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## Foreword

This draft European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI), and is now submitted for the combined Public Enquiry and Vote phase of the ETSI standards EN Approval Procedure.

The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable specifying Associated Signature Containers (ASiC), as identified below:

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## Introduction

When signing data, the resultant signature needs to be associated with the data to which it applies. This can be achieved either by creating a data set which combines the signature and the data that was signed (e.g. by enveloping the data with the signature or including a signature element in the data set) or placing the (detached) signature in a separate resource and have some external means for associating the signature with the data to which it applies. While there are some advantages to the use of detached signatures, most significantly their non-modification of the original data objects, there remains a risk that the signature becomes separated from the data to which it applies and so losing the association. Therefore, many application systems have developed their own technique for combining a detached signature with the signed object in some form of container so that they can be more easily distributed and guarantee that the correct signature and any relevant metadata is used when validating. The same requirements apply to associate time assertions (i.e. time-stamp tokens or evidence records) to their associated data.

The present document defines a standardized use of container types to establish a common way for associating files containing data objects with files containing digital signatures and/or time-assertions. Using a common container form and associated information will facilitate data interchange and interoperability among various signing and validation services.

Whilst ZIP [5] provides a basic container structure that can associate files containing data objects (file objects) and the signature(s) that apply to them, there is a recognized need for additional structure and metadata about the association, for example to link a particular signature with the file object to which it is applied. Other formats have already been specified for the use of ZIP based structures to bind together a number of file objects with related metadata. This includes OCF [4] which was originally designed for use by eBooks but has been adopted as the basis for other containers, for example ODF [6]. The present document builds on this work specifically addressing the requirements of associating a digital signature with any type of data, independent of the needs of any particular document or data type.

The present document is intended to cover containers including digital signatures and time-assertions supported by PKI and public key certificates, and aims to meet the general requirements of the international community to provide trust and confidence in electronic transactions, including, amongst other, applicable requirements from Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.3].

The present document is part of a rationalized framework of standards (see ETSI TR 119 000 [i.9]). ETSI TR 119 100 [i.1] provides guidance on how to use the present document within the aforementioned framework.

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies Associated Signature Containers (ASiC) which bind together into one single digital container based on ZIP [5] either detached digital signatures or time-assertions, with a number of file objects (e.g. documents, XML structured data, spreadsheet, multimedia content) to which they apply.

The present document specifies general purpose ASiC containers building blocks and a limited set of baseline containers.

ASiC supports the following signature and time assertion formats:

- CAdES digital signatures (ETSI EN 319 122-1 [1] and ETSI EN 319 122-2 [11]);
- XAdES digital signatures (ETSI EN 319 132-1 [2] and ETSI EN 319 132-2 [12]);
- IETF RFC 3161 [3] and updated by IETF RFC 5816 [13] time-stamp tokens; and
- IETF RFC 4998 [8] or IETF RFC 6283 [9] evidence records.

NOTE: No restriction is placed on time assertions eventually used within CAdES/XAdES.

The building blocks defined in the present document support additional features not supported by the aforementioned formats, such as time-stamping and CAdES signing of multiple content and XAdES parallel signatures, that can be used in other contexts.

The present document defines baseline containers which provide the basic features necessary for a wide range of business and governmental use cases for electronic procedures and communications to be applicable to a wide range of communities when there is a clear need for interoperability.

The present document defines four levels of ASiC baseline containers addressing incremental requirements to maintain the validity of the containers over the long term, suitably profiled for reducing the optionality as much as possible, in a way that a certain level always addresses all the requirements addressed at levels that are below it.

ASiC containers specified in the two parts of this multipart deliverable aim at supporting containers in different regulatory frameworks.

The present document does not address the identification of the validation policy to be used for verifying a container that contains time-stamp assertions.

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### 2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ETSI EN 319 122-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CAdES digital signatures; Part 1: Building blocks and CAdES baseline signatures".
- [2] ETSI EN 319 132-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XAdES digital signatures; Part 1: Building blocks and XAdES baseline signatures".
- [3] IETF RFC 3161: "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Time-Stamp Protocol (TSP)".

[4] ISO/IEC TS 30135 (all parts): "Information technology -- Digital publishing -- EPUB3".

NOTE: Available at <http://idpf.org/epub/30/spec/epub30-ocf.html>.

[5] PKWARE® ".ZIP Application Note".

NOTE 1: If available in time a reference to ISO/IEC 21320-1 (now under development) will possibly be added.

NOTE 2: Available at <http://www.pkware.com/support/zip-application-note>.

[6] OASIS: "Open Document Format for Office Applications (OpenDocument) Version 1.2; Part 3: Packages" 29 September 2011.

[7] IETF RFC 3986: "Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax".

[8] IETF RFC 4998: "Evidence Record Syntax (ERS)".

[9] IETF RFC 6283: "Extensible Markup Language Evidence Record Syntax (XMLERS)".

[10] IETF RFC 1951: "DEFLATE Compressed Data Format Specification version 1.3".

[11] ETSI EN 319 122-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CAAdES digital signatures; Part 2: Extended CAAdES signatures".

[12] ETSI EN 319 132-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XAdES digital signatures; Part 2: Extended XAdES signatures".

[13] IETF RFC 5816: "ESSCertIDv2 Update for RFC 3161".

[14] W3C recommendation: "XML Signature Syntax and Processing".

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[i.1] ETSI TR 119 100: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Business Driven Guidance for Signature Creation and Validation".

[i.2] ISO 15489-1: "Information and documentation - Records management - Part 1: General".

[i.3] 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.4] ETSI TS 119 312: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Cryptographic Suites".

[i.5] IETF RFC 6838: "Media Type Specifications and Registration Procedures".

[i.6] IETF RFC 2045: "Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part One: Format of Internet Message Bodies".

[i.7] ETSI EN 319 422: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Time-stamping protocol and time-stamp profiles".

[i.8] ETSI TS 101 533-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Data Preservation Systems Security; Part 1: Requirements for Implementation and Management".

[i.9] ETSI TR 119 000: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Rationalized structure for Electronic Signature Standardization".



[i.10] ETSI TR 119 001: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of signatures; Definitions and abbreviations".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI TR 119 001 [i.10] and the following apply:

**ASiCArchiveManifest file:** container file whose name matches "\*ASiCArchiveManifest\*.xml" containing one `ASiCManifest` element instance conforming to clause A.7

**ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest file:** container file used in ASiC-E to reference a set of files to which an ER applies whose name matches "META-INF/ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest\*.xml" and containing one `ASiCManifest` element instance conformant to clause A.4

**ASiCManifest file:** file whose name matches "\*ASiCManifest\*.xml" containing one `ASiCManifest` element instance conformant to clause A.4

**container:** file created according to ZIP holding as internal elements files with related manifest, metadata and associated signature(s), under a folder hierarchy

**media type:** method to label arbitrary content, carried by MIME [i.6] or other protocols

NOTE: Refer to IETF RFC 6838 [i.5] clause 1.

**metadata:** data describing context, content and structure of data objects and their management over time

NOTE: Refer to ISO 15489-1: 2001, definition 3.12 with modifications [i.2].

**time assertion:** time-stamp token or evidence record

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in CADES [1], XAdES [2] and the following apply:

ASiC	Associated Signature Container
ER	Evidence Record

NOTE: Refer to [8] and [9].

OCF	Open Container Format, as specified in [4].
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ODF	Open Document Format
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NOTE: Refer to [6].

OEBPS	Open eBook Publication Structure
TST	Time Stamp Token
ZIP	Format specified in [5].

## 4 General Syntax

### 4.1 Description of main features of Associated Signature Containers

#### 4.1.1 Basic container structure

The ASiC is a data container holding a set of file objects and associated digital signatures and/or time assertions using the ZIP [5] format.

Any ASiC container has an internal structure including:

- a root folder, for all the container content possibly including folders reflecting the content structure; and
- a "META-INF" folder, in the root folder, for files containing metadata about the content, including associated signature or time assertion files.

NOTE: The detached signatures or time assertions are applied in such a way that the integrity of the data is not broken when the files are extracted from the ZIP container. Hence, the signatures and time assertions used in ASiC can be verified against the file objects to which they apply when outside the container structure (for example when placed in local storage).

## 4.1.2 Container types

Signatures and time assertions within ASiC containers are present within signature or time assertion files.

A signature file can contain either:

- a detached CAdES signature instance, which contains one or more parallel signatures. Each CAdES signature can be individually counter-signed; or
- one or more XAdES signatures. Each XAdES signatures can be individually counter-signed.

A time assertion file can contain either:

- one time-stamp token conformant to IETF RFC 3161 [3] (which can be profiled as specified in ETSI EN 319 422 [i.7]); or
- one Evidence Record.

The present document defines two types of containers.

The first type is ASiC Simple (ASiC-S) that associates one single file object with either:

- one signature file; or
- one time assertion file.

This type of container can also include a file named "mimetype" specifying the media type.

This type of container allows to add at a later time additional signatures signing the aforementioned file object and additional ASiCArchiveManifest files to protect long term time-stamp tokens.

The second type is ASiC Extended (ASiC-E), a container that associates one or more file objects with either:

- one or more XAdES signatures present within one or more signature files and optionally one or more ERS within one or more time assertion files; or
- one or more CAdES signatures present within one or more signature files and/or one or more time assertions within one or more time assertion files.

