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 79 Infrastructures (ESI) and is now submitted for public review before approval by TC ESI and submission for the  
 80 combined Public Enquiry and Vote phase of the ETSI standards EN Approval Procedure.

81 The present document is part 3 of a multi-part deliverable covering Registered Electronic Mail (REM) Services, as  
 82 identified below:

83 Part 1: "Framework and architecture";

84 Part 2: "Semantic contents";

85 **Part 3: "Formats";**

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## 96 Introduction

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# 99 1 Scope

100 The basic purpose of Registered Electronic Mail (REM) is to provide a service for the transmission of information  
101 among parties, counting on an evidence set, related to the communication steps, suitable to uphold proof of acceptance,  
102 of sending, of delivery/non-delivery, receiving/retrieval of the conveyed data. The email standards used as backbone,  
103 including a set of additional security mechanisms, make smooth the interoperability and, at the same time, protect the  
104 integrity, the confidentiality and the loss exposition of the carried information.

105 The present document specifies the formats for the contents of the different messages that are produced and handled by  
106 the REM service. More specifically:

107 a) Describes how the general ERDS concepts like “user content” and “metadata” are identified and mapped in the  
108 standard email structure

109 b) Defines how the aforementioned concepts are mapped in the REM service messaging structures.

110 c) Explains how the ERDS evidence set is plugged inside the REM service messaging structures.

111 e) Defines the additional mechanisms, like “digital signature” and security features, that are fundamental to the  
112 achievement of the scope.

113 The specifications defined in the present document aims to cover the common and worldwide-recognized requirements  
114 to address **electronic delivery** in a secure and reliable way. Particular attention is paid to all the articles and  
115 requirements of the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.12]. Anyway, the legal effects of services implemented according  
116 to the present document are outside the scope of the same.

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### 119 2.1 Normative references

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128 [1] ETSI EN 319 122-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CAAdES digital signatures;  
129 Part 1: Building blocks and CAAdES baseline signatures".

130 [2] ETSI EN 319 132-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XAdES digital signatures;  
131 Part 1: Building blocks and XAdES baseline signatures".

132 [5] W3C Recommendation: "XML Signature Syntax and Processing".

133 [6] IETF RFC 5751: "Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME) Version 3.2 Message  
134 Specification".

135 [7] IETF RFC 5322: "Internet Message Format".

136 [8] ETSI EN 319 142-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); PAdES digital signatures;  
137 Part 1: Building blocks and PAdES baseline signatures".

138 [9] OASIS Standard Specification "Assertions and Protocols for the OASIS Security Assertion  
139 Markup Language (SAML) V2.0", 15 March 2005.

140 NOTE 1: Available at: <http://docs.oasis-open.org/security/saml/v2.0/saml-core-2.0-os.pdf>

- 141 [10] ETSI EN 319 521: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security  
142 requirements for Electronic Registered Delivery Services Providers".
- 143 [11] ETSI EN 319 531: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security  
144 requirements for Registered Electronic Mail Services Providers".
- 145 [12] ETSI EN 319 522-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered  
146 Delivery Services; Part 1: Framework and Architecture".
- 147 [13] ETSI EN 319 522-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered  
148 Delivery Services; Part 2: Semantic Contents".
- 149 [14] ETSI EN 319 522-3: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered  
150 Delivery Services; Part 3: Formats".
- 151 [15] ETSI EN 319 532-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Registered Electronic Mail  
152 (REM) Services; Part 1: Framework and Architecture".
- 153 [16] ETSI EN 319 532-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Registered Electronic Mail  
154 (REM) Services; Part 2: Semantic Contents".
- 155 [17] IETF RFC 2045: "Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part One: Format of Internet  
156 Message Bodies".
- 157 [18] IETF RFC 2046: "Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part Two: Media Types".
- 158 [19] IETF RFC 5321: "Simple Mail Transfer Protocol"
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167 user with regard to a particular subject area.

- 168 [i.1] ETSI TR 102 605: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Registered E-Mail".
- 169 [i.2] European Commission CEF Digital, eID eIDAS Profile Technical Specifications version 1.1,  
170 especially the parts "eIDAS Message Format\_v1.1-2" and "eIDAS SAML Attribute Profile  
171 v1.1\_2"
- 172 NOTE 2: Available at:  
173 <https://ec.europa.eu/cedigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/eID+eIDAS+profile>.
- 174 [i.3] ETSI EN 319 532-4: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Registered Electronic Mail  
175 (REM) Services; Part 4: Interoperability profiles".
- 176 [i.4] ETSI EN 319 522-4-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered  
177 Delivery Services; Part 4-1: Message delivery bindings".
- 178 [i.5] ETSI EN 319 522-4-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered  
179 Delivery Services; Part 4-2: Evidence and identification bindings".
- 180 [i.6] ETSI EN 319 522-4-3: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered  
181 Delivery Services; Part 4-3: Capability and requirements bindings".
- 182 [i.7] ETSI TS 119 312: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Cryptographic Suites".
- 183 [i.8] ETSI TS 119 612: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trusted Lists".

- 184 [i.9] ETSI TS 119 524: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Registered Delivery  
185 Services; Testing Conformance and Interoperability of Electronic Registered Delivery Services."
- 186 [i.10] ETSI TS 119 534: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Registered Electronic Mail  
187 (REM) Services; Testing Conformance and Interoperability of Electronic Registered Mail  
188 Services".
- 189 [i.11] ETSI TR 119 500: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Business Driven Guidance for  
190 Trust Application Service Providers".
- 191 [i.12] Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on  
192 electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and  
193 repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.
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## 195 3 Definitions, abbreviations and terminology

### 196 3.1 Definitions

197 For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in the following document apply.

198 ETSI EN 319 532-1 [15]

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### 200 3.2 Abbreviations

201 For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in the following document apply:

202 ETSI EN 319 532-1 [15]

203 Furthermore, together with those included in the aforementioned documents, the following abbreviations apply:

204 UA User Agent

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### 206 3.3 Terminology

207 Due to the parallelism that there is between Registered Email Services and Electronic Delivery Registered Services, the  
208 present document uses the terms and definitions coming from ETSI EN 319 521 [10] and ETSI EN 319 522 [12] [13]  
209 [14] family of documents. To indicate this affinity, when applicable, "ERD" prefix is inherited and used together the  
210 terms and their meanings coming from ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clauses 3,4 and - transitively - from its relevant  
211 connected normative references. When, for the purpose of the present document - due to the REM peculiarity or for  
212 clarity - this is not possible or opportune, the "REM" prefix is used instead in any definition. The key of interpretation is  
213 to consider "REM" prefix paired with "RED" and "REMS" (i.e. REM Service) with "ERDS".

214 NOTE: The prefix REM (without S) is used when the related object is relevant or may be relevant to something  
215 generated "outside" the REM Service. Conversely, the REMS prefix is used when it refers to an object  
216 that is produced by the REM Service.

