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Foreword

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- [Annex A](#) was revised to coordinate with other parts of the ISO/IEC 15944 series.
- The whole document was updated and revised according to changes in the ISO/IEC Part 2 Directives and the introduction of the ISO House Style.

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 15944 series can be found on the ISO and IEC websites.

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Introduction

0.1 Purpose and overview

Modelling business transactions using scenarios and scenario components includes specifying the applicable constraints on the data content using explicitly stated rules. ISO/IEC 14662 identifies two basic classes of constraints, "internal constraints" and "external constraints". External constraints apply to most business transactions. External constraints have governance over any processing of personal information including that exchanged among parties to a business transaction and doing so from an information life cycle management (ILCM) requirements perspective.

Jurisdictional domains are the primary source of external constraints on business transactions (see [Annex C](#)). Privacy protection requirements in turn are a common requirement of most jurisdictional domains, although they may also result from explicit scenario demands from or on the parties involved in a business transaction. (Requirements for secrecy or confidentiality are not addressed in this document, unless they are implicitly needed to apply privacy protection requirements to data).

The focus of this document is on any kind of recorded information concerning identifiable living individuals as buyers in a business transaction or whose personal information is used in a business transaction or any type of commitment exchange.

This document describes the added business semantic descriptive techniques needed to support ILCM aspects as part of privacy protection requirements when modelling business transactions using the external constraints of jurisdictional domains. ILCM aspects are central to the ability to ensure that privacy protection requirements (PPR) are passed on and supported among all the parties to a business transaction using EDI.

This document applies to any organization which receives, creates, process, maintains, communicates, etc. personal information (PI) and, in particular, to those who receive, create, capture, maintain, use, store or dispose of sets of recorded information (SRIs) electronically. This document applies to private and public sector activities of Persons irrespective of whether such activities are undertaken on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

This document is intended for use by those organizations to which privacy protection requirements apply and who therefore need to ensure that the recorded information (electronic records and transactions) in their IT Systems is trustworthy, reliable and recognized as authentic. Typical users of this document include:

- a) managers of private and public sector organizations;
- b) IT systems and records/information management system professionals;
- c) privacy protection officers (PPOs) and other personnel in organizations, including those responsible for risk management; and
- d) legal professionals and others within an organization responsible for information law compliance by the organization.

0.2 Use of ISO/IEC 14662 and ISO/IEC 15944

0.2.1 ISO/IEC 14662: Open-edi reference model¹⁾

ISO/IEC 14662²⁾ states the conceptual architecture necessary for carrying out electronic business transactions among autonomous parties. That architecture identifies and describes the need to have two separate and related views of the business transaction.

1) The Memorandum of Understanding between ISO, IEC, ITU and UN/ECE (2000) concerning standardization in the field of electronic business is based on this *Model*. See https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/oes/MOU/2000/24March2000_IEC_ISO_ITU.pdf.

2) ISO/IEC 14662 is freely-available at <https://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html>.

The first is the business operational view (BOV). The second is the functional service view (FSV). ISO/IEC 14662:2010, Figure 1, illustrates the Open-edi environment. For definitions of the terms used, see [Clause 3](#).

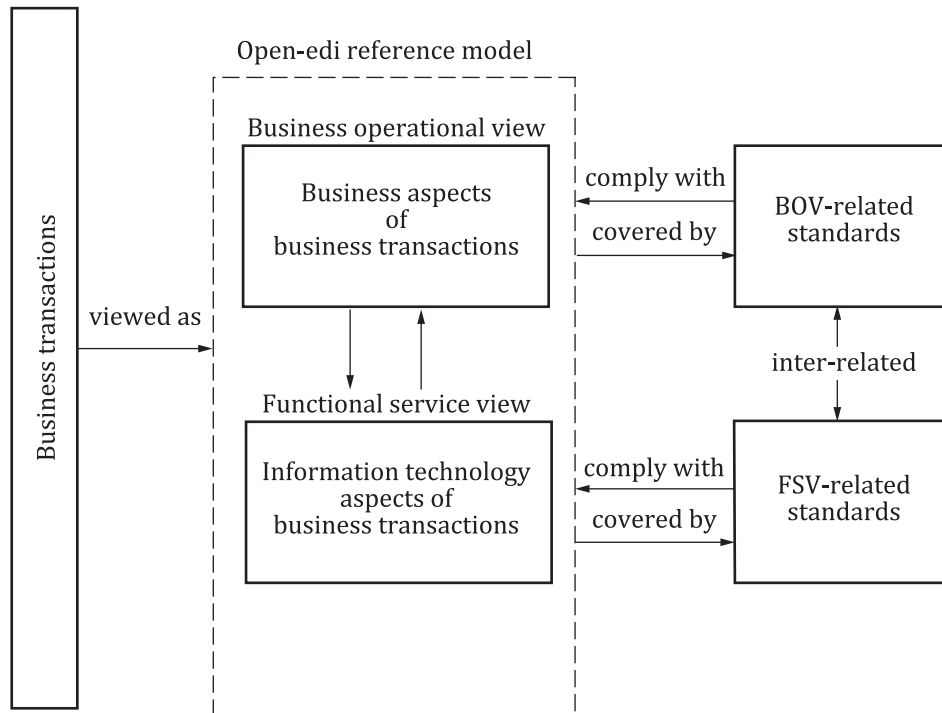


Figure 1 — Open-edi reference model environment

ISO/IEC 15944 is a multipart eBusiness standard which is based on and focuses on the BOV perspective of the ISO/IEC 14662 Open-edi reference model. This document focuses on addressing commonly definable aspects of external constraints that relate to ILCM in a privacy and data protection³⁾ context when the source is a jurisdictional domain. A useful characteristic of external constraints is that, at the sectoral level, national and international levels, etc., focal points and recognized authorities often already exist. The rules and common business practices in many sectoral areas are already known. Use of this document (and related standards) addresses the transformation of these external constraints (business rules) into specified, registered, and re-useable scenarios and scenario components.

This document is based on ISO/IEC 14662 as well as existing parts of the ISO/IEC 15944 series, which serve as its key normative references and overall boundaries for the scope of this document. ISO/IEC 15944-5 and ISO/IEC 15944-8, in particular, serve as the basis for this document as they both focus on external constraints.

0.2.2 ISO/IEC 15944-1: Business operational view (BOV) — Operational aspects of Open-edi for implementation

ISO/IEC 15944-1 states the requirements of the BOV aspects of Open-edi in support of electronic business transactions. They are required to be taken into account in the development of business semantic descriptive techniques for modelling e-business transactions and components thereof as re-useable business objects. They include:

- commercial frameworks and associated requirements;

3) "Privacy protection" is the common set of worldwide requirements. In the European Union, "data protection" is the equivalent concept (used mainly due to historical reasons). In many other non-European countries, (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, etc., "privacy" is the legal term used in applicable legislation and pursuant regulations. This is because "privacy" applies to not just "data" but any form of recorded information containing "personal information". Thus, from an international standards perspective "privacy protection" integrates "privacy" and "data protection" requirements. In many other countries, "privacy" is the legal term used in applicable legislation and pursuant regulations.

- legal frameworks and associated requirements;
- public policy requirements particularly which apply to individuals, i.e. are rights of individuals, which are of a generic nature such as consumer protection, privacy protection, and accessibility (see ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 6.3);
- requirements arising from the need to support cultural adaptability. This includes meeting localization and multilingual requirements, (e.g. as can be required by a particular jurisdictional domain or desired to provide a good, service and/or right in a particular market). Here, one needs the ability to distinguish, the specification of scenarios, scenario components, and their semantics, in the context of making commitments, between:
 - a) the use of unique, unambiguous and linguistically neutral identifiers (often as composite identifiers) at the information technology interface level among the IT systems of participation parties on the one hand; and, on the other,
 - b) their multiple human interface equivalent (HIE) expressions in a presentation form appropriate to the Persons involved in the making of the resulting commitments.

[Figure 2](#), based on ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, Figure 3, shows an integrated view of these business operational requirements. Since the focus of this document is that of external constraints for which jurisdictional domains are the primary source, these primary sources have been shaded in [Figure 2](#).