Each signature is associated with all or part of the files in the container.

It is possible to add signature files, time assertion files and data files to an ASiC-E container. The additional signature and time assertion files can apply to the same set of files or a different set, without invalidating previously applied signatures or time assertions. Later signatures can also sign signatures applied previously.

NOTE: CAdES and XAdES Archive Time-stamp attributes do not guarantee long term validation of signer files referenced using ASiCManifest and ds:Manifest.

## 4.2 General requirements

- 1) The container format shall comply with the ZIP [5] specification.
- 2) ZIP [5] limitations:
  - a) ASiC containers shall not use the multiple volumes split feature.
  - b) File names and comments shall be UNICODE UTF-8 encoded.
  - c) Only no compression or the Flate compression method specified in IETF RFC 1951 [10] based on the public-domain zlib/deflate compression method should be used; therefore, according to the ZIP specification [5] only 0 ("stored") or 8 ("deflated") values should be used as ZIP compression method.
- 3) At least one container type specified in clause 4.3 or 4.4 shall be supported.

## 4.3 Associated Signature Container Simple (ASiC-S)

### 4.3.1 Introduction

This clause defines the Associated Signature Container Simple (ASiC-S) that associates one data file with either:

- one signature file containaing one or more detached digital signature(s) that apply to it; or
- one time-assertion file containing a time assertion that apply to it.

Three ASiC-S container types are defined:

- 1) ASiC-S with XAdES: the data file is associated with signature(s) in XAdES format.
- 2) ASiC-E with CAdES: the data file is associated with signature(s) in CAdES format.
- 3) ASiC-E with time assertions: the data file is associated with a time assertion.

### 4.3.2 General Requirements for ASiC-S

The ASiC-S container shall comply with clause 4.2 and with the file structure specified in clause 4.3.3.2 to bind the constitutive files into a single container file.

The signed file object can be itself a container, for example ZIP, OCF, ODF or another ASiC. In this case the inner container is associated with one or more signatures or a time assertion that applies to it.

In case of signing a ZIP container, the file level comment may be used to specify the media type of each file with the value "mimetype=" followed by its media type.

Examples of the use of ASiC-S are given in clause B.1.

### 4.3.3 Detailed format for ASiC-S

#### 4.3.3.1 Media type identification

- 1) In case the "mimetype" file defined in clause 4.3.3.2 point 1) is present, the media type shall be either:
  - a) "application/vnd.etsi.asic-s+zip" if one of the following cases is verified:
    - i) the file extension is as specified in item 2) c) of the present clause;
    - ii) no specific media type is associated to the signed file object;
  - b) the media type associated to the signed file object in all the other cases.
- 2) The container file extension shall be:
  - a) ".asics";

- b) ".scs" in case of operating systems and/or file systems not allowing more than 3 characters for file extensions; or
  - c) ".zip" in the case the container content is to be handled manually; in this case item 1) a) of the present clause shall apply.
- 3) The archive level comment may contain the value "mimetype=" followed by the original media type of the signed file object.

NOTE: The media type can include parameters according to the media type definition, for example a "charset" parameter can be used with "text/plain" media type (see IETF RFC 6838 [i.5], clause 4.2.1).

#### 4.3.3.2 Contents of the container

The ASiC-S container:

- 1) May contain a "mimetype" file. It shall comply with clause A.1 with the media type specified in clause 4.3.3.1, item 1.
- 2) Shall contain one signed data file at the root level. It shall be the only file object present at the container root level besides the optional "mimetype" specified in item 1) above.
- 3) Shall contain one META-INF folder at the root level.
- 4) The META-INF folder shall contain one of the following files:
  - a) "timestamp.tst" containing a time-stamp token as defined in IETF RFC 3161 [3] and updated by IETF RFC 5816 [13] applying to the signed data file;
  - b) "signature.p7s" containing one detached CADES digital signature conformant to CADES baseline signatures [1] or CADES extended signatures [11] applying to the signed data file;

NOTE 1: The CADES digital signature can contain one or more parallel signatures and each may be individually counter-signed.

- c) "signatures.xml" containing the root element `asic:XAdESSignatures` as specified in clause A.5, containing one or more detached `ds:Signature` elements conformant to XAdES baseline signatures [2] or XAdES extended signatures [12] each applying to the whole signed data file content. In case the URI attribute is present in the `ds:Reference` element [14] it shall be used to reference the signed data file and the rules specified in clause A.6 shall apply. In case the URI attribute is not present in `ds:Reference` element [14] then a reference to the signed data file is implied. Any canonicalization computed on descendant elements of a `ds:Signature` shall be performed keeping this `ds:Signature` element as a child of `asic:XAdESSignatures` (without detaching it);

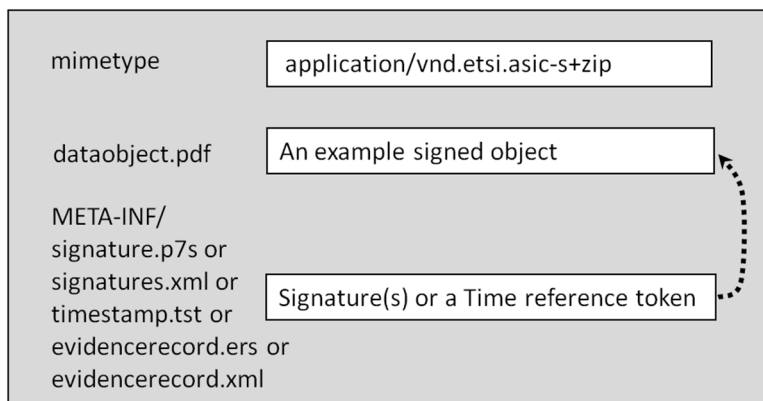
NOTE 2: In the case of use of implied reference the party verifying the signature is aware of the application context and the expected relation between the signed file object and the signature. Use of implied reference gives greater flexibility for the application's use of ASiC in positioning the signature relative to the data. Use of relative references requires the relative positioning to be maintained when data is extracted from the container if signatures are still to be verifiable.

Exclusive canonicalization may be used. In this case the canonicalization result shall not include the ancestor's context (`asic:XAdESSignatures` element in this case).

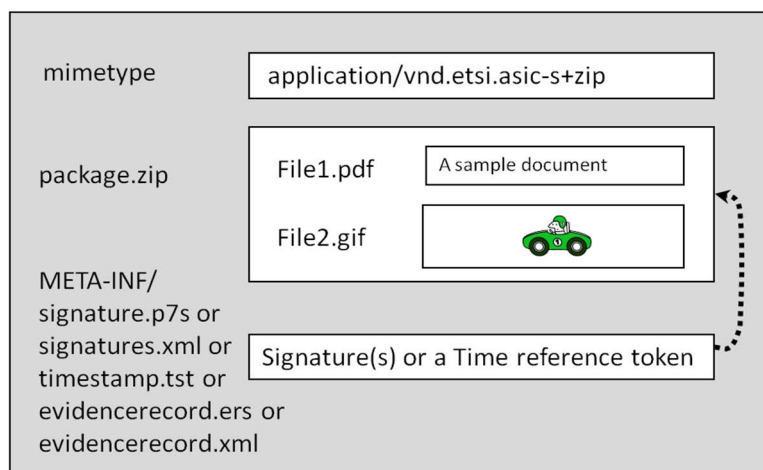
- d) "evidencerecord.ers" containing an ER in ERS [8] format that applies to the file object specified in item 2); or
- e) "evidencerecord.xml" containing an ER in XMLERS [9] format that applies to the file object specified in item 2).

- 5) The META-INF folder may contain the following additional files:
- one or more ASiCArchiveManifest file and the time-stamp tokens that apply to them.
  - Revocation status information or certificates, necessary for signature validation, referenced by CAdES or XAdES extended formats ([11] and [12]) allowing referencing of external information.
  - Other application specific information.

Figures 1 to 4 illustrate examples for the content of the ASiC-S container.