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## 218 4 Message formats

### 219 4.1 Introduction

220 The present section defines and explains how metadata and contents composing an electronic communication are  
221 formatted in the ambit of REM. This description mainly refers to the rationale that lead to schemas and format  
222 definitions of ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] that are reviewed in the REM perspective. Further implicit references are to  
223 ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Section 4 describing the contents.

224 To define the formats involved in communication exchanges in the REM (and so email) scope, it is necessary to  
 225 individuate and distinguish fundamental parts like “user content” (that represents the “payload”) and “metadata”  
 226 components.

227 As outlined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Section 4, referring to the ERDS general perimeter, the “user content” is the  
 228 Sender’s content that is intended to be delivered to a recipient. Whereas the “submission”, “relay” or “handover”  
 229 metadata, related to the “user content”, are provided for purposes of identification of itself and/or of  
 230 Sender/Recipient(s), and/or also for discovery of service capabilities.

231 The next sections describe how these meaningful concepts have been mapped first in email and later in REM ambits  
 232 starting with a description example for a graphical individuation of the components, and following with the format  
 233 specifications.

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## 235 4.2 Internet Message Format in the REM context example

236 In email area (that, generally speaking, represents the constitutional element of REM) the aforementioned concepts like  
 237 “user content” and “metadata” have, respectively, a correspondence with the elements of “Mail Object” as defined in  
 238 IETF RFC 5321 [19] Section 2.3.1, joined up with the definitions contained in ETSI EN 319 522-1 [12] Section 3.1,  
 239 ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 4, ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4.

240 Therefore, for the purpose of the present document the terminology and principles defined in Clause 3.3 shall apply.

241 The following table illustrates the root of terms (if any), used in the next sections, and the intended meaning in the REM  
 242 context.

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Root definitions (from ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13])	REM equivalent definition	Notes
<i>user content</i>	<b>user content</b>	This is the <b>Body</b> of the “Mail Object” as intended in IETF RFC 5321 [19] Section 2.3.1. It is generated by the Sender under the Sender’s technical/legal responsibility. See also ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4  NOTE 1: From some view point, also the <b>subject</b> and perhaps the <b>addresses</b> Header elements could be considered part(s) of the user content (as contents that the sender specifies together the Body of the message). This theoretical view is masked by the applications that is normal used by the sender like email client and/or webmail. To maintain coherence with widely recognized separation Header/Body, defined also in email international standards, and to simplify the exposition in the present document, these elements of the Header are considered outside the user contents.
<i>submission metadata</i>	<b>submission metadata</b>	This is the <b>Header</b> of the “Mail Object” as intended in IETF RFC 5321 [19] Section 2.3.1. See Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 7 and also definitions in ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4
	<b>original message</b>	This is composed of <b>Header + Body</b> as intended in IETF RFC 5321 [19] Section 2.3.1. It is generated by the Sender’s User Agent or under the Sender’s technical/legal responsibility (and outside the responsibility of the service), which may be eventually digitally signed by the Sender. See Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 7 and also definitions in ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4  NOTE 2: The term Body, in the context of the present document, indicates also a “possibly structured” body part including one or more attachments, according to MIME standard specification, as provided in IETF RFC 2045 [17].
<i>ERDS relay metadata</i>	<b>REMS relay metadata</b>	This is the <b>Header</b> (as intended in IETF RFC 5321 [19]) of the new object (according to the REM message structure) generated under the responsibility of the REM Service, used to envelop the <b>original message</b> . Also the REMS introduction is considered part of the REMS relay metadata. See from Figure 3 to Figure 7 and also definitions in ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4

<i>ERDS evidence</i>	<b>ERDS evidence</b>	One of the methods usable to transport the ERDS evidence in RM is an attachment <b>Body Part</b> (as intended in IETF RFC 2045 [17]) of the new object (according to the REM message structure) generated under the responsibility of the REM Service, used to envelop the <b>original message</b> . See from Figure 3 to Figure 6 and also definitions in ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4
<i>ERDS serviceInfo</i>	<b>REMS notification</b>	See Figure 6 for the structure of this object and definitions in EN 319 532-1 [15] Clause 3.1. The difference with ERDS serviceInfo is that a REMS notification achieves the recipient. Furthermore, it may carries optionally the relevant evidence.
<i>ERD message</i>	<b>REM message</b>	See from Figure 3 to Figure 7 for all the possible structures in parts (as intended in IETF RFC 2045 [17])
<i>ERD payload</i>	<b>ERD payload</b>	See Figure 7 for the structure of this object and also definition in ETSI EN 319 521 [10] Clause 3 and ETSI EN 319 522-1 [12] Clause 3
<i>ERD dispatch</i>	<b>REM dispatch</b>	See Figure 4 for the structure of this object and also definition in ETSI EN 319 521 [10] Clause 3 and ETSI EN 319 522-1 [12] Clause 3. It is a new object (according to the REM message structure) generated under the responsibility of the REM Service, used to envelop the <b>original message</b> , plus the <b>original message</b> itself. So, the REM dispatch, as a whole, is not totally generated under the responsibility of REM Service.  NOTE 3: Due to the aforementioned reason on the responsibility, this definition has only the "REM" prefix instead of "REMS".
	<b>transport metadata</b>	This is the Transport Information and the Closure Information conveyed in a typical SMTP session (see Figure 1). It wraps the <b>original message</b> inside the SMTP transaction and it contains commands and answer information flowing between client/server dialogue, as intended in IETF RFC 5321 [19]  NOTE 4: Further considerations regarding specific protocol elements like Transport and Closure are out of scope for the present document and are, in some measure, managed in ETSI EN 319 532-4 [i.3] Clause 5.3.5 - CSI.

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245 In the email ambit, (that is the basis of REM), the aforementioned concepts apply to the messaging stream as outlined in  
246 the next informative example of Figure 1.

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Full SMTP Stream taken from IETF RFC 5321 [19]	Boundaries marked for mapping	
S: 220 foo.com Simple Mail Transfer Service Ready	} Transport Information	
C: EHLO bar.com		250
S: 250-foo.com greets bar.com		251
S: 250-8BITMIME		252
S: 250-SIZE		253
S: 250-DSN		254
S: 250 HELP		255
C: MAIL FROM:<JQP@bar.com>		256
S: 250 OK		257
C: RCPT TO:<Jones@XYZ.COM>		258
S: 250 OK	} original message	
C: DATA		259
S: 354 Start mail input; end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>	260	
C: Date: Thu, 21 May 1998 05:33:29 -0700 From: John Q. Public <JQP@bar.com> Subject: The Next Meeting of the Board To: Jones@xyz.com	} Header (submission metadata)	
C:		261
C: Bill: The next meeting of the board of directors will be on Tuesday. John.	} Body (Sender's user content)	
C:		262
C: .	} Closure Information	
S: 250 OK		263
C: QUIT		264
S: 221 foo.com Service closing transmission channel		

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**Figure 1: Boundaries in email stream example**

265 In the previous example, taken from IETF RFC 5321 [19], the **original message** represents the main interesting part to  
266 examine in the present document.

