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These concepts and service primitives are now documented in Part 1 of the standard, CEN/TS 15121-1, and UPU S43a.

This part provides the specification of the Electronic Postal Certification Mark (EPCM) service which conforms with the definition in Article 257bis of the UPU Letter Post Regulations.

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