**Figure 1: ASiC-S structure applied to a plain file object**



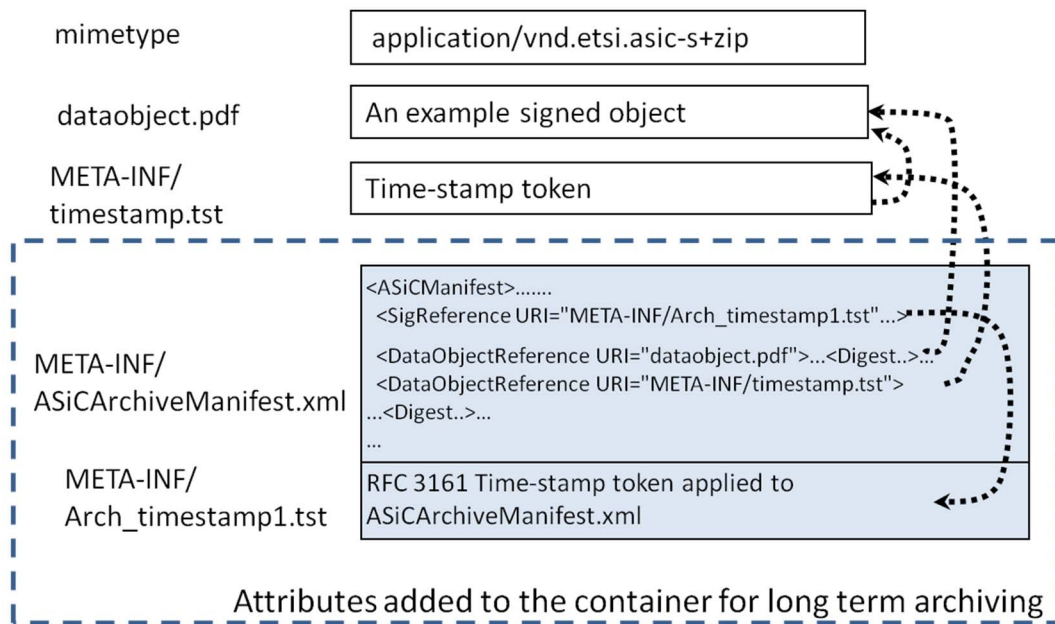
**Figure 2: ASiC-S structure applied to a nested container**

#### 4.3.4 Long term validity of ASiC-S

Long term validity of ASiC-S shall be achieved for the different container types as follows:

- For ASiC-S containers with XAdES signatures and ASiC-S containers with CAdES signatures, the mechanisms specified in their respective baseline and extended standards ETSI EN 319 122-1 [1], ETSI EN 319 122-2 [11], ETSI EN 319 132-1 [2] and ETSI EN 319 132-2 [12] shall be used for achieving long term validity. This shall apply to all the signatures present in the containers.
- For ASiC-S containers with time-stamp token one or more ASiCArchiveManifest files and related time-stamp tokens shall be added to the container following the rules specified in clause A.7.
- For ASiC-S containers with ER, the internal mechanism of IETF RFC 4998 [8] and IETF RFC 6283 [9] shall be used.

Figure 3 shows an example of ASiC-S container with a time-stamp token with long term attributes.



**Figure 3: ASiC-S with time-stamp token and long term attributes (example)**

Figure 4 shows the same ASiC-S container with a new ASiCArchiveManifest added at a later time to further extend its validity.

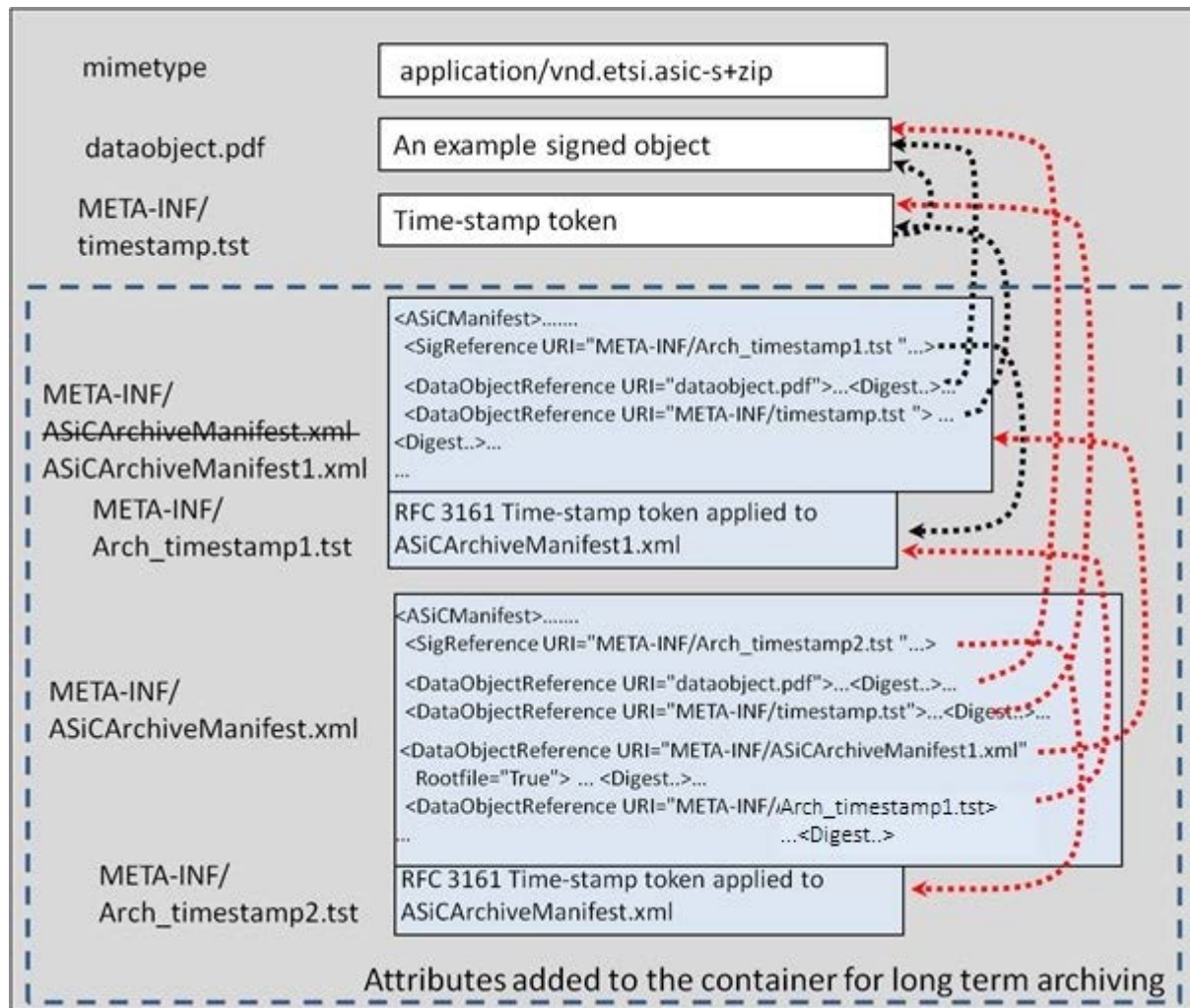


Figure 4: Further validity extension of a container with an additional ASiCArchiveManifest

## 4.4 Associated Signature Container Extended (ASiC-E)

### 4.4.1 Introduction

The ASiC-E container supports one or more signature and time assertion files each applicable to its own set of one or more file objects. Each file object can have associated additional information and metadata that can also be protected by any of the signature(s) present in the container. The container packages all the mentioned elements. The container can be designed to prevent any further modification or allowing that additional file objects, signatures and time assertions can be included at a later time to the container without breaking the previous signatures.

Two ASiC-E container types are defined:

- 1) ASiC-E with XAdES: the data files are associated with signatures files containing each one or more XAdES signatures. It may also contain one or more ERS files.
- 2) ASiC-E with CAdES - time assertions: the data files are associated with signature files containing each one or more CAdES signatures or with time assertion files containing time assertions.

All ASiC types allow container nesting (with inner containers being themselves ASiC or any type of container) allowing arbitrary complex hierarchies to be represented.

### 4.4.2 General Requirements of ASiC-E

- 1) ASiC-E containers shall use the ZIP format as per clause 4.2 with the file structures specified in clauses 4.4.3.2 or 4.4.4.2 to bind the contained objects into a single container.

- 2) One or more digitally signed files shall be present in the container in any folder structure outside the root META-INF folder.

### 4.4.3 Detailed format for ASiC-E with XAdES

#### 4.4.3.1 Media type identification

- 1) The file extension shall be either:
  - a) ".asice"; or
  - b) ".sce" in case of operating systems and/or file systems not allowing more than 3 characters for file extensions.
- 2) The "mimetype" file content shall be:
  - a) "application/vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip" to identify an ASiC-E container in case the container to be signed do not have a specific media type; or
  - b) the original media type of the container.

EXAMPLE: One of the ODF media types when signing an ODF container.

- 3) The archive level comment field in the ZIP header may be present and may have the value "mimetype=application/vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip".

#### 4.4.3.2 Contents of Container

Signatures associated to data files are XAdES signatures. Clause A.6 shall apply on referencing signed file objects.

The content and internal structure is defined as follows:

- 1) A "mimetype" file may be present. It shall be as defined in clause A.1 with the content specified in clause 4.4.3.1, item 2.
- 2) One or more "\*signatures\*.xml" files shall be present in a path beginning with "META-INF/" each containing one or more XAdES signatures as specified in the following item conforming to XAdES baseline signatures [2] or XAdES extended signatures [12] where signed data files shall either be directly referenced by each signature with a set of `ds:Reference` elements [14] or be indirectly referenced using a signed `ds:Manifest` object [14] that is pointed by a `ds:Reference`, following the rules specified in clause 4.4.3.4.
- 3) Each "\*signatures\*.xml" file shall contain as root element:
  - a) `asic:XAdESSignatures` element as specified in clause A.5; or
  - b) `document-signatures` element as specified in ODF [6]; or
  - c) `signatures` element as specified in OCF [4]; or
  - d) any other element in any namespace only if its valid content is a sequence of one or more `ds:Signature` sibling elements; or
  - e) `ds:Signature` element [14].

NOTE 1: When item e) applies, only a single XAdES Signature instance can be present in the signature file.