267 To do a parallel with the definitions contained in ETSI EN 319 522, the “Transport Information” and “Closure  
268 Information” sections are set apart and represent the “transport metadata”.

269 NOTE 5: Further considerations regarding specific protocol elements like Transport and Closure are out of scope  
270 for the present document and are, in some measure, managed in ETSI EN 319 532-4 [i.3] Clause 5.3.5 -  
271 CSI.

272 Whereas, the Header section contains the content metadata (referred in the present document as “submission  
273 metadata”). Finally, the Body section is the Sender’s user content.

274 Header and Body, together, form the “**original message**” and they represent the real object that is intended to be  
275 conveyed to the Recipient(s). Therefore, the **original message** contains some metadata.

276 The Figure 1 above represents the place where the object under description is located along the protocol stream.

277 Another important feature specific of REM is that, exactly the same standard wrapping mechanism, like that described  
278 above it is also used to create the “digital signed vector” composing the REM message structure. For example, in case  
279 of the **REM dispatch**, this vector is used to transport, as attachments, the **original message**, together the other REM  
280 message components, giving the possibility to make available the entire content comprehensible and usable by all the  
281 interested parts (from the Sender’s service provider up to the Recipient).

282 The following informative representation exemplifies this further step, by showing encapsulating of the **original**  
283 **message** in a **REM dispatch**.

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Example of a SMTP Stream adapted for REM	Boundaries marked for REM	
S: 220 ...	} Transport Information	287
C: EHLO ...		288
S: 250-...		289
S: 250-...		290
S: 250-...		291
S: 250 ...		292
C: MAIL FROM:...		293
S: 250 OK		294
C: RCPT TO:...		295
S: 250 OK		296
C: DATA	} REM dispatch	297
S: 354 Start mail input; end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>		298
C: Date: ...		299
C: From: REM Service Provider <...>		300
C: Subject: REMS-Message (....)		301
C: To: ...		302
C: ... descriptive/introduction text about constitution of the REM dispatch ... (this part is optional)		303
C: Header of original message plus BODY PARTS of original message ... (this part is optional)		304
C: ... ERDS evidence attachment ...		305
C: ... DIGITAL SIGNATURE ...		306
C: .	} Closure Information	307
S: 250 OK		308
C: QUIT		309
S: 221 ....		310

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- NOTE 6: The main Body Part of the REM message, when present, is the place where to put some explanatory/introduction text indicating the constitution of the message and / or elements to recognize the nature of the attachments (original message and / or ERDS evidence) and / or the description of eventual changes applied to some header of the submission metadata (see also Figure 3).
- NOTE 7: The Header of the original message (originally called "submission metadata") changes his nature after it is picked up by REMS and becomes part of the "REMS relay metadata".

**Figure 2: Enveloping of REM dispatch in email stream example**

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So the **original message** it is wrapped inside a "Body part" of a new digitally signed message used to protect the Sender's message up to the Recipient. Since the wrapping and the digital signature of the **original message** are realized by means of standard processes, the Recipients may access (and verify the REMS digital signature) of the Sender's message using normal email clients.

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The same mechanism shall be used for the enveloping the other objects relevant to the REM messages.

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Like the previous example, the Figure 2 above represents the place where the REM dispatch is located inside the protocol stream.

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Due to the peculiarity to have an auto-consistent REM message separated from "Transport/Closure Information" - parts of the communication stream - the entire set of REM definitions may work also with another type of transfer protocol.

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NOTE 8: This separation ensures that REM messages are completely unrelated to underlying protocol stream.

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In fact, the protocol involves only the "Transport Information" and "Closure Information" of the stream leaving the **REM message** unchanged, and using it as the new "Payload" of the entire REM service transaction. All the REM logic is defined inside the **REM message** object. How outlined in ETSI EN 319 532-4 [i.3] Clause 7, this makes REM, theoretically, independent from the particular transmission subsystem. Contemporarily, by means of this universal and standard enveloping modality, REM is recognizable by any standard email client of the initiator and/or the final users.

327 An important further distinction is that the transmission of information between the Sender's REMS and Recipient's  
 328 REMS happens according to the "attached" or "detached" forms. In the first case the **original message** is conveyed  
 329 inside a REM dispatch. In the latter, it is transmitted using another means (e.g. by a **ERD payload** or regular email  
 330 message or through a link where download it in the case of S&N style of operation). Whereas, the interrelated evidence  
 331 is sent apart to the Recipient, by a subsequent **REM message** containing the **ERDS evidence** attachment.

332 The final consideration that can be outlined in this section is that, for particular management purposes, the REM Service  
 333 could add/modify some header field to the **submission metadata** during the enveloping process. Anyway, these  
 334 changes should be limited to something that is proven as essential for the good working of the process and should be  
 335 fully defined in the specific REM implementation.

336 NOTE 9: E.g. update of the Message-ID header if it not present or it needs to be normalized to a universal  
 337 recognized identifier format, inside the context of the provided service. The original identifier, if  
 338 specified, is assigned to some new X-Header of the submission metadata and to the X-REM-  
 339 UAMessageIdentifier header of the REM message. A new regularized and **universal unique** Message-ID  
 340 is assigned to the submission metadata.

341 Furthermore, any of the aforementioned changes, needed for the said purposes, shall be clearly indicated to the Sender  
 342 and Recipient of the REM dispatch or the REM payload as outlined in the point 1) of the next section.

343 NOTE 10: The "REMS introduction MIME section" descriptive text (see Figure 3 of next section), for example, is  
 344 one of the places where to put such indication. Alternatively, the contract with the users represents  
 345 another place where to indicate this systematic practice.

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## 347 4.3 REM message - Structure Implementation

348 This clause provides a specification for the structure of a **REM message** based on the MIME format (see IETF RFC  
 349 2045 [17]). A REM message does not exist as a self-standing object, since it always appear in the context of one of a  
 350 REM dispatch, a REMS receipt, a REMS notification or a REM payload.

351 A REM message may flow between REMSP, and optionally from REMSPs to REM User Agents, as defined in ETSI  
 352 EN 319 532-1 [15]. No specifications are provided in the present document on how the generic REM message should  
 353 be tailored according to the specific mode of operation and interface it flows through.

354 A REM message is a structure for encapsulating ERDS evidence and/or **original message**. Moreover, it contains:

- 355 1) An (optional) introductory message-part displayed by the mail client application and in which the REMSP  
 356 explains the purpose of the current message and gives some details on the other parts attached to it and,  
 357 eventually, if some element of the **submission metadata** has been modified (see note 9 and note 10 in Clause  
 358 4.2). The actual message may also contain references to objects stored in a REMSP Repository.
- 359 2) A mandatory digital signature applied by the REMSP (the signature covers both the **original message**, when  
 360 present, and the ERDS evidence).
- 361 3) An (optional) REMS Extensions part that may be used to host an electronic time stamps certifying the  
 362 accuracy of the date and time of the event (sending, receipt or eventual changes) related to the current  
 363 message. Note that, when a current time stamp (it is typically a structured information, as an example in a  
 364 XML file), or a generic current time reference is associated to a REM message, all the date/time values -  
 365 relevant to the current time - present in REMS headers and/or ERDS evidence fields shall be aligned with the  
 366 same exact value of the applied current time stamp (or current time reference). It is not admitted to have  
 367 misaligned current time reference values among the significant time references (in any format, timezone etc.  
 368 they are) present in each REM message

369 NOTE 1: The extension place-holder has a multiple cardinality. Time stamp is just an example to cover the  
 370 regulation requirement. Other extensions with other purposes may be contemporarily present. This is one  
 371 of the possibilities. Another one is to host the time stamp in the signature as indicate in Clause 8.3.