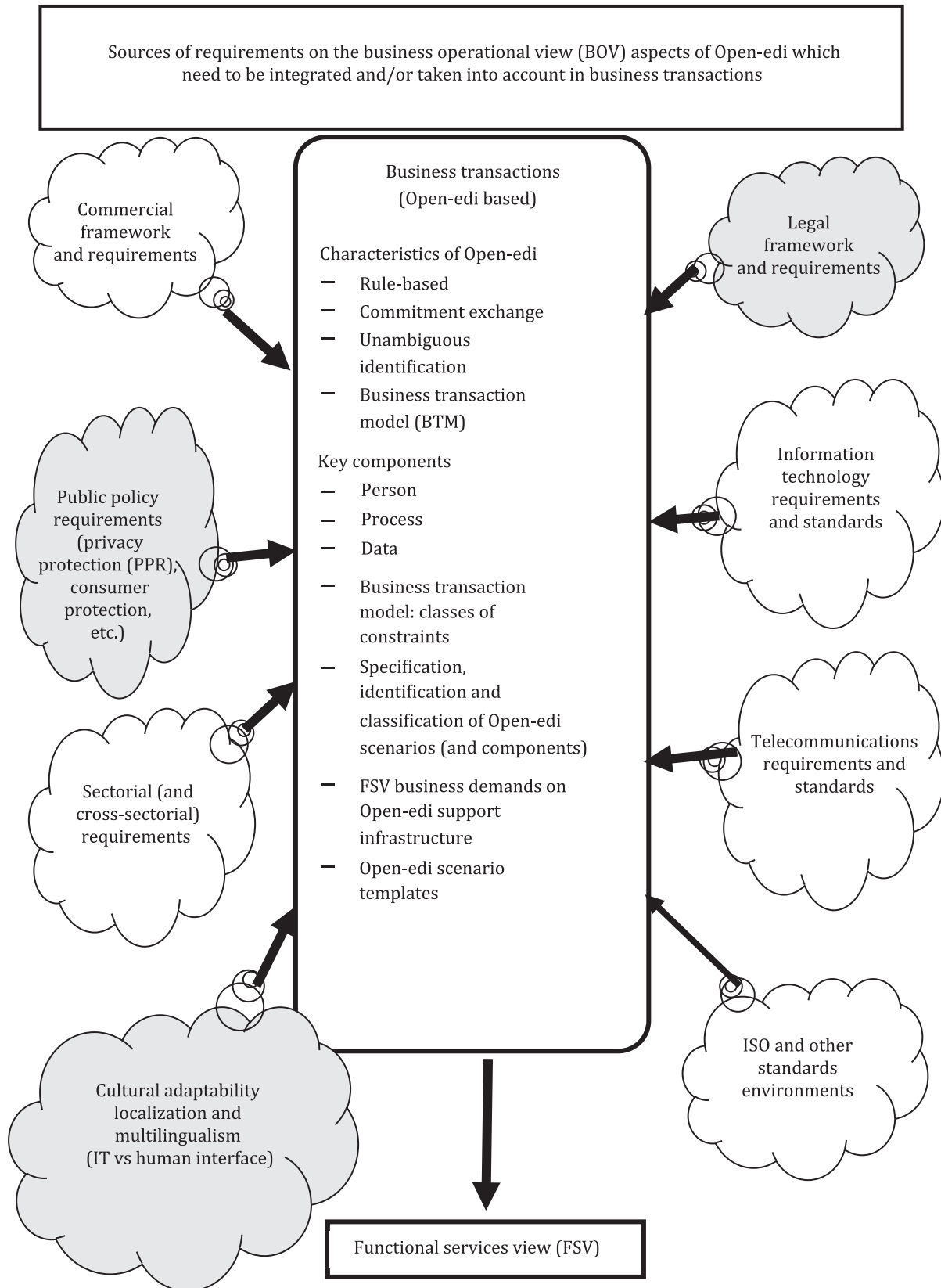


Figure 2 — Integrated view of business operational requirements with an external constraints focus

In electronic business transactions, whether undertaken on a for profit or not-for-profit basis, the key element is commitment exchange among Persons made through their decision-making applications (DMAs) of their information technology systems (IT Systems, see ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 5.2) acting on behalf of "Persons". "Persons" are the only entities able to make commitments.

There are three categories of Person as a role player in Open-edi, namely: (1) the Person as "individual", (2) the Person as "organization", and (3) the Person as "public administration"⁴⁾. There are also three basic (or primitive) roles of Persons in business transactions, namely: "buyer", "seller" and "regulator". When modelling business transactions, jurisdictional domains prescribe their external constraints in the role of "regulator" and execute them as "public administration".

0.2.3 Link to ISO/IEC 15944-5 and ISO/IEC 15944-8

ISO/IEC 15944-5 focuses on external constraints the primary source of which is jurisdictional domains, at various levels. It also identified a common class of external constraints known as "public policy", which apply where and when the "buyer" in a business transaction is an "individual". It identified three key sub-types, along with applicable rules; of public policy constraints, namely: "consumer protection", "privacy protection" and "individual accessibility" (see ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 6.3). In addition, ISO/IEC 15944-5 specifies how and where (common) external constraints of jurisdictional domains impact the "Person", "process", and "data" components of the business transaction model (BTM), as introduced in ISO/IEC 15944-1.

ISO/IEC 15944-8, which is based on ISO/IEC 15944-5, focuses on providing a more detailed identification and specification of the common privacy protection requirements as they apply to any business transaction where the buyer is an individual.

This document:

- is based on both ISO/IEC 15944-5 and ISO/IEC 15944-8;
- integrates applicable concepts and definitions, principles, rules, etc., found in both ISO/IEC 15944-5 and ISO/IEC 15944-8 (as well as applicable elements of the Open-edi reference model and other parts of the ISO/IEC 15944 series); and
- focuses on information life cycle management (ILCM) aspects at a more granular level, i.e. that required to be able to support implementation of the same.

0.3 Link to Privacy-by-Design (PbD) approach

The overall purpose of the Privacy-by-Design (PbD)⁵⁾ approach is to ensure that privacy protection requirements (as stated in applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements) are identified and specified in a systematic and rule-based manner for those developing any IT systems within their organization.

It is noted that although this is the first part in the ISO/IEC 15944 series in which Privacy-by-Design is formally mentioned, the PbD approach has always been supported and "imbedded" in the development of the ISO/IEC 15944 series. The need to conform with and support privacy protection requirements was already incorporated in ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, D.1.1.

The development of the ISO/IEC 15944 series fully supports the seven "foundation principles" of the PbD approach. In particular, it provides the detailed rules, definitions and related guidelines necessary to ensure that privacy protection requirements are identified and implemented not only throughout the entire life cycle of the recorded information involved, i.e. "cradle-to-grave", information life cycle management (ILCM) but especially that for any personal information interchanged via EDI among parties to a particular business transaction.

0.4 Importance and role of terms and definitions

The ISO/IEC 15944 series sets out the processes for achieving a common understanding of the business operational view (BOV) from commercial, legal, ICT, public policy and cross-sectoral perspectives. It is

4) While "public administration" is one of the three distinct sub-types of Person, most of the rules in this document applicable to "organization" also apply to "public administration". In addition, an unincorporated seller is also deemed to function as an "organization". Where it is necessary to bring forward specific rules, constraints, properties, etc., which apply specifically to "public administration", this is stated explicitly.

5) The seven foundation principles of "Privacy-by-Design" are: 1. Proactive and not reactive; preventative and not reactive; 2. Privacy as the default setting; 3. Privacy embedded in design; 4. Full functionality – positive-sum, not zero-sum; 5. End to end security – full lifecycle protection; 6. Visibility and transparency – keep it open; 7. Respect for user privacy – keep it user-centric.

therefore important to check and confirm that a “common understanding” in any one of these domains is also unambiguously understood as identical in the others.

This subclause is included in each part of the ISO/IEC 15944 series to emphasize that harmonized concepts and definitions (and assigned terms) are essential to the continuity of the overall series.

In order to minimize ambiguity in the definitions and their associated terms, each definition and its associated term has been made available in at least one language other than English in the document in which it is introduced. In this context, it is noted that ISO/IEC 15944-7 already also contains human interface equivalents (HIEs) in Chinese, French, and Russian.

0.5 Based on rules and guidelines

This document is intended to be used by diverse sets of users having different perspectives and needs (see [Figure 2](#)).

The ISO/IEC 15944 series focuses on "other precise criteria to be used consistently as rules, guidelines, or definitions of characteristics, to ensure that materials, products, processes and services are fit for their purpose".

Open-edi is based on rules which are predefined and mutually agreed to. They are precise criteria and agreed-upon requirements of business transactions representing common business operational practices and functional requirements.

These rules also serve as a common understanding bridging the varied perspectives of the commercial framework, the legal framework, the information technology framework, standardisers, consumers, etc.⁶⁾

0.6 Use of “Person”, “organization”, “individual” and “party” in the context of business transaction and commitment exchange

Throughout this document:

- the use of Person with a capital "P" represents Person as a defined term, i.e. as the entity within an Open-edi Party that carries the legal responsibility for making commitment(s);
- "individual", "organization", and "public administration" are defined terms representing the three common sub-types of "Person"; and
- the use of the words “person(s)” and “party (ies)” without a capital “P” indicates their use in a generic context independent of “Person”, as a defined concept in ISO/IEC 14662 and the ISO/IEC 15944 series.

NOTE A "party" to a business transaction has the properties and behaviours of a "Person".

0.7 Use of “identifier” (in a business transaction) and roles of an individual

ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 6.1.4 focuses on the requirement for the unambiguous identification of entities in business transactions (see also ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, Annex C). "Unambiguous" is a key issue in business transactions because states of ambiguity and uncertainty are an anathema from commercial, legal, consumer and information technology perspectives. Issues of unambiguousness apply to all aspects of a business transaction and even more so to those which are EDI-based. Open-edi transactions anticipate that all entities are fully and clearly identified prior to the instantiation of a business transaction.

0.8 Use of “jurisdictional domain” in the context of privacy protection and related ILCM requirements

The term "jurisdiction" has many possible definitions. Some definitions of “jurisdiction” have accepted international legal status while others do not. It is also common practice to equate "jurisdiction" with "country", although the two are by no means synonymous. It is also common practice to refer to states, provinces, länder, cantons, territories, municipalities, etc., as "jurisdictions", and in contract law it is

6) The working principle is that of "coordinated autonomy", i.e. all parties are autonomous. Therefore, the extent to which they cooperate, agree on common needs, business rules constraints, practices, etc., and reach agreement on the same in form of precise rules, terms and definitions, etc., is a key influence on the creation of necessary standards as well as common scenarios, scenario attributes and scenario components.

customary to specify a particular court of law as having jurisdiction or a defined national body, or an international body as having jurisdiction (even if that is not legally enforceable), and so on. Finally, there are differing "legal" definitions of "jurisdiction". Readers should understand that in this document:

- the use of the term "jurisdictional domain" represents its use as a defined term; and
- the use of the terms "jurisdiction(s)" and/or "country (ies)" represents their use in their generic contexts and do not imply any legal effect per se.

0.9 Use of "privacy protection" in the context of business transaction, EDI and any type of commitment exchange

Jurisdictional domains, such as UN member states (and/or their administrative sub-divisions), have enacted various "privacy" laws, "data protection" laws, "protection of personal information" laws, etc. (as well as pursuant regulations). Some of these sources of legal requirements focus on the protection of personal information in IT systems only (e.g. "data protection"), while others focus on the protection of personal information irrespective of the medium (see ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 6.4.1) used for the recording of personal information and/or its communication to other Persons.

In the case of personal information, this is currently defined by most jurisdictional domains to be a specific sub-set of recorded information relating to the Person as an "individual" — where the qualities of such type of Person are that they are required to be an identifiable, living individual. As a consequence, this may only apply to some proportion of the specific role players in a business transaction (including their personae) and not others.

The delivery of "privacy protection" requires action both at the business operational level (BOV) and functional services view (FSV) (or technology levels). Where human beings interact with recorded information once it has passed through an Open-edi transaction, they have the potential to compromise technical controls (FSV) that could have been applied. It is essential that business models take into account the need to establish overarching business processes that address issues that have not been, and/or cannot be resolved by the technical FSV controls applied so as to provide the overall privacy protection demands of regulation that are required to be applied to personal data, their use, prescribed dissemination and so on. In this regard, the interplay of the BOV and FSV views of all organizations is important.

0.10 Use of "set of recorded information" (SRI) and "set of personal information" (SPI) versus record, document, message, data, etc.

The concepts of "record", "document", "data", "message", etc., are defined and used in ISO standards and in different levels of jurisdictional domains. However, multiple differing definitions exist for each of these terms. To address this polysemy issue, the unifying concept and definition of "set of recorded information" was introduced and defined in ISO/IEC 15944-5.

