting of the SDG Group

5. The next meeting of SDG (to finalise Parts 7 & 10 and to review Part 4 with respect to security requirements) has been arranged for May 1997, to be held in Germany.