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373 A REM message shall be structured with a Message Header containing the Header Fields followed by Message Body  
374 containing one or more Body Parts as defined in MIME (see IETF RFC 2045 [17]). The Message Body shall take the  
375 form of a multipart/mixed MIME structure in which every MIME-body-part contains one of the aforementioned  
376 elements (except the signature element). This multi-part/mixed MIME message shall constitute the signed MIME-body-  
377 part of a multipart/signed S/MIME message. The S/MIME signature contained in the last MIME part of the REM  
378 message shall therefore be the digital signature of the REMSP over the rest of the MIME parts that appear in the REM  
379 message.

380 This generic structure with all its elements is further depicted in Figure 3.

<b>REM message structure (in case of a REM message)</b>		Header		MIME message header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/signed</b> MIME message (see clause 6.2.1) [REMS relay metadata 1..1 plus optionally REMS handover metadata 0..1]					
		Body		MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/mixed</b> message (see clause 6.2.2) [REMS relay metadata]					
<b>REMS Signature</b>		<b>(signed data)</b>		Header					
				Body		MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/alternative</b> MIME content (see clause 6.2.4)			
				<b>REMS introduction MIME section [REMS relay metadata] 0..1</b>		Header		MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/plain</b> (see clause 6.2.4.2)	
						Body		A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Text may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).	
						Header		MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/html</b> (see clause 6.2.4.3)	
						Body		A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Html may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).	
				<b>original message MIME section 0..1</b>		Header		MIME part header fields (profiled for an enveloped <b>message/rfc822</b> message) of a self-contained IETF RFC 5322 [7] message as submitted by the sender: the <b>submission metadata</b> that becomes part of the <b>REMS relay metadata</b> (see clause 6.3.2)	
						Body		Body of a self-contained IETF RFC 5322 [7] message as submitted by the sender: the <b>user content</b> (see clause 6.3.3)	
				<b>REMS Extensions MIME section 0..N</b>		Header		MIME part header fields profiled for extensions, e.g. <b>application/xml</b> (see clause 6.2.5)	
						Body		Optional attachment to be used by possible extensions	
<b>ERDS evidence MIME section 0..N</b>		Header		MIME part header fields profiled for an <b>application/octet-stream</b> , <b>application/xml</b> or <b>application/pdf</b> (see clause 6.2.6)					
		Body		Optional ERDS evidence as required by the specific content-type					
Header		MIME part header fields profiled to S/MIME <b>application/pkcs7-signature</b> signature on the whole REM message (see clause 6.2.3)							
Body		S/MIME digital signature generated by the REMSP covering the whole structure							

Figure 3: REM message generic template

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385 Figure 3 - without the grey part - presents the full skeleton of a generic REM message. When it includes the grey part  
 386 (the **original message** MIME section) it represents the structure of a REM dispatch or a REM payload.

387 The following figures shall present the full definition and profiling of the REM message. They are built starting from  
 388 the ERD message affine structure, defined in Table 1 of ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 4, with the emphasis of REM  
 389 specific aspects and peculiarities.

<b>REM dispatch structure</b>	Header	MIME message header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/signed</b> MIME message (see clause 6.2.1) [REMS relay metadata 1..1 plus optionally REMS handover metadata 0..1]				
	Body	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/mixed</b> message (see clause 6.2.2) [REMS relay metadata]			
		Body	Body	REMS introduction MIME section [REMS relay metadata] 0..1	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/alternative</b> MIME content (see clause 6.2.4)
					Plain text introduction	Header
				Html introduction		Body
					Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/html</b> (see clause 6.2.4.3)
				Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Html may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).	
				original message MIME section 1..1	Header	MIME part header fields (profiled for an enveloped <b>message/rfc822</b> message) of a self-contained IETF RFC 5322 [7] message as submitted by the sender: the <b>submission metadata</b> that becomes part of the <b>REMS relay metadata</b> (see clause 6.3.2)
		Body	Body of a self-contained IETF RFC 5322 [7] message as submitted by the sender: the <b>user content</b> (see clause 6.3.3)			
		REMS Extensions MIME section 0..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for extensions, e.g. <b>application/xml</b> (see clause 6.2.5)		
			Body	Optional attachment to be used by possible extensions		
		ERDS evidence MIME section 0..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for an <b>application/octet-stream</b> , <b>application/xml</b> or <b>application/pdf</b> (see clause 6.2.6)		
	Body		Optional ERDS evidence as required by the specific content-type			
REMS Signature	Header	MIME part header fields profiled to S/MIME <b>application/pkcs7-signature</b> signature on the whole REM message (see clause 6.2.3)				
	Body	S/MIME digital signature generated by the REMSP covering the whole structure				

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**Figure 4: REM dispatch structure**

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<b>REMS receipt structure</b>	Header	MIME message header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/signed</b> MIME message (see clause 6.2.1) [ <i>REMS relay metadata 1..1 plus optionally REMS handover metadata 0..1</i> ]						
	Body	(signed data)	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/mixed</b> message (see clause 6.2.2) [ <i>REMS relay metadata</i> ]				
			Body	REMS introduction MIME section [ <i>REMS relay metadata</i> ] 0..1	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/alternative</b> MIME content (see clause 6.2.4)		
					Body	Plain text introduction	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/plain</b> (see clause 6.2.4.2)
						Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Text may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).	
					Header	Html introduction	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/html</b> (see clause 6.2.4.3)
			Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Html may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).				
			Body	REMS Extensions MIME section 0..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for extensions, e.g. <b>application/xml</b> (see clause 6.2.5)		
					Body	Optional attachment to be used by possible extensions		
			Body	ERDS evidence MIME section 1..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for an <b>application/octet-stream</b> , <b>application/xml</b> or <b>application/pdf</b> (see clause 6.2.6)		
					Body	ERDS evidence as required by the specific content-type		
	REMS Signature	Header	MIME part header fields profiled to S/MIME <b>application/pkcs7-signature</b> signature on the whole REM message (see clause 6.2.3)					
Body		S/MIME digital signature generated by the REMSP covering the whole structure						

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Figure 5: REMS receipt structure