In Open-edi, SRIs are modelled as Information Bundles (IBs) and Semantic Components (SCs) when they are interchanged among participating parties in a business transaction. Within the IT systems of an organization, and especially within its decision-making applications (DMAs), the recorded information pertaining to a business transaction is usually maintained as one or more (linked) SRIs.

In order to maximize linkages between Open-edi (external behaviour) aspects and data management (internal behaviour) aspects of an organization (as well as associated record management and EDIFACT standards), SRI is used as a common higher level concept, which incorporates essential attributes of the concepts of "record", "document", "message", etc. as defined in various ways in existing ISO standards.

Where and when an SRI is of the nature of personal information or contains personal information, privacy protection requirements (PPR) apply. Within the context of PPR and with the focus of ILCM the concept and definition of "set of personal information (SPI)" is as follows:

- set of personal information (SPI) (see [3.127](#));
- set of recorded information (SRI) which is of the nature of or contains personal information (see [3.128](#)).

This document focuses on ILCM of personal information in support of PPR and as such “set of personal information (SPI)” is used throughout this document while “set of recorded information (SRI)” when referring to the more generic ILCM aspects.

0.11 Aspects currently not addressed

This first edition of this document focuses on the essential and basic ILCM aspects of privacy protection requirements.

Many other aspects identified in the development of this document remain to be addressed. For detailed information, see [Annex I](#).

0.12 IT-systems environment neutrality

This document, like all the other parts of ISO/IEC 15944, does not assume nor endorse any specific system environment, database management system, database design paradigm, system development methodology, data definition language, command language, system interface, user interface, syntax, computing platform, or any technology required for implementation, i.e. it is information technology neutral. At the same time, this document maximizes an IT-enabled approach to its implementation and maximizes semantic interoperability.

0.13 Organization and description of this document

This document identifies basic common requirements of information life cycle management (LCM) requirements in a privacy protection context, as external constraints of jurisdictional domains, on the modelling of a business transaction through scenarios and scenario components.

For the human interface equivalents (HIEs) of each term in [Clause 3](#) in French, [Annex A](#) applies.

Following Clauses 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4, which have a common approach and similar content in the ISO/IEC 15944 series, [Clause 5](#) summarizes the 11 Fundamental privacy protection principles introduced and defined in detail in ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, Clause 5 along with its associated rules and guidelines. [Clause 5](#) also provides a link to related “consumer protection” and “individual accessibility” requirements. A key purpose of [Clause 5](#) is to place privacy protection principles in the content of ILCM requirements. A related purpose is to bring forward the requirement that any and all sets of personal information (SPIs) are identified, i.e. tagged or labelled, as such in support of privacy protection requirements.

[Clause 6](#) identifies an integrated (minimum) set of ILCM principles along with associated rules and guidelines required to support both general information law requirements and in particular those required to be implemented in support of privacy protection requirements.

[Clause 7](#) focuses on the need to ensure accountability for and control of personal information by any organization (or public administration). [Clause 8](#) expands on this by providing the rules governing specification of ILCM aspects of personal information, i.e. from an implementation perspective.

The fact that in their “normal” operations organizations need to undertake data conversions and data migration in the decision-making applications (DMAs) of their IT systems is recognized in [Clause 9](#). However, it is also important that applicable privacy protection requirements remain being supported, i.e. within and among, organizations including data synchronization among their IT systems.

[Clause 10](#) summarizes key rules and requirements found in ISO/IEC 15944-1, ISO/IEC 15944-5 and ISO/IEC 15944-8 which govern EDI of personal information between the primary ILCM Person, i.e. seller, and its use of agents and/or third parties. The clause concludes with a conformance statement.

Finally, annexes are provided for elaboration of points raised in the main body. Of these, [Annexes A](#) and [B](#) are normative, and the remaining annexes are informative.

[Annex A](#) is a consolidated list of the definitions and their associated terms introduced in this document in English and French. For the complete set of French (and Russian and Chinese) equivalents of the entries in [Clause 3](#), see ISO/IEC 15944-7. As stated in the main body of this document, the issue of semantics and their importance of identifying the correct interpretation across official aspects is critical.

[Annex B](#) identifies rules stated in the other parts of ISO/IEC 15944 that are applicable to this document.

[Annex C](#) is common to ISO/IEC 15944-2, ISO/IEC 15944-4, ISO/IEC 15944-5 and ISO/IEC 15944-8. It summarizes the business transaction model (BTM).

The focus of [Annex D](#) is to link the ILCM process to the process phases of a business transaction. [Annex E](#) provides a generic approach to ILCM decisions in a privacy protection requirements context along with an ILCM conformance decision tree template.

The purpose of [Annex F](#) is to provide a generic approach to the identification of properties and behaviours of PI as SRI transitory records and their disposition/expungement. In [Annex G](#), some notes on referential integrity in Open-edi are presented.

[Annex H](#) provides details on a number of exclusions to the scope of this document while [Annex I](#) identifies aspects of the scope of this document which have not yet been addressed in this current edition.

Information technology — Business operational view —

Part 12:

Privacy protection requirements (PPR) on information life cycle management (ILCM) and EDI of personal information (PI)

1 Scope

This document:

- provides method(s) for identifying, in Open-edi modelling technologies and development of scenarios, the additional requirements in business operational view (BOV) specifications for identifying the additional external constraints to be applied to recorded information in business transactions relating to personal information of an individual, as required by legal and regulatory requirements of applicable jurisdictional domains;
- integrates existing normative elements in support of privacy and data protection requirements as are already identified in ISO/IEC 14662 and ISO/IEC 15944-1, ISO/IEC 15944-2, ISO/IEC 15944-4, ISO/IEC 15944-5, ISO/IEC 15944-8, ISO/IEC 15944-9 and ISO/IEC 15944-10;
- provides overarching, operational 'best practice' statements for associated (and not necessarily automated) processes, procedures, practices and governance requirements that act in support of implementing and enforcing technical mechanisms which support the privacy/data protection requirements necessary for implementation in Open-edi transaction environments;
- focuses on the life cycle management of personal information, i.e. the contents of SPIs (and their SRIs) related to the business transaction interchanged via EDI as Information Bundles (IBs) and their associated Semantic Components (SCs) among the parties to a business transaction.

NOTE Privacy protection requirements (PPR) on information life cycle management (ILCM) and EDI of personal information as stated in this document primarily via enumerated rules which serve as a minimum set of ILCM policy and operational requirements for all recorded information pertaining to a business transaction in particular, as well as ILCM implementation in any organization in general.

This document does not specify the technical mechanisms, i.e. functional support services (FSV) which are required to support BOV-identified requirements. Detailed exclusions to the scope of this document are provided in [Annex H](#).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitute requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 14662:2010, *Information technology — Open-edi reference model*

ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, *Information technology — Business operational view — Part 1: Operational aspects of open-edi for implementation*

ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, *Information technology — Business operational view — Part 5: Identification and referencing of requirements of jurisdictional domains as sources of external constraints*

ISO/IEC 15944-8:—⁷⁾, *Information technology — Business operational view — Part 8: Identification of privacy protection requirements as external constraints on business transactions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 address

set of *data elements* (3.32) that specifies a *location* (3.67) to which a *recorded information* (3.110) item(s), a *business object(s)* (3.8), a material *object(s)* (3.73) and/or a person(s) can be sent or from which it can be received

Note 1 to entry: An address can be specified as either a physical address and/or electronic address.

Note 2 to entry: In the identification, referencing and retrieving of registered business objects, it is necessary to state whether the pertinent recorded information is available in both physical and virtual forms.

Note 3 to entry: In the context of Open-edi, a recorded information item is modelled and registered as an Open-edi scenario (OeS), Information Bundle (IB) or Semantic Component (SC).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.1]

3.2 agent

Person (3.89) acting for another *Person* in a clearly specified capacity in the context of a *business transaction* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: Excluded are agents as "automatons" (or robots, bobots, etc.). In ISO/IEC 14662, "automatons" are recognized and provided for but as part of the Functional service view (FSV) where they are defined as an "Information processing domain (IPD)".

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.1]

3.3 anonymization

process (3.100) whereby the association between a *set of recorded information (SRI)* (3.128) and an identifiable *individual* (3.52) is removed where such an association may have existed

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC/FDIS 15944-8:2008, 3.3]

3.4 attribute

characteristic (3.14) of an *object* (3.73) or *entity* (3.43)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11179-3:2023, 3.1.11]

3.5 authentication

provision of assurance of the claimed identity of an *entity* (3.43)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 10181-2:1996, 3.3]

3.6 back-up copy of data

copy that is any of the following:

7) Under revision. Stage at the date of publication: ISO/IEC FDIS 15944-8:2025.

- a) additional resource or duplicate copy of *data* (3.28) on different a storage *medium* (3.68) stored off-line for emergency purposes;
- b) disk, tape or other machine-readable copy of a data or program file;
- c) data or program file recorded and stored off-line for emergency or archival purposes; and,
- d) record that preserves the evidence and information it contains if the original is not available

3.7

business

series of *processes* (3.100), each having a clearly understood purpose, involving more than one *Person* (3.89), realized through the exchange of *recorded information* (3.110) and directed towards some mutually agreed upon goal, extending over a period of time

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.2]

3.8

business object

unambiguously (3.141) identified, specified, referenceable, registered and re-useable *Open-edi scenario* (3.81) or *scenario component* (3.124) of a *business transaction* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: As an object, a business object exists only in the context of a business transaction.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.6]

3.9

Business Operational View

BOV

perspective of *business transactions* (3.10) limited to those aspects regarding the making of *business* (3.7) decisions and *commitments* (3.20) among *Persons* (3.89), which are needed for the description of a business transaction

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.3]

3.10

business transaction

predefined set of activities and/or *processes* (3.100) of *Persons* (3.89) which is initiated by a *Person* to accomplish an explicitly shared *business* (3.7) goal and terminated upon recognition of one of the agreed conclusions by all the involved *Persons* although some of the recognition may be implicit

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.4]

3.11

business transaction audit trail

chronological record of *IT system* (3.59) activities that is sufficient to enable the reconstruction, reviewing and examination of the sequence of environments and activities surrounding or leading to an operation, a procedure, or an event pertaining to *sets of recorded information (SRIs)* (3.128) in a *business transaction* (3.10) through all its *processes* (3.100), i.e. from planning to the end of post-actualization

Note 1 to entry: The ability to support a business transaction audit trail is required in order to be able to support privacy protection transactional integrity (PPTI) requirements.

