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Standard Address Number (SAN) for the Publishing Industry

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Foreword

(This foreword is not a part of *American National Standard Address Number (SAN) for the Publishing Industry*, ANSI/NISO Z39.43-1993 (R2017), but is included for information only.)

This standard is a reaffirmation of ANSI Z39.43-1993, *American National Standard Identification Code for the Book Industry*.

The several hundred thousand organizations within or served by the publishing industry engage in a large number of separate transactions with one another. These transactions include purchases of books by book dealers and the payments for all such purchases. Many of these organizations have similar names and multiple addresses, making identification of the correct contact point difficult and subject to error. In many cases the physical movement of materials is between addresses that differ from the addresses to be used for the related financial transactions. Thus, a complex structure of records is required, providing a further opportunity for error.

The objective of this standard is to establish an identification code system so that each address within the publishing industry may be assigned a discrete code to be used for positive identification for all book and journal buying and selling transactions within the industry.

ANSI/NISO Z39.43-1993 makes three revisions to the original standard. The title has been revised to represent more correctly the scope of the standard. This revision also expands the original scope to include book and journal manufacturers, since Electronic Data Interchange standards are under development for communications between members of the publishing industry and these suppliers, using SAN as the organization identifier. Finally, this revision describes how to use the SAN in international transactions.

Reaffirmation

American National Standard Address Number (SAN) for the Publishing Industry, ANSI/NISO Z39.43-1993 was reaffirmed in 2001, 2006, 2011, and, most recently, by NISO on February 5, 2017 and by ANSI on April 3, 2017.

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