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<b>REMS notification structure</b>	Header	MIME message header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/signed</b> MIME message (see clause 6.2.1) [ <b>REMS relay metadata 1..1 plus optionally REMS handover metadata 0..1</b> ]				
	Body	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/mixed</b> message (see clause 6.2.2) [ <b>REMS relay metadata</b> ]			
		Body	REMS introduction MIME section [REMS relay metadata] 0..1	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/alternative</b> MIME content (see clause 6.2.4)	
				Body	Plain text introduction Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/plain</b> (see clause 6.2.4.2)
					Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Text may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).
				Body	Html introduction Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/html</b> (see clause 6.2.4.3)
		Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Html may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).			
		Body	REMS Extensions MIME section 0..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for extensions, e.g. <b>application/xml</b> (see clause 6.2.5)	
				Body	Optional attachment to be used by possible extensions	
		Body	ERDS evidence MIME section 0..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for an <b>application/octet-stream</b> , <b>application/xml</b> or <b>application/pdf</b> (see clause 6.2.6)	
Body	Optional ERDS evidence as required by the specific content-type					
REMS Signature	Header	MIME part header fields profiled to S/MIME <b>application/pkcs7-signature</b> signature on the whole REM message (see clause 6.2.3)				
	Body	S/MIME digital signature generated by the REMSP covering the whole structure				

Figure 6: REMS notification structure

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<b>REM payload structure</b>	Header	MIME message header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/signed</b> MIME message (see clause 6.2.1) [ <b>REMS relay metadata 1..1 plus optionally REMS handover metadata 0..1</b> ]						
	Body	(signed data)	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/mixed</b> message (see clause 6.2.2) [ <b>REMS relay metadata</b> ]				
			Body	REMS introduction MIME section [REMS relay metadata] 0..1	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for a <b>multipart/alternative</b> MIME content (see clause 6.2.4)		
					Body	Plain text introduction	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/plain</b> (see clause 6.2.4.2)
						Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Text may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).	
					Body	Html introduction	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for <b>text/html</b> (see clause 6.2.4.3)
			Body	A message created by the REMSP, which is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the REM message. Html may contain URIs and other information for the user (see clause 6.2.4.4).				
			Body	original message MIME section 1..1	Header	MIME part header fields (profiled for an enveloped <b>message/rfc822</b> message) of a self-contained IETF RFC 5322 [7] message as submitted by the sender: the <b>submission metadata</b> that becomes part of the <b>REMS relay metadata</b> (see clause 6.3.2)		
					Body	Body of a self-contained IETF RFC 5322 [7] message as submitted by the sender: the <b>user content</b> (see clause 6.3.3)		
			Body	REMS Extensions MIME section 0..N	Header	MIME part header fields profiled for extensions, e.g. <b>application/xml</b> (see clause 6.2.5)		
					Body	Optional attachment to be used by possible extensions		
	REMS Signature	Header	MIME part header fields profiled to S/MIME <b>application/pkcs7-signature</b> signature on the whole REM message (see clause 6.2.3)					
Body		S/MIME digital signature generated by the REMSP covering the whole structure						

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Figure 7: REM payload structure

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415 The cardinality numbers present in the boxes shall indicate the number of occurrences of any MIME part:

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- **0..1** indicates an optional part,
- **0..N** indicates an optional part that may occur any number of times.
- Parts not otherwise indicated by cardinality numbers or remarked for clarity with 1..1 shall occur exactly once.

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419 The following clauses aim at further profiling/constraining each header of this generic message structure.

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420 The present document does not impose any constraint on those header fields not listed in the tables below [6.2].

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NOTE 2: Jointly with the previous structures, see also Table 1 of ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 4 and Table 1 of ETSI EN 319 532-2 [16] Clause 4.1.

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## 5 REMS - identification formats

424 The present section of the document aims to provide details about REMS identification formats. For this purpose the  
 425 content and relevant specifications defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 5, the identity components defined in  
 426 Table 6 of ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 8.1 and the formats defined in ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] Clause 5 shall  
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## 6 REMS - relay metadata formats

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### 6.1 Introduction

431 The present section intends to detail the REMS relay metadata formats. For this purpose the content and relevant  
 432 components defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clauses 6.1, 6.2 shall apply.

433 The composition of the REM message headers is derived starting from the template structure of Figure 3.

434 Furthermore, the next table contains a mapping between the general semantic content of ERDS and the same concepts  
 435 applied to REM headers.

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Semantic content (from ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13])	Mapping to IETF RFC 5322 [7] header elements
Metadata version	X-REM-MetadataVersion header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.1 - MD01
Relay date and time	X-REM-RelayDate header field (see Clause 6.2.1). The format of this optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.2 - MD02 and with clause 3.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7].
Expiry date and time	X-REM-ExpirationDate header field (see Clause 6.2.1). The format of this optional value shall be compliant with with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.3 - MD03 and clause 3.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7].
Recipient required authentication level	X-REM-RecipientAuthenticationLevel header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.4 - MD04.
Applicable policy	X-REM-ApplicablePolicy header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.5 – MD05.
Mode of consignment	X-REM-ModeOfConsignment header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.6 – MD06.
Scheduled delivery	X-REM-ScheduledDelivery header field (see Clause 6.2.1). The format of this optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.7 - MD07 and with clause 3.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7].
Sender's identifier	X-REM-SenderIdentityData header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.8 - MD08

Sender's replyto address	"Reply-To" header field (see Clause 6.2.1 below). This value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.9 - MD09
Recipient's identifier	X-REM-RecipientIdentityData header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.10 – MD10.
ERD Message identifier	"Message-ID" header field (see Clause 6.2.1 below). This value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.11 - MD011
In reply to	X-REM-InReplyTo header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.12 – MD12
User content information: Content type	"Content-Type" header field (see Clause 6.2.1 below).
User content information: Subject	"Subject" header field (see Clause 6.2.1 below).
ERD Message type	X-REM-MessageType header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.13 – MD13
User content information:Message digest	X-REM-hashValue header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.
User content information:Message original identifier	X-REM-UAMessageIdentifier header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.
User content information: AttachmentInformation	X-REM-AttachmentInformation header field (see Clause 6.2.1). This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2. Furthermore, it is related to attachment information natively contained in the MIME headers.
Signature	See headers in Clause 6.2.3
Extensions	Other metadata may be specified with the mechanism defined in the Clause 6.2.1. This optional value shall be compliant with the correspondent format defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 6.2.15 - MD015

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## 6.2 REMS - whole Headers formats

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### 6.2.1 REM message - Headers formats

Content-Type	The value for this header shall be "multipart/signed". The 'protocol' parameter value shall be "application/pkcs7-signature". The 'micalg' parameter value should be conformant to TS 119 312 [i.7]. The 'boundary' parameter value should be conformant to IETF RFC 2046 [18]
MIME-Version	The value for this header shall be "1.0".
Message-ID	The value for this header should be an UID as defined in IETF RFC 5322 [7].
Date	The value for this header shall be compliant with clause 3.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7].
From	The value for this header should be either a REMSP service address (e.g. "<service_rem_md_x@rem_md_x.com>" or a transformation of the original From field to show the role of the REMSP (e.g. "on behalf of user@rem_md_x.com <service_rem_md_x@rem_md_x.com>").
To	The value for this header shall be compliant with clause 3.6.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7]. In the case of a REM dispatch the value for this header shall match the value of the 'To' header field in the <b>original message</b> . In the case of a REM message carrying evidence for the Sender, the value for this header may match the value of the 'From' header field in the <b>original message</b> .
Cc	The value for this optional header shall be compliant with clause 3.6.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7]. REMS should assign a value to this header only in case of REM dispatch and, in such case, the value shall match the value of the 'Cc' header field in the <b>original message</b> .
Subject	The value for this header should be transformed starting from the Subject header field contained in the original sender's message, in order to indicate the role that the REM message has within the flow. (E.g.: "REM dispatch: subject_of_original_message" if the message is an envelope for the original sender's message, "REM Delivery Receipt: subject_of_original_message" if the REM message is a delivery receipt).
Reply-To	The value for this header shall be compliant with clause 3.6.3 of IETF RFC 5322 [7]. In the case of a REM dispatch the value for this header shall match the value of the 'From' header field in the <b>original message</b> . In the case of a REM message carrying evidence for the Sender, this header field should not appear, and if it appears, its value should be the REMS service address.