3.12

business transaction identifier

BTI

identifier assigned by a *seller* (3.125) or a *regulator* (3.116) to an instantiated *business transaction* (3.10) among the *Persons* (3.89) involved

Note 1 to entry: The identifier assigned by the seller or regulator shall have the properties and behaviours of an identifier (in a business transaction).

Note 2 to entry: As an identifier (in a business transaction), a BTI serves as the unique common identifier for all Persons involved for the identification, referencing, retrieval of recorded information, etc. pertaining to the commitments made and the resulting actualization (and post-actualization) of the business transaction agreed to.

Note 3 to entry: A business transaction identifier can be assigned at any time during the planning, identification or negotiation phases but shall be assigned at least prior to the start or during the actualization phase.

Note 4 to entry: As and where required by the applicable jurisdictional domain(s), the recorded information associated with the business transaction identifier (BTI) may well require the seller to include other identifiers, (e.g. from a value-added good or service tax, etc., perspective) as assigned by the applicable jurisdictional domain(s).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.12]

3.13

buyer

Person ([3.89](#)) who aims to get possession of a good, service and/or right through providing an acceptable equivalent value, usually in money, to the *Person* providing such a good, service and/or right

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.8]

3.14

characteristic

abstraction of a *property* ([3.102](#)) of an *object* ([3.73](#)) or of a set of *objects*

Note 1 to entry: Characteristics are used for describing concepts.

[SOURCE: ISO 1087:2019, 3.2.1]

3.15

character set

finite set of different characters that is complete for a given purpose

EXAMPLE The international reference version of the character set of ISO/IEC 10646.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 2382:2015, 2121547]

3.16

code

<coded domain>identifier, i.e. an *ID code* ([3.49](#)), assigned to an *entity* ([3.43](#)) as member of a *coded domain* ([3.17](#)) according to the pre-established set of *rules* ([3.120](#)) governing that coded domain

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.19]

3.17

coded domain

domain for which (1) the boundaries are defined and explicitly stated as a *rulebase* ([3.121](#)) of a *coded domain source authority* (*cdSA*) ([3.18](#)); and, (2) each *entity* ([3.43](#)) which qualifies as a member of that domain is identified through the assignment of a unique ID code in accordance with the applicable *registration schema* (*RS*) ([3.114](#)) of that *source authority* (*SA*) ([3.129](#))

Note 1 to entry: The rules governing the assignment of an ID code to members of a coded domain reside with its source authority and form part of the coded domain registration schema (cdRS) of the source authority.

Note 2 to entry: Source authorities which are jurisdictional domains are the primary source of coded domains.

Note 3 to entry: A coded domain is a data set for which the contents of the data element values are predetermined and defined according to the rulebase of its source authority and as such have predefined semantics.

Note 4 to entry: Associated with a code in a coded domain can be: (a) one and/or more equivalent codes; (b) one and/or more equivalent representations especially those in the form of human interface equivalent (HIE) (linguistic) expressions.

Note 5 to entry: In a coded domain, the rules for assignment and structuring of the ID codes are required to be specified.

Note 6 to entry: Where an entity as member of a coded domain is allowed to have, i.e. assigned, more than one ID code, i.e. as equivalent ID codes (possibly including names), one of these are required to be specified as the pivot ID code.

Note 7 to entry: A coded domain in turn can consist of two or more coded domains, i.e. through the application of the inheritance principle of object classes.

Note 8 to entry: A coded domain may contain an ID code which pertains to predefined conditions other than qualification of membership of entities in the coded domain. Further, the rules governing a coded domain may or may not provide for user extensions.

EXAMPLE 1 (1) The use of ID Code "0" (or "00", etc.) for "Others, (2) the use of ID Code "9" (or "99", etc.) for "Not Applicable"; (3) the use of "8" (or "98") for "Not Known"; and/or, if required, (4) the pre-reservation of a series of ID codes for use of "user extensions".

Note 9 to entry: In object methodology, entities which are members of a coded domain are referred to as instances of a class.

EXAMPLE 2 In UML modelling notation, an ID code is viewed as an instance of an object class.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.13]

3.18

coded domain Source Authority

cdSA

Person (3.89), usually an *organization* (3.86), as a *source authority* (3.129) which sets the *rules* (3.120) governing a *coded domain* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: Source authority is a role of a Person and for widely used coded domains the coded domain source authority is often a jurisdictional domain.

Note 2 to entry: Specific sectors (banking, transport, geomatics, agriculture, etc.), may have particular coded domain source authority(ies) whose coded domains are used in many other sectors.

Note 3 to entry: A coded domain source authority usually also functions as a registration authority but can use an agent, i.e. another Person, to execute the registration function on its behalf.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.14]

3.19

collaboration space

business (3.7) activity space where an economic exchange of valued resources is viewed independently and not from the perspective of any *business partner*

Note 1 to entry: In collaboration space, an individual partner's view of economic phenomena is de-emphasized. Thus, the common use business and accounting terms like purchase, sale, cash receipt, cash disbursement, raw materials, and finished goods, etc. is not allowed because they view resource flows from a participant's perspective.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-4:2015, 3.12]

3.20

commitment

making or accepting of a right, obligation, liability or responsibility by a *Person* (3.89) that is capable of enforcement in the *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) in which the *commitment* (3.20) is made

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.5]

3.21

composite identifier

identifier (in business transaction) (3.51) functioning as a single unique identifier consisting of one or more other identifiers, and/or one or more other *data elements* (3.32), whose interworkings are rule-based

Note 1 to entry: Identifiers (in business transactions) are for the most part composite identifiers.

Note 2 to entry: The rules governing the structure and working of a composite identifier should be specified.

Note 3 to entry: Most widely used composite identifiers consist of the combinations of: (a) the ID of the overall identification/numbering schema (the ISO/IEC 6523 series, ISO/IEC 7812, the ISO/IEC 7501 series, UPC/EAN, ITU-TE.164, etc.), which is often assumed; (b) the ID of the issuing organization (often based on a block numeric numbering schema); and, (c) the ID of the entities forming part of members of the coded domain of each issuing organization.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.16]

3.22

computational integrity

expression of a *standard* (3.137) in a form that ensures precise description of behaviour and semantics in a manner that allows for automated processing to occur, and the managed evolution of such standards in a way that enables dynamic introduction by the next generation of information systems

Note 1 to entry: Open-edi standards have been designed to be able to support computational integrity requirements especially from a registration and re-use of business objects perspectives.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.18]

3.23

constraint

rule (3.120), explicitly stated, that prescribes, limits, governs or specifies any aspect of a *business transaction* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: Constraints are specified as rules forming part of components of Open-edi scenarios, i.e. as scenario attributes, roles, and/or Information Bundles.

Note 2 to entry: For constraints to be registered for implementation in Open-edi, they are required to have unique and unambiguous identifiers.

Note 3 to entry: A constraint may be agreed to among parties (condition of contract), and is therefore considered an internal constraint. Or a constraint may be imposed on parties (e.g. laws, regulations, etc.), and is therefore considered an external constraint.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.11]

3.24

consumer

buyer (3.13) who is an *individual* (3.52) to whom *consumer protection* (3.26) requirements are applied as a set of *external constraints* (3.45) on a *business transaction* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: Consumer protection is a set of explicitly defined rights and obligations applicable as external constraints on a business transaction.

Note 2 to entry: The assumption is that a consumer protection applies only where a buyer in a business transaction is an individual. If this is not the case in a particular jurisdictional domain, such external constraints should be specified as part of scenario components as applicable.

Note 3 to entry: It is recognized that external constraints on a buyer of the nature of consumer protection may be peculiar to a specified jurisdictional domain.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.12]

3.25

consumer information profile

CIP

any one or more, *personal information profiles (PIPs)* (3.92) and any related *personal information* (3.90) on or about an identifiable *individual* (3.52) to which *consumer protection* (3.26) requirements apply, i.e. in addition to applicable *privacy protection* (3.97) requirements

3.26**consumer protection**

set of *external constraints* (3.45) of a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) as rights of a *consumer* (3.24) and thus as obligations (and possible liabilities) of a *vendor* (3.143) in a *business transaction* (3.10) which apply to the good, service and/or right forming the *object* (3.73) of the *business transaction* including associated information management and interchange requirements including applicable *set(s) of recorded information (SRIs)* (3.128)

Note 1 to entry: Jurisdictional domains may restrict the application of their consumer protection requirements as applicable only to individuals engaged in a business transaction of a commercial activity undertaken for personal, family or household purposes, i.e. they do not apply to natural persons in their role as organization or organization Person.

Note 2 to entry: Jurisdictional domains may have particular consumer protection requirements which apply specifically to individuals who are considered to be a "child" or a "minor" (e.g. those individuals who have not reached their thirteenth birthday).

Note 3 to entry: Some jurisdictional domains may have consumer protection requirements which are particular to the nature of the good, service and/or right being part of the goal of a business transaction.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.33]

3.27**controlled vocabulary****CV**

vocabulary (3.144) whose entries, i.e. *definition* (3.37)/*term* (3.138) pairs, are controlled by a *source authority* (3.129) based on a *rulebase* (3.121) and *process* (3.100) for addition/deletion of entries

Note 1 to entry: In a controlled vocabulary (CV), there is a one-to-one relationship of definition and term.

EXAMPLE The contents of [Clause 3](#) in ISO/IEC standards are examples of controlled vocabularies with the entities being identified and referenced through their ID codes, i.e. via their clause numbers.

Note 2 to entry: In a multilingual CV, the definition/term pairs in the languages used are deemed to be equivalent, i.e. with respect to their semantics.

Note 3 to entry: The rulebase governing a CV may include a predefined concept system.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.34]

3.28**data**

reinterpretable representation of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing

Note 1 to entry: Data can be processed by humans or by automatic means.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 2382:2015, 2121272]

3.29**data**

<in a business transaction> representations of *recorded information* (3.110) that are being prepared or have been prepared in a form suitable for use in a computer system

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.14]

3.30**data back-up**

process (3.100) of duplicating and archiving *data* (3.28), often on a different storage *medium* (3.68), so that it may be restored to its original state after a data loss event

Note 1 to entry: The primary purpose of back-up is to recover data be it by data deletion or corruption.

Note 2 to entry: A secondary purpose of back-up is to be able to recover data from an earlier time according to a predefined retention policy.