Item a) should be used.

The root elements in all the signatures files present in the same container should be the same.

When items from a) to d) apply, any canonicalization computed on descendant elements of one `ds:Signature` element shall be performed keeping this `ds:Signature` element as a child of the root element, without detaching it. Exclusive canonicalization may be used: in this case the canonicalization result shall not include the ancestor's context.



NOTE 2: As specified in clause A.4 and in OCF [4] and ODF [6], in all the aforementioned cases except case e), the child elements of the root element are one or more `ds:Signature` sibling elements as specified in W3C recommendation: "XML Signature Syntax and Processing" [i.5].

NOTE 3: Item 3), d) allows migrating existing, legacy, detached and/or enveloped signatures that contain explicit or implicit inclusive canonicalization into an ASiC-E container.

- 4) One or more ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest files may be present. They shall contain one `ASiCManifest` element instance conformant to clause A.4 that shall reference in the `SigReference` element a file containing an ER that:
  - a) shall be present in the "META-INF" folder;
  - b) shall apply to all the container files referenced by `ASiCManifest` with `DataObjectReference` elements; and
  - c) shall be named:
    - "evidencerecord.ers" if in ERS [8] format; or
    - "evidencerecord.xml" if in XMLERS [9] format.
- 5) Other application specific files may be present in the META-INF and shall be named:
  - a) "META-INF/container.xml" may be present and shall be as specified in OCF [4]. It shall identify the media type and full path of all the root file objects in the container, as specified in OCF;
  - b) "META-INF/manifest.xml" may be present and shall be as specified in ODF [6];

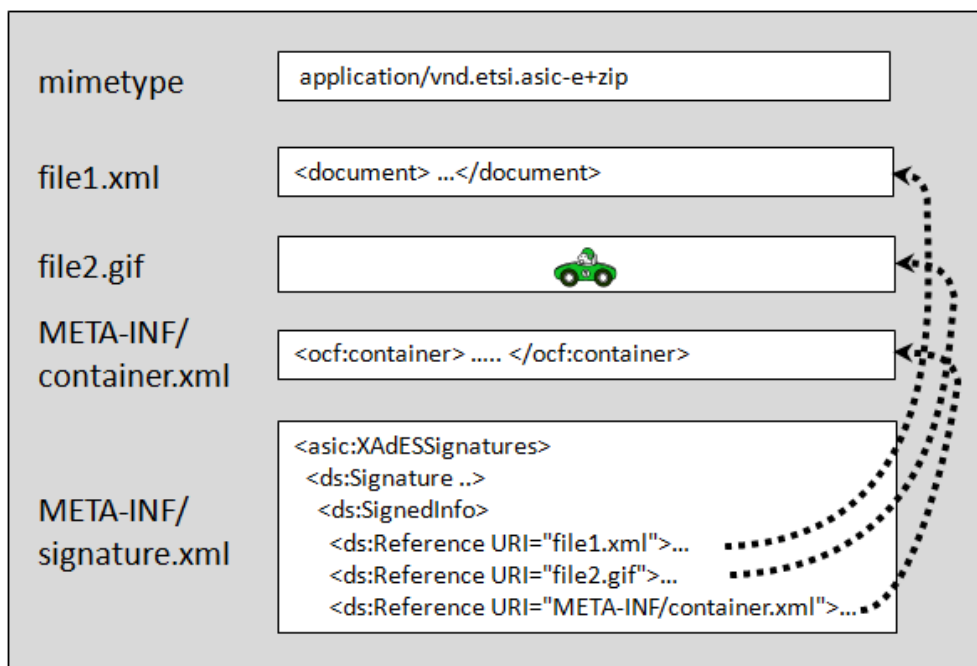
NOTE 4: according to ODF [6] specifications, inclusion of reference to other files within META-INF folder, such as "\*\*signatures\*.xml", in manifest.xml is optional. In this way it is possible to protect the container's content signing manifest.xml while allowing to add later signatures;

- c) "META-INF/metadata.xml" may be present and shall be as specified in OCF [4] and has a user defined content.

#### 4.4.3.3 ASiC-E with XAdES example (informative)

Figure 5 represents a typical structure for this container where the XMLDSig [i-5] element `ds:Reference` is used directly to reference the signed objects.

NOTE: Use of `ds:Manifest` requires special attention and specific requirements as given in clause 4.4.3.4.



**Figure 5: ASiC-E with XAdES and direct ds:reference usage**

#### 4.4.3.4 XAdES use in ASiC-E with XAdES

For ASiC-E used with XAdES the rules specified in clause A.6 shall apply.

To reference the signed file objects `ds:Reference` should be used in preference to `ds:Manifest`.

In the case that `ds:Manifest` [14] element is used:

- 1) The following restrictions apply:
  - a) the `ds:Manifest` containing `ds:Reference` elements referencing the signed file objects shall be signed (i.e. shall be referenced within `ds:SignedInfo` element and its contents contribute to the `ds:SignatureValue` content);
  - b) the `ds:Manifest` elements shall not reference other `ds:Manifest` elements within a `ds:Signature` (i.e. direct chaining of `ds:Manifest` is not allowed); and
  - c) for referencing the `ds:Manifest` element from the `ds:Reference` element in the corresponding signature an `Id` attribute should be used.
- 2) The following requirement for validation apply:
 

a validation application shall raise a warning whenever a digest value mismatch is detected within any `ds:Manifest`'s `ds:Reference` child (i.e. the digest computed over the referenced file object and the `ds:DigestValue` within this `ds:Reference` do not match), even if the cryptographic verification of the `ds:SignedInfo` succeeds (i.e. if the signature value computed by the verifying application actually matches `ds:SignatureValue`'s content).

The complete process for the verification of the `ds:Manifest` is outside the scope of the present document.

### 4.4.4 Detailed format for ASiC-E with CADES - time assertions

#### 4.4.4.1 Media type identification

- 1) The File extension shall be either:
  - a) ".asic"; or

- b) ".sce" in case of operating systems and/or file systems not allowing more than 3 characters for file extensions.
- 2) The "mimetype" file content shall be "application/vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip".
- 3) The archive level comment field in the ZIP header may be present and may have the value "mimetype=application/vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip".

#### 4.4.4.2 Contents of Container

The content and internal structure is defined as follows:

- 1) A "mimetype" file may be present. It shall be as defined in clause A.1 with the content specified in clause 4.4.4.1, item 2.
- 2) One or more ASiCManifest and/or ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest files shall be present.
- 3) For each ASiCManifest file one time-stamp token file or one signature file shall be present in the META-INF folder named as follows:
  - a) "\*signature\*.p7s" file containing one or more parallel CADES detached signatures conformant to CADES baseline signatures ETSI EN 319 122-1 [1] or CADES extended signatures ETSI EN 319 122-2 [11] that apply to the ASiCManifest file; or
  - b) "\*timestamp\*.tst" file containing one time-stamp token as defined in IETF RFC 3161 [3] and updated by IETF RFC 5816 [13] that applies to the ASiCManifest file.
- 4) For each ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest file one ER file shall be present in the META-INF folder named as follows:
  - a) "\*evidencerecord\*.ers" containing an ER in ERS [8] format that applies to the file object specified in the ASiCManifest file; or
  - b) "\*evidencerecord\*.xml" containing an ER in XMLERS [9] format that applies to the file object specified in the ASiCManifest file.

NOTE 1: An ASiC-E container conformant to the present clause can contain a mix of CADES signatures, time-stamp tokens and evidence records each applied to a specific set of data files in the container.

Verifiers shall, for each ASiCManifest file present in the container whose name matches "META-INF/ASiCManifest\*.xml", verify that its content conforms to clause A.4 and identify the signature reference file pointed by the URI attribute of the SigReference element, then:

- 1) in case the signature reference file name matches "\*signature\*.p7s" it references a CADES signature that shall be validated against the ASiCManifest file content;
- 2) in case the signature reference file name matches "\*timestamp\*.tst" it references a time-stamp token that shall be validated against the ASiCManifest file content.