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442 The header of each REM message may inherit also other header fields (e.g. return-path, received, etc) from the **original**  
 443 **message** that are relevant for a particular profile or a peer-to-peer agreement. Furthermore, the header of each REM  
 444 message may contain optional Extension Header Fields. The purpose of these headers is to give immediate access to  
 445 important identification information, which is so already present in either the ERDS evidence or REM message, instead  
 446 of forcing recipient REMSPs to go through the ERDS evidence.

447 NOTE 1: To be more accurate, here, REMSP is intended as the software implementing the REM services.

448 The syntax of these optional parameters is according to the following specification:

449 X-REM-Msg-Type: <value>

450 where <value> shall be:

- 451 • "Dispatch" for a REM dispatch (i.e. the **original message** by the sender is included)
- 452 • "Receipt" for a REMS receipt
- 453 • "Notification" for a REMS notification
- 454 • "Payload" for a REM payload

455 X-REM-<component>: <value>

456 where:

- 457 • <component> is a label (possibly related to the identification code of a ERDS relay metadata Component or  
 458 subcomponent or a ERDS evidence Component or subcomponent - see clause 7.2 for a full list of these  
 459 components and their codes - e.g. G01, G02, etc).

460 NOTE 2: - See Table 3 in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clauses 6.1 for a full list of identification codes of ERDS  
 461 relay metadata components - e.g. MD01, MD02, etc.  
 462 - See Table 6 in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clauses 7.1 for a full list of identification codes of ERDS  
 463 evidence components - e.g. G01, R01, I01, etc.

464 • <value> is a correspondent value for the component.

465 As an example, with the aforementioned mechanism, the following headers field may be introduced:

- 466 • X-REM-G02: <Evidence identifier value>
- 467 • X-REM-R01: <Evidence issuer policy identifier>

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469 The following specific headers field may be also introduced:

- 470 • X-REM-hashAlgorithm: <algorithm used in hash computation>
- 471 • X-REM-hashValue: <sender's Message Hash>
- 472 • X-REM-UAMessageIdentifier: < identifier of the **original message** submitted by the UA>

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474 In case the <value> to assign to any aforementioned headers is in a structured or non-textual format, a base64 encoding  
 475 should be used to correctly represent it, in a unique header, according to the IETF RFC 2046 [18] specification.

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## 477 6.2.2 REM message - signed data Headers formats

Content-Type	This header shall be present and the value for it shall be: "multipart/mixed"
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## 479 6.2.3 REMS - signature Headers formats

480 The fields defined in the following table and their respective values shall adhere to the sections 3.2.1 and 3.4.3 of  
 481 RFC 5751 [6].

Content-Type	This header shall be present and the value for it shall be: "application/pkcs7-signature; name=smime.p7s". The parameter 'name' should be present and its value should be "smime.p7s".
Content-Transfer-Encoding	This header should be present. The value for this header shall be: "base64".
Content-Disposition	This header shall be present and the value for it shall be: "attachment". The value of the 'filename' parameter should be "smime.p7s".
Content-Description	The value for this header may be: "S/MIME Cryptographic Signature".

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483 Even if sender REMSPs have to include the field Content-Disposition and fill in the name/filename parameters,  
 484 recipient REMSPs shall be able to correctly interpret incoming messages without Content-Disposition and/or  
 485 name/filename parameters.

486 NOTE: To be more accurate, here, REMSP is intended as the software implementing the REM services.

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## 488 6.2.4 REMS - introduction Headers-Body formats

### 489 6.2.4.1 Introduction

490 This optional MIME part shall be structured as follows and in the next inner sub-parts:

Content-Type	The value for this field shall be: " <b>multipart/alternative</b> "
X-REM-Section-Type	The value of this optional field should be "rem_message/introduction"

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492 NOTE: The order chosen for the following two parts (body of the “multipart/alternative” header defined in the  
 493 previous section - and so mutually substitutable) ends with the choice that the email clients usually  
 494 interpret as preferred, as indicated in IETF RFC 2046 [18] (the best choice is the LAST part of a type  
 495 supported by the recipient system's local environment).

#### 496 6.2.4.2 multipart/alternative: free text subsection Headers formats

Content-Type	The value for this field shall be: "text/plain". The value of the 'charset' parameter should be "UTF-8".
Content-Disposition	The value of this header shall be "inline" as it is intended to be displayed automatically upon display of the message in mail client.
Content-Transfer-Encoding	The value for this field should be: 7bit, 8bit or quoted-printable.

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#### 498 6.2.4.3 multipart/alternative: HTML subsection Headers formats

Content-Type	The value for this field shall be: "text/html";. The value of the 'charset' parameter should be "UTF-8".
Content-Transfer-Encoding	The value for this field should be: 7bit, 8bit or quoted-printable.

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#### 500 6.2.4.4 Introduction body formats

501 The optional “introduction text” for the REM message is positioned in two different places represented by the body  
 502 parts of the two previous clauses 6.2.4.2 for plain-text and 6.2.4.3 for HTML. Its informational content shall be  
 503 equivalent in both formats plain text and HTML and the HTML shall not contain active code.

504 If the present part contains some URL, it shall be indicated explicitly in the visible text. The printed part (that is the  
 505 Hypertext visible to the user) shall be the same as the hidden part (that is the real location where the web browser is  
 506 redirected clicking on it).

507 NOTE: As indicated in the note 10 in Clause 4.2 at page 15, the introduction text represents one of the places  
 508 where to indicate to the users of the REM service any eventual and necessary rectification applied to  
 509 some header of submission metadata by the REMS.

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#### 511 6.2.5 REMS - extensions MIME section Headers formats

512 This optional MIME part shall be structured as follows:

Content-Type	The value for this header should be "application/xml". The value of the 'name' parameter should be "<REM_EXTENTION_NAME>.xml". The value of the 'charset' parameter should be "UTF-8".
Content-Transfer-Encoding	The value of this header shall be "quoted-printable" or "base64" or "binary".
Content-Disposition	The value of this header shall be "attachment". The value of the 'filename' parameter shall match the value of the 'name' parameter of the Content-Type header.
X-REM-Section-Type	The value of this optional field should be "rem_message/extension".
X-REM-Extension-Code	The value of this optional field is not defined here. It should be in accordance with the type of the attachment, in order to allow for automatic processing.