3.31**data conversion**

process (3.100) of changing data (3.28), i.e. as set(s) of recorded information (SRI(s)) (3.128), from one format or representation to another while maintaining the characteristics (3.14) of the SRIs including the authenticity, integrity, reliability and usability of the sets of recorded information (SRI(s)) as well as relevant information life cycle management (ILCM) (3.58) requirements, and especially those of an external constraints (3.45) nature including privacy protection (3.97) requirements where the data involves personal information (3.90)

Note 1 to entry: A characteristics of data conversion is a change in the format used for managing and/or representing the contents of the SRI.

EXAMPLE Data conversion resulting from a change in text processing software (e.g. Microsoft Word to HTML), from one database software to another, from a non-data based software to a database based software approach or vice-versa, etc.

Note 2 to entry: A data conversion does not change the content value of the SRI(s).

3.32**data element**

unit of data (3.28) for which the definition (3.37), identification (3.50), representation and permissible values are specified by means of a set of attributes (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11179-1:2023, 3.3.4]

3.33**data migration**

process (3.100) of moving data (3.28), i.e. as sets of recorded information (SRIs) (3.128) including their existing characteristics (3.14) from one IT System (3.59), (e.g. hardware or software configuration) to another, as required by changes in an IT System configuration or as requested by the user, while assuring that the SRI(s) will remain addressable and that data authenticity, integrity, reliability and usability of the SRI(s) will be maintained in the new environment

Note 1 to entry: Data migration does not change the content of the SRIs.

3.34**data synchronization (in business transaction)**

process (3.100) of continuous harmonization of a set(s) of recorded information (SRI(s)) (3.128) among all the parties to a business transaction (3.10) to ensure that the current state of the content value(s) of such a set(s) of recorded information (SRI(s)) is the same in the IT systems (3.59) of all the participating parties

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.35. Adapted from GS1 Global Traceability Standard (GDSN) Glossary.]

3.35**Decision-Making Application****DMA**

model (3.69) of that part of an Open-edi system (3.84) that makes decisions corresponding to the role(s) (3.119) that the Open-edi Party (3.78) plays as well as the originating, receiving and managing data (3.28) values contained in the instantiated Information Bundles (3.56) which is not required to be visible to the other Open-edi Parties (OeP)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.7]

3.36**de facto language**

natural language (3.72) used in a jurisdictional domain (3.62) which has the properties and behaviours of an official language in that jurisdictional domain without having formally been declared as such by that jurisdictional domain

Note 1 to entry: A de facto language of a jurisdictional domain is often established through long term use and custom.

Note 2 to entry: Unless explicitly stated otherwise and for the purposes of modelling a business transaction through scenario(s), scenario attributes and/or scenario components, a de facto language of a jurisdictional domain is assumed to have the same properties and behaviours of an official language.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.42]

3.37

definition

representation of a concept by a descriptive statement which serves to differentiate it from related concepts

[SOURCE: ISO 1087:2019, 3.3.1]

3.38

designation

representation of a concept by a sign which denotes it

Note 1 to entry: In terminology work, three types of designations are distinguished: symbols, appellations and terms.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.79.]

3.39

eBusiness

business transaction (3.10), involving the making of *commitments* (3.20), in a defined *collaboration space* (3.19), among *Persons* (3.89) using their *IT systems* (3.59), according to *Open-edl standards* (3.82)

Note 1 to entry: eBusiness can be conducted on both a for-profit and not-for-profit basis.

Note 2 to entry: A key distinguishing aspect of eBusiness is that it involves the making of commitment(s) of any kind among the Persons in support of a mutually agreed upon goal, involving their IT systems, and doing so through the use of EDI (using a variety of communication networks including the internet).

Note 3 to entry: eBusiness includes various application areas such as e-commerce, e-administration, e-logistics, e-government, e-medicine, e-learning, etc.

Note 4 to entry: The equivalent French language term for “eBusiness” is always presented in its plural form.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-7:2009, 3.06]

3.40

electronic address

address (3.1) used in a recognized electronic addressing scheme (telephone, telex, IP, etc.), to which *recorded information* (3.110) item(s) and/or *business object(s)* (3.8) can be sent to or received from a contact

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.32]

3.41

Electronic Data Interchange

EDI

automated exchange of any predefined and structured *data* (3.28) for *business* (3.7) purposes among information systems of two or more *Persons* (3.89)

Note 1 to entry: This definition includes all categories of electronic business transactions.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.8]

3.42

electronic signature

signature that consists of one or more letters, characters, numbers or other symbols in digital form incorporated in, attached to or associated with a particular digital/electronic *set of recorded information (SRI)* (3.128)

Note 1 to entry: A Person signature may be in the form of an electronic signature or not.

[SOURCE: Adapted from PIPEDA, Part 2, section 31(1)]

3.43

entity

any concrete or abstract thing that exists, did exist, or might exist, including associations among these things

EXAMPLE A person, object, event, idea, process, etc.

Note 1 to entry: An entity exists whether data about it are available or not.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 2382:2015, 2121433]

3.44

expungement

process (3.100) of ensuring complete elimination, wiping out, destroying, or obliteration of any *recorded information* (3.110) [or *sets of recorded information (SRIs)*] (3.128), often including the *medium* (3.68) on which it is recorded, so that there can be no reconstruction of any its contents in whole or in part

3.45

external constraint

constraint (3.23) which takes precedence over *internal constraints* (3.60) in a *business transaction* (3.10), i.e. is external to those agreed upon by the parties to a business transaction

Note 1 to entry: Normally external constraints are created by law, regulation, orders, treaties, conventions or similar instruments.

Note 2 to entry: Other sources of external constraints are those of a sectoral nature, those which pertain to a particular jurisdictional domain or a mutually agreed to common business conventions, (INCOTERMS, exchanges, etc.).

Note 3 to entry: External constraints can apply to the nature of the good, service and/or right provided in a business transaction.

Note 4 to entry: External constraints can demand that a party to a business transaction meet specific requirements of a particular role.

EXAMPLE 1 Only a qualified medical doctor may issue a prescription for a controlled drug.

EXAMPLE 2 Only an accredited share dealer may place transactions on the New York Stock Exchange.

EXAMPLE 3 Hazardous wastes may only be conveyed by a licensed enterprise.

Note 5 to entry: Where the Information Bundles (IBs), including their Semantic Components (SCs) of a business transaction are also to form the whole of a business transaction (e.g. for legal or audit purposes), all constraints are required to be recorded.

EXAMPLE 4 There may be a legal or audit requirement to maintain the complete set of recorded information pertaining to a business transaction, i.e. as the Information Bundles exchanged, as a record.

Note 6 to entry: A minimum external constraint applicable to a business transaction often requires one to differentiate whether the Person, i.e. that is a party to a business transaction, is an individual, organization, or public administration. For example, privacy rights apply only to a Person as an individual.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.23]

3.46

Formal Description Technique

FDT

specification method based on a description *language* (3.63) using rigorous and *unambiguous* (3.141) *rules* (3.120) both with respect to developing expressions in the *language* (formal syntax) and interpreting the meaning of these expressions (formal semantics)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.9]

3.47**Functional Service View****FSV**

perspective of *business transactions* (3.10) limited to those information technology interoperability aspects of *IT Systems* (3.59) needed to support the execution of *Open-edi transactions* (3.85)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.10]

3.48**Human Interface Equivalent****HIE**

representation of the *unambiguous* (3.141) and IT-enabled semantics of an IT interface equivalent (in a *business transaction* (3.10)), often the *ID code* (3.49) of a *coded domain* (3.17) (or a *composite identifier* (3.21)), in a formalized manner suitable for communication to and understanding by humans

Note 1 to entry: Human interface equivalents can be linguistic or non-linguistic in nature but their semantics remain the same although their representations may vary.

Note 2 to entry: In most cases there will be multiple human interface equivalent representations as required to meet localization requirements, i.e. those of a linguistic, jurisdictional, and/or sectoral nature.

Note 3 to entry: Human interface equivalents include representations in various forms or formats [in addition to written text those of an audio, symbol (and icon) nature, glyphs, image, etc.].

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.35]

3.49**ID code**

identifier assigned by the *coded domain source Authority (cdSA)* (3.18) to a member of a *coded domain* (3.17) ID

Note 1 to entry: ID codes should be unique within the registration schema of that coded domain.

Note 2 to entry: Associated with an ID code in a coded domain can be: (a) one or more equivalent codes; or, (b) one or more equivalent representations, especially those in the form of human equivalent (linguistic) expressions.

Note 3 to entry: Where an entity as a member of a coded domain is allowed to have more than one ID code, i.e. as equivalent codes (possibly including names), one of these should be specified as the pivot ID code.

Note 4 to entry: A coded domain may contain ID codes pertaining to entities which are not members as peer entities, i.e. have the same properties and behaviours, such as ID codes which pertain to predefined conditions other than member entities. If this is the case, the rules governing such exceptions should be predefined and explicitly stated.

EXAMPLE (1) The use of an ID code "0" (or "00", etc.), for "Other"; (2) the use of an ID code "9" (or "99") for "Not Applicable"; (3) the use of "8" (or "98") for "Not Known"; if required, (4) the pre-reservation of a series or set of ID codes for use for user extensions.

Note 5 to entry: In UML modelling notation, an ID codes is viewed as an instance of an object class.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.37]

3.50**identification**

rule-based *process* (3.100), explicitly stated, involving the use of one or more *attributes* (3.4), i.e. *data element(s)* (3.32), whose value (or combination of values) are used to identify uniquely the occurrence or existence of a specified *entity* (3.43)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.26]

3.51**identifier (in business transaction)**

unambiguous (3.141), unique and a linguistically neutral value, resulting from the application of a rule-based *identification* (3.50) *process* (3.100)

Note 1 to entry: Identifiers are required to be unique within the identification scheme of the issuing authority.

Note 2 to entry: An identifier is a linguistically independent sequence of characters capable of uniquely and permanently identifying that with which it is associated (see ISO 19135-1:2015, 4.1.5).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.27]

3.52

individual

Person (3.89) who is a human being, i.e. a natural person, who acts as a distinct indivisible *entity* (3.43) or is considered as such

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.28]

3.53

individual accessibility

set of *external constraints* (3.45) of a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) as rights of an *individual* (3.52) with disabilities to be able to use *IT Systems* (3.59) at the human, i.e. user, interface and the concomitant obligation of a *seller* (3.125) to provide such adaptive technologies

Note 1 to entry: Although accessibility typically addresses users who have a disability, the concept is not limited to disability issues.