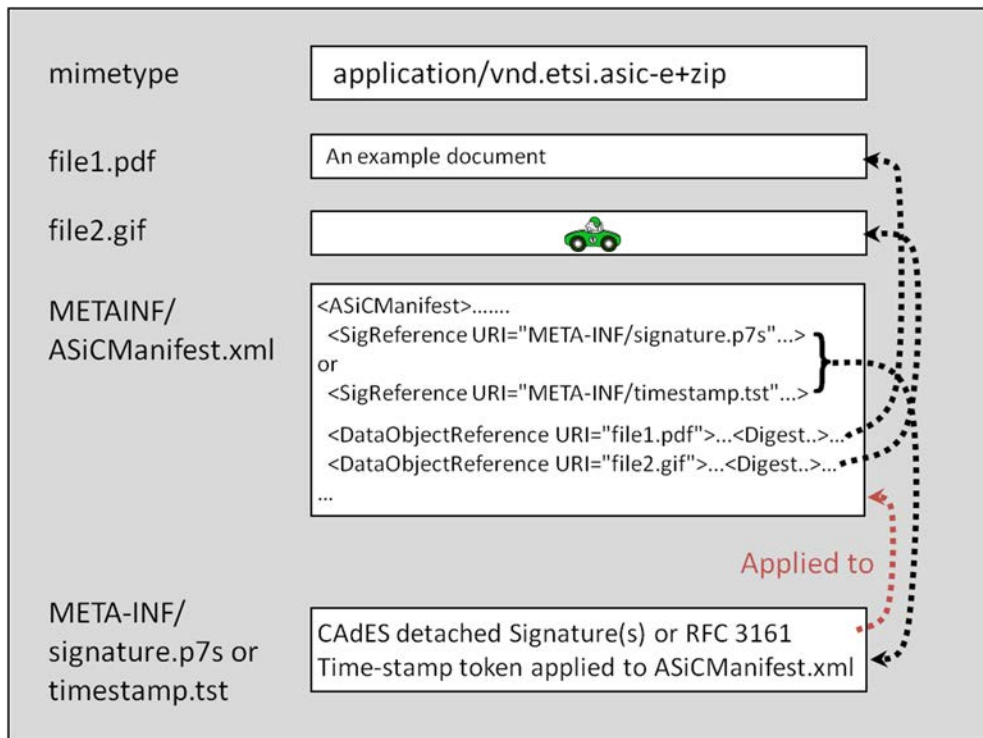
Verifiers shall, for each ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest file present in the container whose name matches "META-INF/ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest\*.xml", verify that its content conforms to clause A.4 and identify the signature reference file pointed by the URI attribute of the SigReference element that matches "\*evidencerecord\*.ers" or "\*evidencerecord\*.xml", then shall validate the referenced ER against all the ds:DigestValue in DataObjectReference present in the ASiCManifest file.

Verifiers shall raise an error whenever a digest value mismatch is detected within any ds:DigestValue in DataObjectReference and the digest computed over the referenced file object.

NOTE 2: CADES compliant verifiers are not aware of ASiC specific rules and covers only step 1) above. Compliance to ASiC-E with CADES verification can be achieved only if also step 4) is implemented.

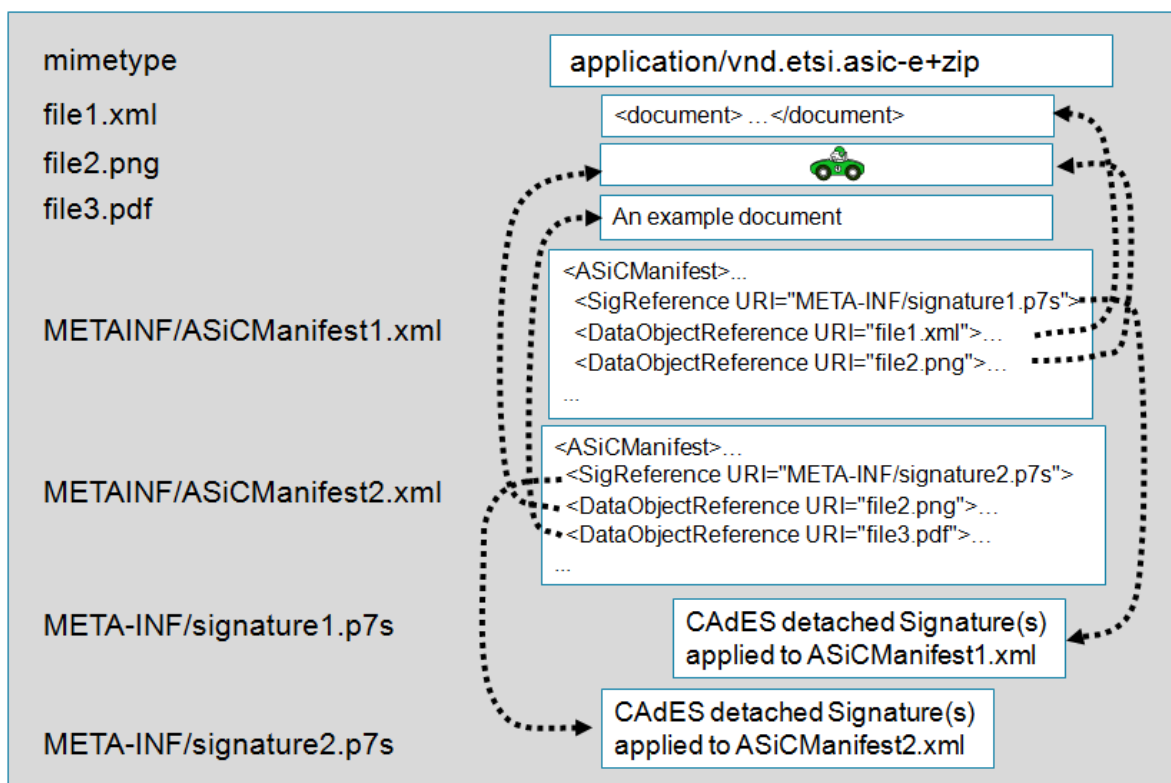
NOTE 3: In case the URI attribute of SigReference in the ASiCManifest file references an ER the ASiCManifest file itself is not covered by the ER.

Figure 6 shows an example for the content of the ASiC-E container where a CADES signature or a time-stamp token is applied to a set of files in the container.



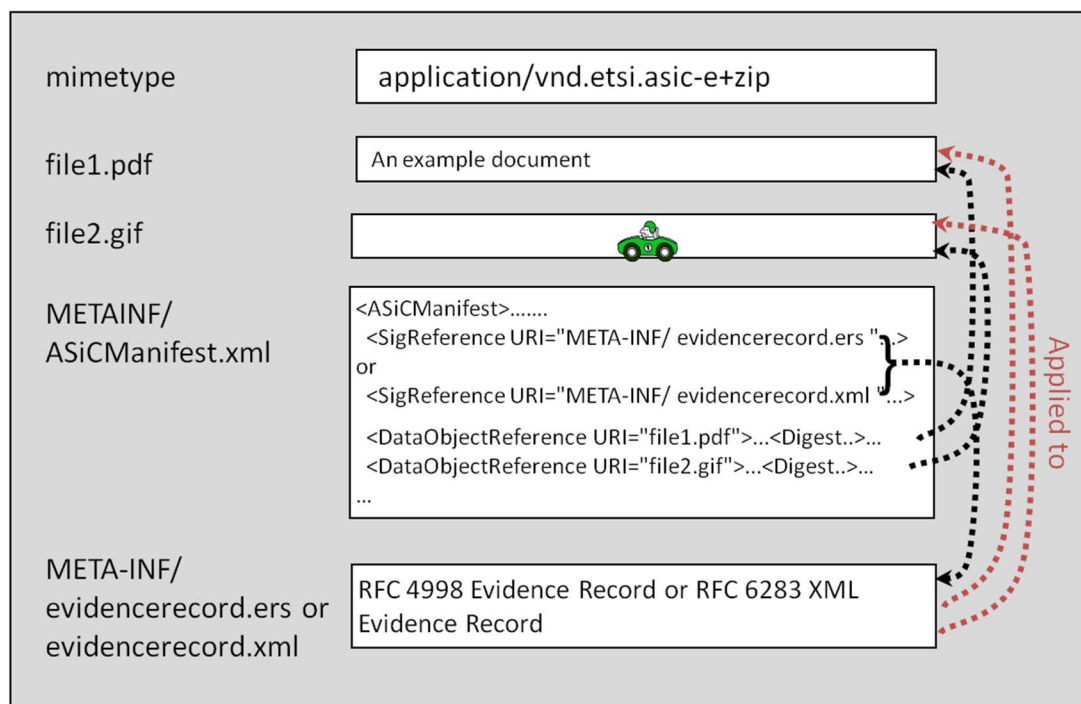
**Figure 6: ASiC-E with CADES signature or time-stamp token**

This container type allows the application of one or more CADES signatures and/or time assertion each to different set of files in the container, as shown in figure 7.



**Figure 7: ASiC-E with CADES containing different signatures**

Figure 8 shows an example for the content of the ASiC-E container where an Evidence Record [8] or an XML Evidence Record [9] is applied to a set of files in the container.



**Figure 8: ASiC-E with Evidence Records**

#### 4.4.5 Long term validity of ASiC-E

Long term validity of ASiC-E is achieved for the different container types as follows:

- 1) For an ASiC-E containers with XAdES signatures, the mechanisms specified in XAdES signatures baseline and extended standards ETSI EN 319 132-1 [2] and ETSI EN 319 132-2 [12] or the evidence record specification IETF RFC 4998 [8] and IETF RFC 6283 [9] shall be used for achieving long term validity. This shall apply to all the signatures present in the containers.
- 2) For ASiC-E containers with CADES - time assertions either:
  - a) one or more ASiCArchiveManifest files and related time-stamp token shall be added to the container following the rules specified in clause A.7; or
  - b) one or more ASiCEvidenceRecordManifest files shall apply to all the signed and/or time-asserted data and/or signature and/or time-stamp token files requiring long term validation support.
- 3) For ASiC-E containers with ER, the internal mechanism of IETF RFC 4998 [8] and IETF RFC 6283 [9] shall be used.

