



Brief and important information for our users

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17-07-2006 Schedule of the DOCDB/XML Exchange

Dates of phasing out of DOCDB/ST30, IFD and REFI Exchanges

Recently there have been numerous inquiries about the schedule and the duration of the parallel run. Here a short overview of the milestones in the DOCDB/XML Exchange deployment.

- Week 15/2006 First delivery of test data in DOCDB/XML
- Week 29/2006 End of feedback-cycle, last opportunity for feedback 21 July
- Week 39/2006 Production of complete back-file in DOCDB/XML
- Week 40/2006 Last delivery of test data in DOCDB/XML
- Week 41/2006 First delivery of formal production data in DOCDB/XML

This schedule includes 6 months of test deliveries, followed by a complete back-file in DOCDB/XML and a parallel run for a period of 6 months. From the moment the back-file has been produced, the DOCDB exchanges in IFD and ST.30 as well as the monthly exchange of cited references will run in parallel against DOCDB/XML for a period of 6 months.

Production date of the complete back-file has been scheduled for week 39/2006. The backfile will contain the coverage DOCDB at the end of week 39/2006.

A delay of one or two weeks between production and delivery is to be taken into account, allowing for the production of the DVD's.

The end date of production of the DOCDB weekly exchanges in IFD and ST.30 as well as the exchange of REFI (cited references) is linked to the production date of the back-file. The duration of the parallel run will be six months net from the moment the back-file has been dispatched.

Since the publication of the initial time-table in November 2005, the back-file has been delayed by a month. That means that IFD, ST.30 and the exchange of REFI (cited references) will run until mid April 2007. Should the back-file be delayed by another month, the parallel run will continue until mid May 2007.

Extension of the parallel run will generally speaking not be considered since already the effort of running three major exchanges in parallel against DOCDB/XML for a period of 6 months requires considerable resources urgently needed for other important developments.

Important Milestones :

Mid-October 2006 [week 40]

- First delivery of weekly production data DOCDB exchange in DOCDB/XML
This exchange covers the products
 - 14.07 DOCDB exchange in ST.30 format
 - 14.10 DOCDB exchange in IFD format
 - 14.09 REFI exchange (currently only monthly, then weekly)

Mid-April 2007 [week 2007/15]

- Last delivery of exchange products
 - 14.07 DOCDB exchange in ST.30 format
 - 14.10 DOCDB exchange in IFD format
 - 14.09 REFI exchange

Notifications for DOCDB/XML delivery of week 29

Week 29 will see the population of the new attribute "status" on data-unit level. This attribute represents the "field level change indicator" and will identify which update has triggered the exchange of the publication.

Refer to section 4.6 "Field Level Change Indicator" of release 1.3 of the User

Documentation for detailed information on the implementation and the usage of this new attribute.

Regarding entity references, our attention has been drawn to an inconsistency between the representation of entity references included in <docdb-entities.dtd> and the representation of entity references incorporated in the actual data.

As from this week we will be exchanging hexadecimal representations in the data rather than decimal, in order to be consistent with the hexadecimal values in the <docdb.entities.dtd>.

Leading zeroes will be suppressed in the entity references included in the actual data :

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<exch:invention-title lang="de" data-format="docdba">
W&#xE4;rmeempfindliches Aufzeichnungsmaterial, das
Phthals&#xE4;urederivate verwendet.
</exch:invention-title>
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