EXAMPLE Disabilities in the form of functional and cognitive limitations include: (a) people who are blind; (b) people with low vision; (c) people with colour blindness; (d) people who are hard of hearing or deaf, i.e. are hearing impaired; (e) people with physical disabilities; and, (f) people with language or cognitive disabilities.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.60]

3.54

individual anonymity

state of not knowing the identity or not having any recording of *personal information* (3.90) on or about an *individual* (3.52) as a *buyer* (3.13) by the *seller* (3.125) or *regulator* (3.116), (or any other party) to a *business transaction* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.57]

3.55

individual identity

ii

Person identity (Pi) (3.93) of an *individual* (3.52) consisting of the combination of the *persona* (3.95) information and *identifier* used by an individual in a *business transaction* (3.10), i.e. in the making of any kind of *commitment* (3.20)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.59]

3.56

Information Bundle

IB

formal description of the semantics of the *recorded information* (3.110) to be exchanged by *Open-edi parties* (3.78) playing *roles* (3.119) in an *Open-edi scenario* (3.81)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.11]

3.57

information law

any law, regulation, policy, or code (or any part thereof) that requires the creation, receipt, collection, description or listing, production, retrieval, submission, retention, storage, preservation or destruction of *recorded information* (3.110), and/or that places conditions on the access and use, confidentiality, privacy, integrity, accountabilities, continuity and availability of the processing, reproduction, distribution, transmission, sale, sharing or other handling of *recorded information*

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.62]

3.58**information life cycle management****ILCM**

series of actions and *rules* (3.120) governing the management and its *electronic data interchange (EDI)* (3.41) of *set(s) of recorded information (SRIs)* (3.128) under the control of (3.142) a *Person* (3.89) from its creation to final disposition, including *expungement* (3.44), in compliance with applicable *information law* (3.57) requirements

Note 1 to entry: The inclusion of information law brings into this definition all the resulting various information management requirements and related activities.

3.59**Information Technology System****IT System**

set of one or more computers, associated software, peripherals, terminals, human operations, physical *processes* (3.100), information transfer means, that form an autonomous whole, capable of performing information processing and/or information transfer

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.13]

3.60**internal constraint**

constraint (3.23) which forms part of the *commitment(s)* (3.20) mutually agreed to among the parties to a *business transaction* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: Internal constraints are self-imposed. They provide a simplified view for modelling and re-use of scenario components of a business transaction for which there are no external constraints or restrictions to the nature of the conduct of a business transaction other than those mutually agreed to by the buyer and seller.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.33]

3.61**IT-enablement**

transformation of a current *standard* (3.137) used in *business transactions* (3.10), (e.g. *coded domains* (3.17)), from a manual to computational perspective so as to be able to support *commitment* (3.20) exchange and *computational integrity* (3.22)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.65]

3.62**jurisdictional domain**

jurisdiction, recognized in law as a distinct legal and/or regulatory framework, which is a source of *external constraints* (3.45) on *Persons* (3.89), their behaviour and the making of *commitments* (3.20) among *Persons* including any aspect of a *business transaction* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: The pivotal jurisdictional domain is a United Nations (UN) recognized member state. From a legal and sovereignty perspective they are considered peer entities. Each UN member state, (a.k.a. country) may have sub-administrative divisions as recognized jurisdictional domains, (e.g. provinces, territories, cantons, länder, etc.), as decided by that UN member state.

Note 2 to entry: Jurisdictional domains can combine to form new jurisdictional domains (e.g. through bilateral, multilateral and/or international treaties).

EXAMPLE European Union (EU), NAFTA, WTO, WCO, ICAO, WHO, Red Cross, ISO, IEC, ITU-T.

Note 3 to entry: Several levels and categories of jurisdictional domains may exist within a jurisdictional domain.

Note 4 to entry: A jurisdictional domain may impact aspects of the commitment(s) made as part of a business transaction including those pertaining to the making, selling, and transfer of goods, services and/or rights (and resulting liabilities) and associated information. This is independent of whether such an interchange of commitments is conducted on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis and/or includes monetary values.

Note 5 to entry: Laws, regulations, directives, etc., issued by a jurisdictional domain are considered as parts of that jurisdictional domain and are the primary sources of external constraints on business transactions.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.67]

3.63

language

system of signs for communication, usually consisting of a *vocabulary* (3.144) and *rules* (3.120)

Note 1 to entry: In this document, language refers to natural languages or special languages, but not "programming languages" or "artificial languages".

[SOURCE: ISO 5127:2017, 3.1.5.01]

3.64

legally recognized name

LRN

persona associated with a *role* (3.119) of a *Person* (3.89) recognized as having legal status and so recognized in a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) as accepted or assigned in compliance with the *rules* (3.120) applicable of that *jurisdictional domain*, i.e. as governing the *coded domain* (3.17) of which the *legally recognized name (LRN)* (3.64) is a member

Note 1 to entry: An LRN may be of a general nature and thus be available for general use in commitment exchange or may arise from the application of a particular law, regulation, program or service of a jurisdictional domain and thus will have a specified use in commitment exchange.

Note 2 to entry: The process of the establishment of an LRN is usually accompanied by the assignment of a unique identifier.

Note 3 to entry: An LRN is usually a registry entry in a register established by the jurisdictional domain (usually by a specified public administration within that jurisdictional domain) for the purpose of applying the applicable rules and registering and recording LRNs (and possible accompanying unique identifiers accordingly).

Note 4 to entry: A Person may have more than one LRN (and associated LRN identifier).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.72]

3.65

list

ordered set of *data elements* (3.32)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.73]

3.66

localization

pertaining to or concerned with anything that is not global and is bound through specified sets of *constraints* (3.23) of:

- a) a linguistic nature including *natural language* (3.72) and *special languages* (3.130) and associated multilingual requirements;
- b) jurisdictional nature, i.e. legal, regulatory, geopolitical, etc.;
- c) a sectoral nature, i.e. industry sector, scientific, professional, etc.;
- d) a human rights nature, i.e. privacy, disabled/handicapped persons, etc.;
- e) *consumer* (3.24) behaviour requirements; and/or,
- f) safety or health requirements

Note 1 to entry: Within and among "locales", interoperability and harmonization objectives also apply.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.75]

3.67

location

place, either physical or electronic, that can be defined as an *address* (3.1)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.50]

3.68

medium

physical material which serves as a functional unit, in or on which information or *data* (3.28) is normally recorded, in which information or data can be retained and carried, from which information or data can be retrieved, and which is non-volatile in nature

Note 1 to entry: This definition is independent of the material nature on which the information is recorded and/or technology used to record the information, (e.g. paper, photographic (chemical), magnetic, optical, ICs (integrated circuits), as well as other categories no longer in common use, such as vellum, parchment (and other animal skins), plastics (e.g. bakelite or vinyl), textiles, (e.g. linen, canvas), metals, etc.).

Note 2 to entry: The inclusion of the "non-volatile in nature" attribute is to cover latency and records retention requirements.

Note 3 to entry: This definition of medium is independent of: (a) the form or format of recorded information; (b) the physical dimension and/or size; and (c) any container or housing that is physically separate from material being housed and without which the medium can remain a functional unit.

Note 4 to entry: This definition of medium also captures and integrates the following key properties: (a) the property of medium as a material in or on which information or data can be recorded and retrieved; (b) the property of storage; (c) the property of physical carrier; (d) the property of physical manifestation, i.e. material; (e) the property of a functional unit; and, (f) the property of (some degree of) stability of the material in or on which the information or data is recorded.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.34]

3.69

model

abstraction of some aspect of reality

[SOURCE: ISO 19115-1:2014, 4.14]

3.70

multilingualism

ability to support not only *character sets* (3.15) specific to a (*natural*) *language* (or family of *languages* (3.63)) and associated *rules* (3.120) but also *localization* (3.66) requirements, i.e. use of a language from *jurisdictional domain* (3.62), sectoral and/or *consumer* (3.24) marketplace perspectives

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.82]

3.71

name

designation (3.38) of an *object* (3.73) by a linguistic expression

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.35.]

3.72

natural language

language (3.63) which is or was in active use in a community of people, and the *rules* (3.120) of which are mainly deduced from the usage

[SOURCE: ISO 5127:2017, 3.1.5.02]

3.73**object**

anything perceivable or conceivable

Note 1 to entry: Objects may be material (e.g. engine, a sheet of paper, a diamond), or immaterial (e.g. conversion ratio, a project play) or imagined (e.g. a unicorn).

[SOURCE: ISO 1087:2019, 3.1.1]

3.74**object class**

set of ideas, abstractions, or things in the real world that can be identified with explicit boundaries and meaning and whose *properties* (3.102) and behaviour follow the same *rules* (3.120)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11179-1:2023, 3.3.1]

3.75**official language**

external constraint (3.45) in the form of a *natural language* (3.72) specified by a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) for official use by *Persons* (3.89) forming part of and/or subject to that jurisdictional domain for use in communication(s) either: (a) within that *jurisdictional domain*; and/or, (b) among such *Persons*, where such communications are *recorded information* (3.110) involving *commitment(s)* (3.20)

Note 1 to entry: Unless official language requirements state otherwise, Persons are free to choose their mutually acceptable natural language and/or special language for communications as well as exchange of commitments.

Note 2 to entry: A jurisdictional domain decides whether or not it has an official language. If not, it will have a de facto language.

Note 3 to entry: An official language(s) can be mandated for formal communications as well as provision of goods and services to Persons subject to that jurisdictional domain and for use in the legal and other conflict resolution system(s) of that jurisdictional domain, etc.

Note 4 to entry: Where applicable, use of an official language may be required in the exercise of rights and obligations of individuals in that jurisdictional domain.

Note 5 to entry: Where an official language of a jurisdictional domain has a controlled vocabulary of the nature of a terminology, it may well have the characteristics of a special language. In such cases, the terminology to be used is required to be specified.

Note 6 to entry: For an official language, the writing system(s) to be used shall be specified, where the spoken use of a natural language has more than one writing system.

EXAMPLE 1 The spoken language of use of an official language may at times have more than one writing system. For example, three writing systems exist for the Inuktitut language. Canada uses two of these writing systems, namely, a Latin-1 based (Roman), the other is syllabic-based. The third is used in Russia and is Cyrillic based.