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514 The structures and or the names or type-extensions of these optional attachments are not defined here, since they are left  
 515 for any possible extensions to be agreed on a peer-to-peer basis (e.g. automatic processing of download URI in S&N  
 516 style of operation, insertion of Electronic PostMark, etc.) or to cover particular requirements coming in the future.

517 In particular, one of these extensions may be used to associate an electronic time stamp (see note 1 in Clause 4.3 at page  
 518 15) to the REM message certifying the date and time of sending, receiving and/or any change/transformation of the  
 519 message transmitted from the sender to the recipient.

520 In case one extension is used to transport information relevant to the “time” to which the event (Message or Evidence)  
 521 is referring, all the time references present in REM message (e.g. G05 - Event Time defined in Table 6 of ETSI EN 319  
 522 522-2 [13] Clauses 8.1) shall report a unique and aligned time value to that provided by the **electronic time stamp**.

523 This unique value shall be the official certified time reference related to the event (e.g. the precise date/time of taking in  
524 charge/transferring the responsibility about a digital communication).

525 NOTE: The Event Time above is intended as a UTC date and time.

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## 527 6.2.6 ERDS evidence - MIME section Headers formats

### 528 6.2.6.1 Introduction

529 The present section defines the specific headers provided for the ERDS evidence contained inside a REM message (see  
530 Clause 7 for the whole Evidence set and from Figure 3 to Figure 6 for the applications of the ERDS evidence inside a  
531 REM message). The header set shall be structured as follows.

532 According to the interoperability profiles, **XML** is the preferred format to choose for the Evidence attachment.

533 NOTE 1: Making that choice, it facilitates the interoperability in open or between heterogeneous services  
534 interactions.

535 **PDF** Evidence format, although valid, it is thought more for final human usage rather than in situations where  
536 interoperability has to be addressed or automatic processes have to take some decision based on Evidence content.  
537 **XML** format is better suited for these last cases, where the automatic processing of the evidence content prevails over  
538 its immediate human interpretation. For the aforementioned reasons, the detailed specification of PDF evidence format  
539 is out of scope of the present specification and it is left to specific implementations of REMS.

540 The tag <REM\_EVIDENCE\_NAME> present in the next two tables should be instantiated, time to time, with the name  
541 of the evidence to which it relates. These names, should assume the value of G02 code (see note 2 below) according to  
542 the event (see note 3 below) to which the evidence is referring (e.g. SubmissionAcceptance.xml,  
543 SubmissionRejection.xml, etc.).

544 NOTE 2: See the definition of G02 - Event identifier code in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 7.2.2.

545 NOTE 3: See the full list of the ERDS event in ETSI EN 319 522-1 [12] Table 1.

546 According to the structure of Figure 3, more than one evidence is allowed be attached to each REM message. **These**  
547 **(optional) additional Evidence attachments** (eventually different - in terms of semantic/content/name - from all the  
548 Evidence set provided with the present technical specification) obey to peer-to-peer and/or interoperability agreements  
549 and/or specific profiles. In any case, these eventual additional evidence attachments should be specified, in the MIME  
550 header structure, according with their type, in a similar way of that defined for XML and PDF below.

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### 552 6.2.6.2 XML format

Content-Type	The value for this header shall be "application/xml" The value of the 'name' parameter shall be "<REM_EVIDENCE_NAME>.xml" The value of the 'charset' parameter shall be "UTF-8"
Content-Transfer-Encoding	The value of this header shall be "quoted-printable"
Content-Disposition	The value of this header shall be "attachment" The value of the 'filename' parameter shall match the value of the 'name' parameter of the Content-Type header
X-REM-Section-Type	The value of this optional field should be "rem_message/xml_evidence".

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### 554 6.2.6.3 PDF format

Content-Type	The value for this header shall be "application/pdf" The value of the 'name' parameter shall be "<REM EVIDENCE_NAME>.pdf"
Content-Transfer-Encoding	The value of this header shall be "base64" or "binary"
Content-Disposition	The value of this header shall be "attachment" The value of the 'filename' parameter shall match the value of the 'name' parameter of the Content-Type header
X-REM-Section-Type	The value of this optional field should be "rem_message/pdf_evidence".

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## 6.3 REMS - user content formats

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### 6.3.1 Introduction

559 This section contains the MIME headers definitions and formats for the **original message** packaging and makes only  
560 sense when the message has to be conveyed to the Recipient by value (in the Store & Forward Style of operations).

561 The whole MIME for the **original message** (see Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 7 for the applications inside a REM  
562 message) shall be structured as follows.

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### 6.3.2 original message - MIME section Headers formats

Content-Type	The value for this field shall be: "message/rfc822". The 'name' parameter value shall be "AttachedMimeMessage".
Content-Transfer-Encoding:	The value of this header shall be "binary"
Content-Disposition	The value for this field shall be: "attachment". The value of the 'filename' parameter shall match the value of the 'name' parameter of the Content-Type header.
X-REM-Section-Type	The value of this optional field should be "rem_message/original".

565 NOTE: These header fields are parts of the submission metadata that converge inside the REMS relay metadata.

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### 6.3.3 original message - MIME section Body formats

568 It contains the "**user content**" (that represents the "payload") as the Sender submits it.

569 NOTE 1: From the formal viewpoint, the user content is part of the original message but is not part of the REMS  
570 relay metadata (object of the current section of the present document). Anyway, it is introduced here to  
571 define the place where it appears inside the entire morphology and to maintain the coherence with MIME  
572 structure description.

573 Some change is admitted on the submission metadata part (Header of the **original message**), but only if it is limited to  
574 what is effectively necessary for the good working of the REM exchange of information (e.g. the MessageID as also  
575 previously mentioned, see notes 9 and 10 in Clause 4.2 at page 15). Furthermore, any necessary change shall be clearly  
576 pointed out to the Sender (e.g. in the Evidence) and to the Recipient (e.g. in the Evidence and/or in the introduction  
577 message defined in 6.2.4.4).

578 NOTE 2: The order, inside the MIME structure of the REM Message - where this and also the other header fields of  
579 clauses 6.2.x, appear - is not necessarily that identified in the present description (in fact this description  
580 is ordered to maintain a logical coherence with the other parts of the entire technical specification).

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## 7 REMS - evidence set and components formats

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### 7.1 ERDS evidence set overview

584 The present section aims to provide the components and the format details of the ERDS evidence set relevant for REM.  
585 For this purpose the ERDS events listed in the Table 1 of ETSI EN 319 522-1 [12] and the application to REM detailed  
586 in ETSI EN 319 532-1 [15] Clause 6 shall apply.

587 For the same purpose, also the general semantic defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 7 shall apply.

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## 589 7.2 ERDS evidence components

590 Specifications on evidence content and relevant components defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.3  
591 shall apply.