## 5 ASiC Baseline containers

### 5.1 ASiC Levels

This clause defines ASiC baseline containers with four levels intended to facilitate interoperability and to encompass the life cycle of ASiC containers. Baseline containers are defined for ASiC-S with CADES, ASiC-S with XAdES and ASiC-E with XAdES, specifying for each level similar features across the different ASiC container types.

All the applicable requirements given in clause 4 shall apply with the additional requirements or modifications applicable to all ASiC-S baseline containers levels:

- 1) ASiC-S with CADES baseline containers, for all levels, shall comply with the requirements specified in clauses 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 5.3.2.1 and 5.3.2.2.

- 2) ASiC-S with XAdES baseline containers, for all levels, shall comply with the requirements specified in clauses 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 5.3.2.1 and 5.3.2.3.
- 3) ASiC-E with XAdES baseline containers, for all levels, shall comply with the requirements specified in clauses 5.2.1, 5.3.1 and 5.3.3.

In addition to the applicable requirements for all levels the following level specific requirements shall apply:

- a) The B-B level containers shall incorporate signatures complying with the requirements specified for B-B level in clause 6.3 of [1] for CADES signatures or clause 6.3 of [2] for XAdES signatures.
- b) The B-T level containers provide requirements for the generation and inclusion, in each signature present in the container, of a trusted token proving that the signature itself actually existed at a certain date and time. B-T level container shall incorporate signatures complying with the requirements specified for B-T level in clause 6.3 of [1] for CADES signatures or clause 6.3 of [2] for XAdES signatures.
- c) The B-LT level containers provide requirements for the incorporation in each signature present in the container of all the material required for validating all the signatures present in the container. This level aims to tackle the long term availability of the validation material. B-LT level container shall incorporate signatures complying with the requirements specified for B-LT level in clause 6.3 of [1] for CADES signatures or clause 6.3 of [2] for XAdES signatures.
- d) The B-LTA level containers provide requirements for the incorporation of time-stamp tokens that allow validation of all the container signatures long time after their generation. This level aims to tackle the long term availability and integrity of the validation material. B-LTA level container shall incorporate only signatures complying with the requirements specified for B-LTA level in clause 6.3 of [1] for CADES signatures or clause 6.3 of [2] for XAdES signatures.

When more than one signature is present in the container complying with different levels, the container level shall be the one of the lowest level signature.

NOTE 1: The levels b) to d) are appropriate where the technical validity of the container signatures need to be preserved for a period of time after signature creation where certificate expiration, revocation and/or algorithm obsolescence is of concern. The specific level applicable depends on the context and use case.

NOTE 2: B-LTA level targets validation of digital signatures over long term. The B-LTA level can help to validate the signature beyond any event that limits its validity. The use of B-LTA level is considered an appropriate preservation and transmission technique for signed data.

NOTE 3: Conformance to B-LT level, when combined with appropriate additional preservation techniques tackling the long term availability and integrity of the validation material is sufficient to allow validation of the signature long time after its generation. Preservation can be achieved according to specific legal instruments in force and/or other standards. Example of applicable standards are ETSI TS 101 533-1 [i.8], IETF RFC 4998 [8] and IETF RFC 6283 [9].

## 5.2 General requirements

### 5.2.1 Algorithm requirements

The algorithms and key lengths used to generate signatures should comply with ETSI TS 119 312 [i.4].

In addition, MD5 algorithm shall not be used as digest algorithm.

NOTE: National legislations can define requirements regarding algorithms and key lengths.

For the container signatures CADES [1], clause 6.2.1 and XAdES [2], clause 6.2.1 shall apply.

### 5.2.2 Notation for requirements

The present clause describes the notation used for defining the requirements applicable to all ASiC levels.

The tables 1 to 5 contain 5 columns:

- 1) Column "Container files or properties" where each specific ASiC property to be profiled is listed.

- 2) Column "Presence in all levels" specifies if the property listed in column 1 is present in all the ASiC levels listed in clause 5.1. Possible values:
- "shall be present"
  - "shall not be present"
  - "may be present"
  - "shall be supported"
- 3) Column "Cardinality". This cell indicates the cardinality related to the property, if applicable. Below follows the values indicating the cardinality:
- **0**: The container shall not incorporate any instance of the qualifying property or the signature's element.
  - **1**: The signature shall incorporate exactly one instance of the qualifying property or the signature's element.
  - **0 or 1**: The signature shall incorporate zero or one instance of the qualifying property or the signature's element.
  - $\geq 0$ : The signature shall incorporate zero or more instances of the qualifying property or the signature's element.
  - $\geq 1$ : The signature shall incorporate one or more instances of the qualifying property or the signature's element.
- 4) Column "References": This shall contain either the number of the clause specifying the property in the present document, or a reference to the document and clause that specifies the other signature's element.
- 5) Column "Additional notes and requirements". This cell contains letters referencing additional requirements on the property. Additional requirements are listed below table 1.

## 5.3 Requirements for ASiC baseline containers

### 5.3.1 ASiC conformance

Table 1 specifies the additional requirements that apply for any ASiC baseline container.

**Table 1**

Container files or properties	Presence in all level	Cardinality	References	Additional requirements and notes
Container format is ZIP	shall be supported		Clause 4.2 item 1	a
ZIP limitations	shall be supported		Clause 4.2 item 2	b

Additional requirements:

- a) The ZIP encryption features shall not be used.
- b) The limitation in 4.2 item 2c is further restricted as follows: compression method shall be no compression or Flate [10] compression therefore only 0 ("stored") or 8 ("deflated") values shall be used as ZIP compression method (see [5]).

## 5.3.2 Requirements for ASiC-S

### 5.3.2.1 General requirements for ASiC-S

Table 2 specifies the additional requirements that apply to ASiC-S baseline containers.

**Table 2**

Container files or properties	Presence in all level	Cardinality	References	Additional requirements and notes
ASiC file extension is ".asics"	shall be present	1	Clause 4.3.3.1 point 1) a)	
mimetype	may be present	0 or 1	Clauses 4.3.3.1 point 2) b) and A.1	
Signed file	shall be present	1		a

Additional requirements:

- a) one signed file shall be in the container outside the META-INF folder.

### 5.3.2.2 Requirements for ASiC-S with CADES signature

Table 3 specifies the additional requirements that apply to ASiC-S with CADES baseline containers.

**Table 3**

Container files or properties	Presence in all level	Cardinality	References	Additional requirements and notes
META-INF/signature.p7s	shall be present	1	Clause 4.3.3.2 point 3b	a,b

Additional requirement:

- a) The CADES signature shall be as specified in CADES [1] clause 6 according to the required ASiC level (see clause 5.1).
- b) No other element shall be present in the container in addition to this element, the "mimetype" file (clause 5.3.2.1) and the signed file (clause 5.3.2.1).

### 5.3.2.3 Requirements for ASiC-S with XAdES signature

Table 4 specifies the additional requirements that apply to ASiC-S with XAdES baseline containers.

**Table 4**

Container files or properties	Presence in all level	Cardinality	References	Additional requirements and notes
META-INF/signatures.xml	shall be present	1	Clause 4.3.3.2 item 3c	a,b,c
asic:XAdESSignatures	shall be present	1	Clause 4.3.3.2 item 3c	



Additional requirements:

- a) Each XAdES signature child of `asic:XAdESSignatures` shall be as specified in XAdES [2] clause 6 according to the required ASiC level (see clause 5.1).
- b) Each XAdES [2] signature child of the root element specified in a) shall reference explicitly the signed file object using the `ds:Reference` element.
- c) No other element shall be present in the container in addition to this element, the "mimetype" file and the signed data.

### 5.3.3 Requirements for ASiC-E with XAdES signature

Table 5 specifies the additional requirements that apply to ASiC-E with XAdES baseline containers.

**Table 5**

Container files or properties	Presence in all level	Cardinality	References	Additional requirements and notes
ASiC file extension is ".asice"	shall be present	1	Clause 4.4.3.1 item 1) a)	
mimetype	may be present	0 or 1	Clause 4.4.3.1 item 2)	
Signed file object	shall be present	$\geq 1$	Clause 4.4.2 item 2)	a
ASiC-E XAdES signature	shall be present	$\geq 1$	Clause 4.4.3.2 item 2)	b, c
<code>asic:XAdESSignatures</code>	shall be present	1	Clause 4.4.3.2 item 3a)	d
META-INF/manifest.xml	shall be present	1	Clause 4.4.3.2 item 5b)	e

Additional requirements:

- a) At least one signed file object shall be in the container outside the META-INF folder.
- b) At least one signature shall be present in the META-INF folder.
- c) Each XAdES [2] signature child of the root element specified above shall reference directly all the signed file objects with a set of `ds:Reference` elements.
- d) The cardinality is referred to each signature file.
- e) The META-INF folder shall contain only the files specified in this clause.

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## Annex A (normative): ASiC metadata specification, data naming and referencing

### A.1 The mimetype file

The "mimetype" file, when stored in a ZIP container is used to support operating systems that rely on some content in specific positions in a file (the so called "magic number" as described in IETF RFC 6838 [i.5]) in order to select the specific application that can load and elaborate the file content.