EXAMPLE 2 Norway has two official writing systems, both Latin-1 based, namely, Bokmål (Dano-Norwegian) and Nynorsk (New Norwegian).

Note 7 to entry: A jurisdictional domain may have more than one official language, but these may or may not have equal status.

EXAMPLE 3 Canada has two official languages, Switzerland has three, while the Union of South Africa has eleven official languages.

Note 8 to entry: The BOV requirement of the use of a specified language will place that requirement on any FSV supporting service.

EXAMPLE 4 A BOV requirement of Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Japanese, Korean, etc., as an official language requires the FSV support service to be able to handle the associated character sets.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.87]

3.76**Open-edi**

electronic data interchange(EDI) (3.41) among multiple autonomous *Persons* (3.89) to accomplish an explicit shared *business* (3.7) goal according to *Open-edi standards* (3.82)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.14]

3.77**Open-edi disposition**

process (3.100) governing the implementation of formally approved records retention, destruction (or *expungement* (3.44)) or transfer of *recorded information* (3.110) under the control of (3.142) a *Person* (3.89) which are documented in a records scheduling and disposition authority(ies) or similar instrument of the *organization* (3.86)

Note 1 to entry: Within an organization, Open-edi disposition shall be in accordance and conformant with the applicable Open-edi records retention (OeRR) and disposal schedule (RRDS) of the organization.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.90]

3.78**Open-edi Party****OeP**

Person (3.89) that participates in *Open-edi* (3.76)

Note 1 to entry: Often referred to generically in this and other eBusiness standards, (e.g. parts of the ISO/IEC 15944series) as party or parties for any entity modelled as a Person as playing a role in Open-edi scenarios.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.17]

3.79**Open-edi Record Retention****OeRR**

specification of a period of time that a *set of recorded information (SRI)* (3.128) is required to be kept by a *Person* (3.89) in order to meet operational, legal, regulatory, fiscal or other requirements as specified in the *external constraints* (3.45) (or *internal constraints* (3.60)) applicable to a *Person* who is a party to a *business transaction* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.92]

3.80**Open-edi Registry Item****OeRI**

recorded information (3.110) within a *registry* (3.115) relating to a specific *Open-edi scenario* (3.81) or *scenario components* (3.124) of a *scenario* (3.122) including linkage information to a *scenario* content

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.70]

3.81**Open-edi scenario****OeS**

formal specification of a class of *business transactions* (3.10) having the same *business* (3.7) goal

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.18]

3.82**Open-edi standard**

standard (3.137) that complies with the *Open-edi* (3.76) reference model

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.19]

3.83

Open-edi Support Infrastructure

OeSI

model (3.69) of the set of functional capabilities for *Open-edi systems* (3.84) which, when taken together with the *decision-making applications* (3.35), allows *Open-edi* (3.76) parties to participate in *Open-edi transactions* (3.85)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.20]

3.84

Open-edi system

information technology system (IT system) (3.59) which enables an *Open-edi party* (3.78) to participate in *Open-edi transactions* (3.85)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.22]

3.85

Open-edi transaction

business transaction (3.10) that is in conformance with an *Open-edi scenario* (3.81)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.23]

3.86

organization

unique framework of authority within which a person or persons act, or are designated to act, towards some purpose

Note 1 to entry: The kinds of organizations covered by this document include the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1 An organization incorporated under law.

EXAMPLE 2 An unincorporated organization or activity providing goods, services and/or rights including: (a) partnerships; (b) social or other non-profit organizations or similar bodies in which ownership or control is vested in a group of individuals; (c) sole proprietorships; and (d) governmental bodies.

EXAMPLE 3 Groupings of the above types of organizations where there is a need to identify these in information interchange.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 6523-1:2023, 3.1]

3.87

organization part

any department, service or other *entity* (3.43) within an *organization* (3.86), which needs to be identified for information interchange

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 6523-1:2023, 3.2]

3.88

organization Person

organization part (3.87) which has the *properties* (3.102) of a *Person* (3.89) and thus is able to make *commitments* (3.20) on behalf of that *organization* (3.86)

Note 1 to entry: An organization can have one or more organization Persons.

Note 2 to entry: An organization Person is deemed to represent and act on behalf of the organization and to do so in a specified capacity.

Note 3 to entry: An organization Person can be a natural person such as an employee or officer of the organization.

Note 4 to entry: An organization Person can be a legal person, i.e. another organization.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.46]

3.89**Person**

entity (3.43), i.e. a natural or legal person, recognized by law as having legal rights and duties, able to make *commitment(s)* (3.20), assume and fulfil resulting obligation(s), and able of being held accountable for its action(s)

Note 1 to entry: Synonyms for "legal person" include "artificial person", "body corporate", etc., depending on the terminology used in competent jurisdictional domains.

Note 2 to entry: Person is capitalized to indicate that it is being used as formally defined in the standards and to differentiate it from its day-to-day use.

Note 3 to entry: Minimum and common external constraints applicable to a business transaction often require one to differentiate among three common sub-types of Person, namely individual, organization, and public administration.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.24]

3.90**personal information****PI**

any information on or about an identifiable *individual* (3.52) that is recorded in any form, including electronically or on paper

EXAMPLE Recorded information about an individual's religion, age, financial transactions, medical history, address or blood type.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.103]

3.91**personal information controller****PIC**

organization Person (3.88) authorized and so formally designated by the *organization* (3.86) to ensure that *personal information* (3.90) remains (fully) *under the control of* (3.142) the *organization* and ensures its *privacy protection transactional integrity (PPTI)* (3.99) in conformance with applicable *privacy protection* (3.97) requirements including in any use by the *organization of agents* (3.2) and/or *third parties* (3.139) in support of a *business transaction(s)* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: The primary role and responsibility pertain to and focus on ensuring that: (a) personal information remains under the control of the organization; and (b) required ILCM aspects are implemented in a verifiable manner. A PIC also bridges the BOV-to-FSV with respect to all aspects of information handling (processing and EDI) of personal information of IT system(s) of an organization.

Note 2 to entry: A PIC has a defined set of responsibilities which can be "outsourced" should a seller decide to use an agent and/or third party based on a contractual agreement to ensure that the privacy protection requirements (rights) of the buyer as an individual are fully supported.

Note 3 to entry: An organization may authorize and designate its privacy protection officer (PPO) to also function in the role of its personal information controller (PIC).

Note 4 to entry: A privacy protection officer (PPO) is a role of an officer in an organization. It may well be that the same organization Person is assigned responsibility for more than one role within an organization including those pertaining to corporate information law compliance, responsibility for corporate internal constraints such as information/records management, security, etc.

3.92**personal information profile****PIP**

any collection of *personal information (PI)* (3.90) or aggregation of *sets of personal information (SPIs)* (3.127) including associated identifiers, linkages and/or associations, on or about an identifiable *individual* (3.52) being collected, retained, managed, used, etc., by any other *Person* (3.89) and in particular an *organization* (3.86) or *public administration* (3.105) and as such to which *privacy protection* (3.97) requirements apply including those of a *ILCM* (3.58) nature

Note 1 to entry: A personal information profile (PIP) includes any personal information (PI) created by the seller (and parties acting on its behalf such as an agent) in the instantiated business transaction, (e.g. in the post-actualization phase assigning an applicable warranty for the good, service and/or right purchased to another individual where the original buyer (as an individual) “gifts” the good to another individual.

Note 2 to entry: A personal information profile (PIP) often includes personal information (PI) resulting from more than one instantiated business transaction.

3.93**Person identity****Pi**

combination of *persona* (3.95) information and *identifier* (3.51) used by a *Person* (3.89) in a *business transaction* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.49]

3.94**Person signature**

signature, i.e. a *name* (3.71) representation, distinguishing mark or usual mark, which is created by and pertains to a *Person* (3.89)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.50]

3.95**persona**

set of *data elements* (3.32) and their values by which a *Person* (3.89) wishes to be known and thus identified in a *business transaction* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.51]

3.96**principle**

fundamental, primary assumption and quality which constitutes a source of action determining particular objectives or results

Note 1 to entry: A principle is usually enforced by rules that affect its boundaries.

Note 2 to entry: A principle is usually supported through one or more rules.

Note 3 to entry: A principle is usually part of a set of principles which together form a unified whole.

EXAMPLE Within a jurisdictional domain, examples of a set of principles include a charter, a constitution, etc.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.81]

3.97**privacy protection**

set of *external constraints* (3.45) of a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) pertaining to *recorded information* (3.110) on or about an identifiable *individual* (3.52), i.e. *personal information* (3.90), with respect to the creation, collection, management, retention, access and use and/or distribution of such *recorded information* about that *individual* including its accuracy, timeliness, and relevancy

Note 1 to entry: Recorded information collected or created for a specific purpose on an identifiable individual, i.e. the explicitly shared goal of the business transaction involving an individual, shall not be used for another purpose without the explicit and informed consent of the individual to whom the recorded information pertains.

Note 2 to entry: Privacy protection requirements include the right of an individual to be able to view the recorded information about him/herself and to request corrections to the same in order to ensure that such recorded information is accurate and up-to-date.

Note 3 to entry: Where jurisdictional domains have legal requirements which override privacy protection requirements, these are required to be specified (e.g. national security, investigations by law enforcement agencies, etc.).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.109]

3.98**privacy protection officer****PPO**

organization Person (3.88) authorized by the *organization* (3.86) to act on behalf of that *organization* and entrusted by the organization as the officer responsible for the overall governance and implementation of the *privacy protection* (3.97) requirements for *information life cycle management* (3.58) not only within that *organization* but also with respect to any *electronic data interchange* (3.41) of *personal information* (3.90) on the *individual* (3.52) concerned with parties to the *business transaction* (3.10), including a *regulator* (3.116) where required, as well as any *agents* (3.2), *third parties* (3.139) involved in that *business transaction*

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.115]

3.99**privacy protection transactional integrity****PPTI**

process (3.100) of ensuring that the *seller* (3.125) ensures that *data synchronization (in business transaction)* (3.34) requirements among the *IT systems* (3.59) of all parties to a *business transaction* (3.10) conform to, and are conformant with, applicable *privacy protection* (3.97) requirements (PPR) of (all) the *jurisdictional domain(s)* (3.62) applicable to that instantiated *business transaction* where and whenever such a business transaction involves a *buyer* (3.13) as an *individual* (3.52), i.e. whenever any part of the *recorded information* (3.110) of that *business transaction* involves *personal information (PI)* (3.90)

Note 1 to entry: The concept and requirement of transactional integrity which focuses on EDI among IT systems is based on the requirements for referential integrity within an IT system of an organization.

