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Invitation

ICTSB seminar on RFID standardization (Brussels, 24 October 2007)

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The ICT Standards Board (ICTSB) assembles the three European Standards Organizations and a number of standards fora and consortia with a European presence. Participants exchange information on their specific work programmes and avoids consequently inefficient, overlapping or even conflicting standardization activities, and consider new ICT standards activities of interest to more than one member.

Earlier this year the ICTSB started a review of RFID standardization issues in the context of regulation and policies. Standardization is often mentioned as a tool supporting policies and legislation.

It had been recognized that a large number of Standards Organizations and fora and consortia are contributing to specify RFID and to consider its application in specific domains. Interoperability of products in a multi-vendor environment is also an essential goal of standardization, and, again RFID is no exception.

In 2006 the European Commission launched and completed a public consultation. As a result new activities had been initiated to achieve both the consumer protection as well as the competitiveness of industries. Further action is now under way, and the European Standards Organizations are supporting stakeholder consultation through an Expert Group advising the Commission.

As RFID-related standardization activities go beyond the ICTSB membership (indeed many are international) and with the above background, the ICTSB decided to arrange an event dedicated to RFID standards issues, with a view to improving the overview of the main standards initiatives, who is carrying them out, and what standards issues are coming up in the near future.

The ICTSB seminar on RFID standardization will be held on 24 October 2007 between 9:00 and 17:00 at the CEN/CENELEC Meeting Centre in Brussels, rue de Stassart 36, B-1050 Brussels.

Registration for the meeting is required due to the limited number of seats in the meeting room; if you wish to attend, please notify Emmanuelle Ramaz (emmanuelle.ramaz@cen.eu, tel. +32 2 550 0813). If you have any questions of detail concerning the agenda or indeed ICTSB, please feel free to contact Gerd Ochel, the ICTSB Secretary (gerd.ochel@etsi.org, tel. +33 4 92 94 42 47)

I look forward to meeting you in the seminar.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl. Agenda

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Annex

Agenda (seminar topics - not exclusive)

- RFID and European Policies
- RFID standardization in Europe
- Technical standards, e.g.
 - Tags and readers/writers
 - RFIDs in a network
 - Applications
 - Consumer requirements
- Management standards, e.g.
 - Naming conventions
 - ID management
 - Applications
- Regulatory issues
 - Radio spectrum
 - Security and Privacy
- Conclusions

Note – additional suggestions are welcome at this stage