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DEVELOPMENTS BY EXPERT GROUPS: DELIVERABLES AND PRIORITIES

Business Requirements Specifications

Note by the Secretariat*

1. To successfully introduce a standardized form of Business Requirements Specifications (BRS) based on the UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM) philosophy, UN/CEFACT developed and put into place a phased approach to enable International Trade and Business Processes Group (TBG) business groups to learn and take increasing advantage of the Modelling Methodology.
2. A Business Requirements Specification (BRS) is oriented around single processes that take account of UN/EDIFACT and the introduction of initial (XML) implementations. In a BRS, the TBG business groups provide business requirements specifications as opposed to simply message specifications.
3. The BRS is developed as phase two of UN/CEFACT's Open Development Process for Business Standards. Each Business Requirements Specification may be accompanied by a Requirements Specifications Mapping, serving to separate the aspects of a requirement that are of greatest concern to business interests from those that are of concern to technical design interests.

*This document was submitted late due to resource constraints.

4. Eight addenda to this document (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2008/29/Add.1-8) summarize the Business Requirements Specifications issued by UN/CEFACT since its last Plenary session:

- (a) Electronic Agreement Template and Process
- (b) International Forwarding and Transport
- (c) Small Scaled Lodging House Travel Product Information
- (d) Accounting in Supply Chain Process
- (e) Universal Accounting Journal Process
- (f) Transfrontier Movements of Waste
- (g) Crop Data Sheet Process
- (h) Sourcing of Market Survey Information.