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## 593 7.3 ERDS evidence set structure

594 Specification for the structure of ERDS evidence set provided in Table 13 of ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 7.4 -  
595 Requirements for components of evidence shall apply. Such definitions have to be mapped from the ERDS general  
596 context to REMS according to the content of the previous clauses.

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## 598 7.4 ERDS evidence XML formats

599 The present section intends to provide the XML format details about the ERDS evidence set relevant to REM. For this  
600 purpose the definitions present in ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] Clause 5 shall apply.

601 Furthermore, other mappings or adaptations are admitted or could be provided in next version of the present document  
602 or in other documents as agreements among interested parties.

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# 604 8 REMS - signatures formats

## 605 8.1 Introduction

606 The present section intends to provide the format details about the signatures involved in the REM messages. For this  
607 purpose the general definitions present in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 7 shall apply.

608 The algorithms and key lengths used to generate digital signatures should be as specified in ETSI TS 119 312 [i.7].

609 Within a REM message the following digital signatures are applied:

- 610 • Signatures generated by a REMSP or by the delegated entity on each ERDS evidence individually.
- 611 • S/MIME signature protecting all the MIME parts that constitute a REM message. This signature is generated  
612 by a REMSP.

613 **NOTE:** Senders may additionally sign the **original message** submitted to the recipient, supporting the signature  
614 with own certificates. These signatures are outside of the scope of the present document.

615 All the above signatures may coexists, each securing one part of the REM message.

616 Next sub clauses specify the details relevant to formats of the signatures that apply on the different parts composing a  
617 REM message.

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## 619 8.2 Signatures individually signing REMS Evidences

620 For this type of signatures requirements specified in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 7.2 and ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14]  
621 Clause 5.2.2.26 shall apply.

622 In addition, in case PDF evidence format is used, it is recommended that it is protected by PAdES digital signatures as  
623 defined in EN 319 142-1 [8].

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## 625 8.3 Signatures on REM messages

626 For signatures that sign all the components of REM messages the general requirements specified in ETSI EN 319 522-2  
627 [13] Clause 7.2 for this type of signatures shall apply.

628 In addition, the following requirements shall apply:

- 629 1) The signature shall be applied to the message using S/MIME multipart/signed as defined in RFC 5751 [6]. This  
630 signature shall protect all the MIME parts that constitute a REM message.
- 631 2) The digital signature should be a CADES signature according to the semantics specified in ETSI EN 319 522-2  
632 [13] clause 8.2.9.

633 NOTE: For the purposes to cover advanced digital signature on MIME, CADES specification provides examples  
634 of structured contents, MIME and S/MIME digital signatures in Annex D of EN 319 122-1 [1].

- 635 3) This digital signature should be a CADES baseline signature as specified in ETSI EN 319 122-1 [1].  
636 This digital signature may include the signed attribute `signature-policy-identifier`, containing the  
637 explicit identifier of the signature policy governing the signing and validating processes.  
638 Once the CADES-B-B baseline signature has been generated, it should be augmented to a CADES-B-T baseline  
639 signature by incorporation into the digital signature of the unsigned attribute `signature-time-`  
640 `stampstamp`, containing a time-stamp token computed as specified in ETSI EN 319 122-1.  
641 The signing certificate of this digital signature shall meet the requirements specified in in ETSI EN 319 522-2  
642 [13] clause 9.3.

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## 645 9 Common Service Interface formats

646 The present section of the document aims to provide formats about the Common Service Interface (CSI) procedures.  
647 These include techniques to resolve the identification of recipients, collect metadata for capabilities of the recipient  
648 REMS, identification and routing information of the recipient REMS, provide metadata capabilities of sender REMS,  
649 evaluate trust among interoperable REMS. For this purpose all or parts of the concepts defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2  
650 [13] Clause 9 - Common Services Interface Content, and ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] Clause 6 - Service Discovery Format  
651 should apply.

652 In particular:

- 653 1) The preferred **routing** strategy should be throughout DNS, even if other techniques may be used, according to  
654 the interoperability profile or peer-to-peer agreements between REMSP.  
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- 656 2) The preferred **trusting** strategy should be according to the concepts defined in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause  
657 9.3 - ERDS trust establishment and governance and the formats defined in ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] Clause 6.  
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- 659 3) The preferred **discovery** strategy should be according to ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] Clauses 6.1 (SML) and 6.2  
660 (SMP).  
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662 Furthermore, other protocols or adaptations of the aforementioned processes are admitted, according to specifications  
663 provided in future version of the present document or in other documents as agreements among interested parties.

664 The “identification” of the recipient is possible also before the delivery of the REM message from the sender’s  
665 REMSSP to the recipient’s REMSP by means of the aforementioned discovery techniques or according to peer-to-peer  
666 protocols agreed between REMSP.

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## Annex A (informative): REM message examples

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From sender@senderdomain.eu Thu Dec 15 13:01:36 2016
Return-Path: <sender@senderdomain.eu>
Reply-To: "Sender common name" <sender@senderdomain.eu>
From: "On behalf of: sender@senderdomain.eu" <rem-message@s-rems.eu>
To: <recipient@r-rems.eu>
Subject: REM MESSAGE: purchase order n. 1237
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2016 13:01:34 +0100
Message-ID: <76A0CF65.00566CE0.025BE6B4.85251369.rem-message@s-rems.eu>
X-REM-Msg-Type: Dispatch
X-REM-G02: 6C64B129829AC96401AD6740A55936FB58E4C67A
X-REM-hashAlgorithm: sha-256
X-REM-hashValue: D9CD8155764C3543F10FAD8A480D743137466F8D55213C8EAEFCD12F06D43A80
X-REM-UAMessageIdentifier: <00be01d30072$fde7b950$f9b72bf0$@de>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/signed;
    boundary="----- Part 25506461 161465589.1481803294404";
    protocol="application/pkcs7-signature";
    micalg=sha-1

This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

-----=_Part_25506461_161465589.1481803294404
Content-Type: multipart/mixed;
    boundary="----- Part 25506459 1876869085.1481803294402"

-----=_Part_25506459_1876869085.1481803294402
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
    boundary="-----_Part_25506458_953555057.1481803294401"

-----= Part 25506458 953555057.1481803294401
Content-Type: text/plain;
    charset="UTF-8"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
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Editorial note: A complete example will be provided in the next versions of the present document.
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732 **Annex B (normative):**  
733 **Event reason identifiers and codes**

734 The present section provides further details in respect to the Clause 7 on ERDS evidence formats. For this purpose the  
735 reasons and the relevant codes listed in ETSI EN 319 522-2 [13] Clause 8.3.3 and related annexes shall apply.

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737 **Annex C (normative):**  
738 **XML Schema for Evidence encoded in XML**

739 The present section provides further details in respect to the Clause 7 on ERDS evidence formats. For this purpose the  
740 XML formats the relevant schema definitions defined in ETSI EN 319 522-3 [14] Clause 5.2.2 and related annexes and  
741 attachments shall apply.

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