The following restrictions apply to the encoding of ZIP file that include the "mimetype" file to support this feature:

- "mimetype" shall be the first file in the ZIP container;
- "mimetype" shall not contain "Extra fields" in its ZIP header (i.e. extra field length at offset 28 shall be set to zero);
- "mimetype" shall not be compressed (i.e. compression method in its ZIP header at offset 8 shall be set to zero);
- the first 4 octets of the ZIP file shall have the hex values: "50 4B 03 04".

NOTE: An application can ascertain if this feature is used by checking if the string "mimetype" is found starting at offset 30. In this case it can be assumed that a string representing the container media type is present starting at offset 38; the length of this string is contained in the 4 octets starting at offset 18.

All multi-octets values shall be little-endian.

The "mimetype" shall not be compressed or encrypted inside the ZIP file.

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### A.2 Media type registrations

The following media-types and file-extensions are used in the present document:

NOTE: Each media-type is registered with IANA, additional information is available in the list of Directories of Content Types and Subtypes that can be found here: <http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/>.

Media Type name:	Application
Media Subtype name:	vnd.etsi.asic-s+zip
Required parameters:	none
encoding considerations:	binary
File extension:	asics or scs

Media Type name:	Application
Media Subtype name:	vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip
Required parameters:	none
encoding considerations:	binary
File extension:	asice or sce

Media Type name:	Application
Media Subtype name:	vnd.etsi.timestamp-token
Required parameters:	none
encoding considerations:	binary
File extension:	tst

- Security considerations: The data objects carried in ASiC container may contain malicious code and hence unless the source is trusted the usual protection against malware and viruses should be applied.  
The integrity of the data is guaranteed by the electronic signature when present or should be provided externally if only a time-stamp token is applied to the data. Privacy can be guaranteed through the use of ZIP encryption features or externally. External integrity and privacy protection can be obtained e.g. through the use of SSL/TLS or S/MIME.
- Published specification: The ASiC container types as defined in the present document.

## A.3 ASiC XML Schema

The following namespace declarations apply for the XML Schema definitions throughout the present document:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema
  targetNamespace="http://uri.etsi.org/02918/v1.2.1#"
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
  xmlns="http://uri.etsi.org/02918/v1.2.1#"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  elementFormDefault="qualified"
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
  <xsd:import
    namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
    schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/2002/REC-xmldsig-core-20020212/xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"/>
```

This XML Schema described in the present annex is held in the file en\_31916201v010000a0.zip attached to the present document as a normative part. In any case of difference in contents between the present document and the attached file, the attached file takes precedence.

The digest value calculated on the schema file is:

SHA-256: 38:37:e6:95:db:f0:d5:3d:38:e0:3e:75:26:02:8f:5d:8e:3b:30:66:c8:35:56:b0:ba:1b:df:74:af:ca:d2:01

The following clauses describe the content of this XML Schema.

## A.4 ASiCManifest element

### A.4.1 Semantics

- 1) The ASiCManifest element shall reference one signature file or one time assertion file using the SigReference element defined in clause A.4.2.
- 2) The ASiCManifest element shall reference one or more data files using the DataObjectReference element defined in clause A.4.2.
- 3) For each referenced data file, the ASiCManifest element shall allow to indicate the mime type of the referenced file objects.
- 4) For each referenced data file, the ASiCManifest element shall contain the digest values of the referenced file objects.
- 5) For each referenced data file the ASiCManifest element shall allow the incorporation of additional information of any type that further qualify them.

## A.4.2 Syntax

The `ASiCManifest` element shall be defined as in the ASiC XML Schema file (which is attached to the present document as specified in clause A.3), and is copied below for information:

```

<xsd:element name="ASiCManifest" type="ASiCManifestType">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>Schema for ASiCManifest - See ETSI EN 319 162</xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
</xsd:element>
<xsd:complexType name="ASiCManifestType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="SigReference"/>
    <xsd:element ref="DataObjectReference" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xsd:element name="ASiCManifestExtensions" type="ExtensionsListType" minOccurs="0"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="SigReference" type="SigReferenceType"/>
<xsd:complexType name="SigReferenceType">
  <xsd:attribute name="URI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="required"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="MimeType" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="DataObjectReference" type="DataObjectReferenceType"/>
<xsd:complexType name="DataObjectReferenceType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="ds:DigestMethod"/>
    <xsd:element ref="ds:DigestValue"/>
    <xsd:element name="DataObjectReferenceExtensions" type="ExtensionsListType"
minOccurs="0"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="URI" type="xsd:anyURI" use="required" />
  <xsd:attribute name="MimeType" type="xsd:string" use="optional" />
  <xsd:attribute name="Rootfile" type="xsd:boolean" use="optional" />
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="AnyType" mixed="true">
  <xsd:sequence minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xsd:any processContents="lax"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:element name="Extension" type="ExtensionType"/>
<xsd:complexType name="ExtensionType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="AnyType">
      <xsd:attribute name="Critical" type="xsd:boolean" use="required"/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="ExtensionsListType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="Extension" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>

```

Here follows the description of all the xml tags defined in this schema:

- `ASiCManifest`: root element. It defines, with all the elements it includes, the content of `"*ASiCManifest*.xml"` or `"*ASiCArchiveManifest*.xml"` files. Additional `Extension` elements can be added inside in the optional `ASiCManifestExtensions` element to extend the semantic at the root schema level.
  - `SigReference`: this element contains:
    - an `URI` attribute that shall point to the CADES signature or the time assertion associated to the file containing the `ASiCManifest` element;
- NOTE: In case the pointed element is a CADES signature or a time-stamp token such signature or time-stamp token applies to the file containing the `ASiCManifest` element, in case it is an ER, such ER applies to all the file objects referenced by the `DataObjectReference` elements present in the `ASiCManifest` element;
- a `MimeType` attribute containing the media type of the pointed signature or time assertion.

- **DataObjectReference**: URI attribute shall reference the signed file object. **MimeType** attribute value shall indicate the media type of the signed file object. **Rootfile**, when set to "true" shall indicate that the signed file object is a root file as per OCF [4], clause 3.5.1.  
**ds:DigestValue** shall contain the digest value computed on the content of the file object using the algorithm indicated by the content of **ds:DigestMethod**.  
There shall be one **DataObjectReference** element for each file object referenced by **ASiCManifest**.  
Other **Extension** elements may be added in the optional **DataObjectReferenceExtensions** element to extend the semantic associated to each file object referenced by this schema.
- **Extension**: this element is optional. If present it shall contain any well formed XML, used to extend the semantic of this schema.

## A.5 XAdESSignatures element

### A.5.1 Semantics

The **XAdESSignatures** element shall have one or more **ds:Signature** children.

NOTE: This element can also be used outside the context of the present document for the same purpose.

### A.5.2 Syntax

The **XAdESSignatures** element shall be defined as in the ASiC XML schema (which is attached to the present document as specified in clause A.3) and copied below for information:

```
<xsd:element name="XAdESSignatures" type="XAdESSignaturesType">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>Schema for parallel detached XAdES Signatures </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
</xsd:element>
<xsd:complexType name="XAdESSignaturesType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="ds:Signature" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

The root element **XAdESSignatures** contains one or more **ds:Signature** elements containing each a detached XAdES signature as specified in XAdES baseline signatures [2] or XAdES extended signatures [12].

## A.6 Naming and referencing data within ASiC

ZIP format specification [5] defines a cross-platform file storage and transfer format. In the present document the terms "file object" or "metadata" indicate information stored in the container using the ZIP format without assuming any particular data storage technology.

File objects and metadata can be hierarchically structured in folders as allowed by files in the ZIP format.

Valid file object and metadata naming shall comply with ZIP [5] and any supported specific container. In the present document the character "\*" is used to indicate an arbitrary character string of any length, including zero, to compose a valid file name.

EXAMPLE 1: "xxxx/yyyy\*.ext" indicates a file object in the "xxxx" folder whose name begins with "yyyy" followed by zero or more allowed characters and terminating with ".ext". Possible values that comply with this example are "xxxx/yyyy.ext" or "xxxx/yyyy-1234.ext".

In ASiC-E with CAdES and ASiC-E with time assertion, signed/time-asserted file objects are referenced using **ASiCManifest** element (specified in clause A.4). In ASiC-S containers using XAdES the signed file objects is referenced as specified in clause 4.3.3.2 item 4) c). In ASiC-E containers using XAdES the signed file objects is referenced as specified in clause 4.4.3.2 item 2) and clause 4.4.3.4.

The following rules shall apply to these references, expressed as URIs (as defined in IETF RFC 3986 [7]):

- 1) reference to file objects within the container shall be relative URIs and the rules specified in ODF [6], clause 3.7 shall apply; and
- 2) relative URIs present in metadata stored in the "META-INF" folder containing a relative path shall be resolved considering the root directory as the base URI, not taking into account the "META-INF" folder where signature metadata are stored.

EXAMPLE 2: For referencing a file object named "document.xml" in the root directory, correct references are "document.xml" or "/document.xml".

References to data objects outside the container shall not be allowed.

NOTE: For referencing file objects for different purposes than electronically signing or time-asserting them, the rules defined in this clause (considering that rule in item 2 can be extended to any metadata contained in META-INF) can be used when applications do not have specific requirements to implement different rules. These rules, in fact, are compatible with the rules defined in ODF [6].