3.100**process**

series of actions or events taking place in a defined manner leading to the accomplishment of an expected result

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.53]

3.101**processing of personal information**

any operation or set of operations which is performed upon *personal information* (3.90), whether or not by automatic means, such as collection, recording, organization, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, blocking, erasure, destruction, or expungement of such *personal information*

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 117]

3.102**property**

peculiarity common to all members of an *object class* (3.74)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11179-1:2023, 3.2.5]

3.103**pseudonym**

use of a *persona* or other identifier by an *individual* (3.52) which is different from that used by the *individual* (3.52) with the intention that it be not linkable to that *individual* (3.52)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.119]

3.104**pseudonymization**

particular type of *anonymization* (3.3) that removes the association with an *individual* (3.52) and adds an association between a particular set of *characteristics* (3.14) relating to the *individual* and one more *pseudonym* (3.103)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.120.]

3.105**public administration**

entity (3.43), i.e. a *Person* (3.89), which is an *organization* (3.86) and has the added *attribute* (3.4) of being authorized to act on behalf of a *regulator* (3.116)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.54]

3.106**public policy**

category of *external constraints* (3.45) of a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62) specified in the form of a right of an *individual* (3.52) or a requirement on an *organization* (3.86) and/or *public administration* (3.105) with respect to an *individual* pertaining to any exchange of *commitments* (3.20) among the parties concerned involving a good, service and/or right including information management and interchange requirements

Note 1 to entry: Public policy requirements may apply to any one, all or combinations of the fundamental activities comprising a business transaction, i.e. planning, identification, negotiation, actualization and post-actualization (see further ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 6.3).

Note 2 to entry: It is up to each jurisdictional domain to determine whether or not the age of an individual qualifies a public policy requirement (e.g. those which specifically apply to an individual under the age of thirteen as a child), those which require an individual to have attained the age of adulthood (e.g. 18 years or 21 years of age) of an individual to be able to make commitments of a certain nature.

Note 3 to entry: Jurisdictional domains may have consumer protection or privacy protection requirements which apply specifically to individuals who are considered to be children, minors, etc., i.e. those who have not reached their 18th or 21st birthday according to the rules of the applicable jurisdictional domain.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.113]

3.107**publicly available personal information****PAPI**

personal information (3.90) about an *individual* (3.52) that the *individual* knowingly makes or permits to be made available to the public, or is legally obtained and accessed from: (1) government records that are available to the public; or (2) information required by law to be made available to the public

EXAMPLE 1 Personal information which an individual knowingly makes or permits to be made available include public telephone directories, advertisements in newspapers, published materials, postings of this nature on the internet, social media, etc.

EXAMPLE 2 Government records that are publicly available include registers of individuals who are entitled to vote, buy or sell a property, or any other personal information that a jurisdictional domain requires to be publicly available, etc.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.123]

3.108

recognized individual identity

rii

individual identity (ii) (3.55) established to the extent necessary for the specific purpose of a *business transaction* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-8:—, 3.124]

3.109

recognized Person identity

rPi

Person identity (Pi) (3.93), established to the extent necessary for a specific purpose in a *business transaction* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.56]

3.110

recorded information

information that is recorded on or in a *medium* (3.68) irrespective of form, recording *medium* or technology used, and in a manner allowing for storage and retrieval

Note 1 to entry: This is a generic definition and is independent of any ontology (e.g. those of "facts" versus "data" versus "information" versus "intelligence" versus "knowledge", etc.).

Note 2 to entry: Through the use of the term "information," all attributes of this term are inherited in this definition.

Note 3 to entry: This definition covers: (a) any form of recorded information, means of recording, and any medium on which information can be recorded; and (b) all types of recorded information including all data types, instructions or software, databases, etc.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.56]

3.111

register

set of files containing identifiers assigned to items with descriptions of the associated items

[SOURCE: ISO 19135-1:2015, 4.1.9]

3.112

registration

rule-based *process* (3.100), explicitly stated, involving the use of one or more *data elements* (3.32), whose value (or combination of values) is used to identify uniquely the results of assigning an *Open-edi registry item (OeRI)* (3.80)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.95]

3.113

Registration Authority

RA

Person (3.89) responsible for the maintenance of one or more *registration schemas (RS)* (3.114) including the assignment of a unique identifier for each recognized *entity* (3.43) in a *registration schema (RS)*

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.57]

3.114**Registration Schema****RS**

formal *definition* (3.37) of a set of *rules* (3.120) governing the *data* (3.28) fields for the description of an *entity* (3.43) and the allowable contents of those fields, including the rules for the assignment of *identifiers* (3.51)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.58]

3.115**registry**

information system on which a *register* (3.111) is maintained

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.99]

3.116**regulator**

Person (3.89) who has authority to prescribe *external constraints* (3.45) which serve as *principles* (3.96), policies or *rules* (3.120) governing or prescribing the behaviour of *Persons* involved in a *business transaction* (3.10) as well as the provisioning of goods, services, and/or rights interchanged

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.59]

3.117**regulatory business transaction****RBT**

class of *business transactions* (3.10) for which the explicitly shared goal has been established and specified by a *jurisdictional domain* (3.62), as a *Person* (3.89) in the *role* (3.119) of a *regulator* (3.116)

Note 1 to entry: A regulatory business transaction (RBT) can itself be modelled as a stand-alone business transaction and associated scenario(s).

EXAMPLE The filing of a tax return, the making of a customs declaration, the request for and issuance of a licence, the provision of a specified service of a public administration, a mandatory filing of any kind with a regulator, etc.

Note 2 to entry: A regulatory business transaction (modelled as a scenario) can form part of another business transaction.

Note 3 to entry: An RBT may apply to a seller only, a buyer only or both, as well as any combination of parties to a business transaction.

Note 4 to entry: An RBT may require or prohibit the use of an agent or third party.

Note 5 to entry: A regulatory business transaction (RBT) may be specific to the nature of the good, services and/or right forming part of a business transaction.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.124]

3.118**retention period**

length of time for which *data* (3.28) on a *data medium* (3.68) is to be preserved

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 2382:2015, 2125629]

3.119**role**

specification which models an external intended behaviour (as allowed within a scenario) of an *Open-ended party* (3.78)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.25]

3.120

rule

statement governing conduct, procedure, conditions and relations

Note 1 to entry: Rules specify conditions that should be complied with. These may include relations among objects and their attributes.

Note 2 to entry: Rules are of a mandatory or conditional nature.

Note 3 to entry: In Open-edi, rules formally specify the commitment(s) and role(s) of the parties involved, and the expected behaviour(s) of the parties involved as seen by other parties involved in (electronic) business transactions. Such rules are applied to: (a) content of the information flows in the form of precise and computer-processable meaning, i.e. the semantics of data; and (b) the order and behaviour of the information flows themselves.

Note 4 to entry: Rules should be clear and explicit enough to be understood by all parties to a business transaction. Rules also should be capable of being able to be specified using a using a formal description technique(s) (FDTs).

EXAMPLE A current and widely used FDT is "unified modelling language (UML)".

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.101]

3.121

rulebase

pre-established set of *rules* ([3.120](#)) which interwork and which together form an autonomous whole

Note 1 to entry: One considers a rulebase to be to rules as database is to data.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.102]

3.122

scenario

formal specification of a class of *business* ([3.7](#)) activities having the same business goal

[SOURCE: ISO 9735-1:2002, 4.89]

3.123

scenario attribute

formal specification of information, relevant to an *Open-edi scenario* ([3.81](#)) as a whole, which is neither specific to *roles* ([3.119](#)) nor to *Information Bundles* ([3.56](#))

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.26]

3.124

scenario component

one of the three fundamental elements of a scenario, namely *role* ([3.119](#)), *information bundle* ([3.56](#)), and *Semantic Component* ([3.126](#))

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.104]

3.125

seller

Person ([3.89](#)) who aims to hand over voluntarily or in response to a demand, a good, service and/or right to another *Person* and in return receives an acceptable equivalent value, usually in money, for the good, service and/or right provided

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-1:2025, 3.62]

3.126

Semantic Component

SC

unit of *recorded information* ([3.110](#)) *unambiguously* ([3.141](#)) defined in the context of the *business* ([3.7](#)) goal of the *business transaction* ([3.10](#))

Note 1 to entry: An SC may be atomic or composed of other SCs.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 14662:2010, 3.27]

3.127

set of personal information

SPI

set of *recorded information* (SRI) ([3.128](#)) which is of the nature of, or contains, *personal information* ([3.90](#))

3.128

set of recorded information

SRI

recorded information ([3.110](#)) of a *Person* ([3.89](#)), which is *under the control of* ([3.142](#)) the same and which is treated as a unit in its information life cycle

Note 1 to entry: An SRI can be a physical or digital document, a record, a file, etc., that can be read, perceived or heard by a Person or computer system or similar device.

Note 2 to entry: An SRI is a unit of recorded information that is unambiguously defined in the context of the business goals of the organization, i.e. a Semantic Component.

Note 3 to entry: An SRI can be self-standing (atomic), or an SRI can consist of a bundling of two or more SRIs into another new SRI. Both types can exist simultaneously within the information management systems of an organization.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:—, 3.137]

3.129

Source Authority

SA

Person ([3.89](#)) recognized by other *Persons* as the authoritative source for a set of *constraints* ([3.23](#))

Note 1 to entry: A Person as a source authority for internal constraints may be an individual, organization, or public administration.

Note 2 to entry: A Person as source authority for external constraints may be an organization or public administration.

EXAMPLE In the field of air travel and transportation, IATA as a source authority, is an organization, while ICAO as a source authority, is a public administration.

Note 3 to entry: A Person as an individual shall not be a source authority for external constraints.

Note 4 to entry: Source authorities are often the issuing authority for identifiers (or composite identifiers) for use in business transactions.

Note 5 to entry: A source authority can undertake the role of registration authority or have this role undertaken on its behalf by another Person.

Note 6 to entry: Where the sets of constraints of a source authority control a coded domain, the SA has the role of a coded domain source authority.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-2:2015, 3.109]

3.130

special language

language ([3.63](#)) for special purposes (LSP), language used in a subject field and characterized by the use of specific linguistic means of expression

Note 1 to entry: The specific linguistic means of expression always include subject-specific terminology and phraseology and also may cover stylistic or syntactic features.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15944-5:2008, 3.139]