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## A.7 ASiCArchiveManifest file content and rules

The ASiCArchiveManifest file is used in containers where long term validity is required and cannot be achieved with direct use of signature or time assertion formats attributes/qualifying properties.

One or more ASiCArchiveManifest files may be present. New ASiCArchiveManifest files are added to the container to maintain its long term validity. Each ASiCArchiveManifest file shall contain one `ASiCManifest` element instance conformant to clause A.4. The `ASiCManifest` element shall reference a set of signed and/or time-asserted file objects, including previously added ASiCArchiveManifest files, according to the following rules:

- 1) When adding the first ASiCArchiveManifest file to the container the signatures and/or time-stamp tokens requiring long term validity guarantee already present in the container shall each include the full set of certificates, including the trust anchors when they are available in the form of certificates, and the related revocation information (i.e. OCSP response and CRL) as required for validation. The generator shall use the `SignedData` or the `certificate-values/revocation-values` attributes as specified in CADES [1]. The ASiCArchiveManifest file shall:
  - a) be named "ASiCArchiveManifest.xml", and
  - b) reference all the signed and/or time-asserted data and/or signature and/or time-stamp token files requiring long term validation support, and
  - c) reference in the `SigReference` element a time-stamp token that is applied to it that shall be named with any valid name "META-INF/\*timestamp\*.tst" avoiding any name collision with other elements already present in the container.
- 2) When adding a new ASiCArchiveManifest file, the time-stamp token applied to the last ASiCArchiveManifest file shall include the full information required for its validation as specified in the item 1 above, and:
  - a) the last ASiCArchiveManifest file already present in the container (named "ASiCArchiveManifest.xml") shall be renamed to any valid name "META-INF/\*ASiCArchiveManifest\*.xml" avoiding any name collision with other elements already present in the container; and
  - b) the new ASiCArchiveManifest file shall:
    - i) be named "ASiCArchiveManifest.xml"; and
    - ii) reference in the `SigReference` element a time-stamp token that is applied to it that shall be named with any valid name "META-INF/\*timestamp\*.tst" avoiding any name collision with other elements already present in the container; and

- iii) reference all the signed and/or time-stamped file objects requiring long term validity guarantee, including all the file objects referenced by the ASiCArchiveManifest files already present, the ASiCArchiveManifest files already present, and the time-stamp tokens that apply to them; all the referenced file objects above shall not have the `Rootfile` attribute or it shall be set to false; and
- iv) reference the ASiCArchiveManifest renamed according to item 2) a) with `Rootfile` attribute set to true.

NOTE: When applying the rules above the file named "ASiCArchiveManifest.xml" is always the last ASiCArchiveManifest file added to the container and when more than one ASiCArchiveManifest is present, using the `Rootfile` attribute present in each ASiCArchiveManifest file added after the first one the whole sequence of ASiCArchiveManifest file can be obtained.

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## Annex B (informative): ASiC Examples

### B.1 Examples of ASiC-S

#### B.1.1 PDF document Associated with CAdES Signature

This example shows how to associate a PDF document with a digital signature that applies to it.

The following file objects are put in the container:

- "mimetype", containing "application/vnd.etsi.asic-s+zip";
- "file1.pdf", containing the PDF document to be signed;
- "/META-INF/signatures.p7s" containing the CAdES detached signature of file1.pdf.

#### B.1.2 Simple document time stamp

This example shows how to associate a PDF document with a time-stamp token that applies to it.

The following file objects are put in the container:

- "mimetype", containing "application/vnd.etsi.asic-s+zip";
- "file1.pdf", containing the PDF document time-stamped;
- "/META-INF/timestamp.tst" containing the IETF RFC 3161 [3] time-stamp created on file1.pdf.

#### B.1.3 Signature of a ZIP file with an ASiC-S container

As a possible variant of the examples given above, when a set of file objects has to be digitally signed or time-stamped, a ZIP file can be created containing all the file objects of the set and an ASiC-S container created associating a digital signature or time-stamp token that applies to the ZIP file.

Here follows an example using a CAdES digital signature. A ZIP file named "inner-container.zip" is created as follows:

- "file1.pdf", a PDF file object;
- "file2.xml", an XML file object;
- "picture3.png", a graphical file object.

An ASiC-S container is then created as follows:

- "mimetype", containing "application/vnd.etsi.asic-s+zip";
- "inner-container.zip", the ZIP file created as described above;
- "/META-INF/signatures.p7s" containing the CAdES digital signature that applies to the inner-container.zip file object.

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## B.2 Example of ASiC-E with XAdES

In this example two XML file object are digitally signed with a XAdES digital signature.

The ASiC-E container includes:

- "mimetype", containing "application/vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip".
- "file1.xml", the first XML file object.



- "file2.xml", the second XML file object.
- "/META-INF/signatures.xml" containing two XAdES digital signatures, the first applied to file1.xml and file2.xml and the second applied to file1.xml only, as described below.

#### META-INF/signatures.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<asic: XAdESSignatures
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
  xmlns:asic="http://uri.etsi.org/02918/v1.2.1#"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:xades="http://uri.etsi.org/01903/v1.3.2#">
  <ds:Signature>
    <!-- ... -->
    <ds:Reference URI="file1.xml">
      <!-- ... -->
    </ds:Reference>
    <!-- ... -->
    <ds:Reference URI="file2.xml">
      <!-- ... -->
    </ds:Reference>
    <!-- ... -->
  </ds:Signature>
  <ds:Signature>
    <!-- ... -->
    <ds:Reference URI="file1.xml">
      <!-- ... -->
    </ds:Reference>
    <!-- ... -->
    <!-- ... -->
  </ds:Signature>
</asic:XAdESSignatures>
```

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## B.3 Example of ASiC-E with CAdES and time-stamp token

In this example a set of file objects is digitally signed with CAdES digital signatures and an ASiC-E container is created. Later on a new set of file objects is added to the container and all the file objects are time-stamped.

The first version of the ASiC-E container includes:

- "mimetype", containing "application/vnd.etsi.asic-e+zip".
- "file1.xml", the first XML file object.
- "file2.xml", the second XML file object.
- "/META-INF/ ASiCManifest1.xml" containing the references to and the digests of file1.xml and file2.xml.
- "/META-INF/signatures1.p7s" containing the CAdES digital signature of "/META-INF/ ASiCManifest1.xml".

Subsequently the container content is updated as follows (added content in bold):

- "file1.xml", the first XML file object.
- "file2.xml", the second XML file object.
- **"file1.pdf", the first PDF file object.**
- **"file2.pdf", the second PDF file object.**
- "/META-INF/ ASiCManifest1.xml" containing the references to and the digests of "file1.xml" and "file2.xml".
- "/META-INF/signature1.p7s" containing the CAdES digital signature of "/META-INF/ASiCmanifest1.xml".

- **"/META-INF/ ASiCManifest2.xml"** containing the references to and the digests of **"file1.xml"**, **"file2.xml"**, **"file1.pdf"**, **"file2.pdf"**.
- **"/META-INF/timestamp.tst"** containing the time-stamp token applied to **"/META-INF/ ASiCManifest2.xml"**.

#### META-INF/ ASiCManifest1.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<asic:ASiCManifest
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
  xmlns:asic="http://uri.etsi.org/02918/v1.2.1#"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" >
  <asic:SigReference URI="META-INF/signature1.p7s"
    MimeType="application/x-pkcs7-signature"/>
  <asic:DataObjectReference URI="file1.xml" MimeType="application/xml">
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlenc#sha256"/>
    <ds:DigestValue>j6lwx3SAvKTMUP4NbeZ1</ds:DigestValue>
  </asic:DataObjectReference>
  <asic:DataObjectReference URI="file2.xml" MimeType="application/xml">
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlenc#sha256"/>
    <ds:DigestValue>h3isbr37GE6Ek2wa</ds:DigestValue>
  </asic:DataObjectReference>
</asic:ASiCManifest>
```

#### META-INF/ ASiCManifest2.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<asic:ASiCManifest
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
  xmlns:asic="http://uri.etsi.org/02918/v1.2.1#"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <asic:SigReference URI="META-INF/timestamp.tst"
    MimeType="application/vnd.etsi.timestamp-token"/>
  <asic:DataObjectReference URI="file1.xml" MimeType="application/xml">
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlenc#sha256"/>
    <ds:DigestValue>j6lwx3SAvKTMUP4NbeZ1</ds:DigestValue>
  </asic:DataObjectReference>
  <asic:DataObjectReference URI="file2.xml" MimeType="application/xml">
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlenc#sha256"/>
    <ds:DigestValue>h3isbr37GE6Ek2wauT7J</ds:DigestValue>
  </asic:DataObjectReference>
  <asic:DataObjectReference URI="file1.pdf" MimeType="application/pdf">
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlenc#sha256"/>
    <ds:DigestValue>7GE6Ek3SAvKT3isrvEPO</ds:DigestValue>
  </asic:DataObjectReference>
  <asic:DataObjectReference URI="file2.pdf" MimeType="application/pdf">
    <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlenc#sha256"/>
    <ds:DigestValue>br37GTMU3SAvKT3sbr3I</ds:DigestValue>
  </asic:DataObjectReference>
</asic:ASiCManifest>
```

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