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1. Introduction

1.1 Background and history

In mid-2007, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations submitted the action plan *Nederland Open in Verbinding*¹ (The Netherlands Open in Connection) to the Lower House (hereinafter: action plan). The Lower House accepted and approved this action plan. One of the action points in the plan is encouragement of the use of standards in the (semi-)public sector, with the aim of increasing interoperability and reducing supplier dependence. For this purpose, a list of 'Comply or Explain' standards has been compiled. Use of the standards in this list is mandatory within the organisation concerned. Exceptions are only allowed under specific conditions. For additional information on the 'Comply or Explain' policy, refer to www.open-standaarden.nl.

1.2 The role of consultation in the process

PDF v1.7 has been submitted to be reviewed for inclusion in the list of open standards. The review process for the standard consists of three steps:

- Drawing up an expert group recommendation.
- Public consultation of the expert recommendation.
- Subsequent decision-making by the Forum and the Board³.

The purpose of the current phase – public consultation – is large-scale evaluation of the recommendation drawn up by the expert group. This expert recommendation, which was formulated by a group chaired by Mr Jack Verhoosel, is attached to this document.

All responses received in the consultation phase will be collected and submitted to the Forum and the Standardisation Board together with the expert recommendation. At the end of the public consultation phase, a clear recommendation regarding inclusion in the list will be submitted to the Forum and the Standardisation Board, with considerations and further elucidation with respect to the area of application and scope of PDF v1.7. If the Board approves the recommendation, PDF v1.7 will be included in the 'Comply or Explain' list of open standards.

2. Consultation procedure

2.1 The expert recommendation

The subject of the consultation is the *Expertadvies PDF v 1.7*, dated 28 August 2009, version 1.0. The expert recommendation can be found at the following address: www.open-standaarden.nl.

2.2 Questions to you

Chapter 3 of this consultation document contains a number of questions pertaining to the content of the expert recommendation on PDF v1.7.

2.3 Your response

Your valued response must consist of clear and substantiated written answers to the questions in Chapter 3. Substantiation is required because only substantiated answers will provide the Forum and Standardisation Board with insight into the reasons that might exist for deviating from the expert recommendation.

At the end of the response period (see below) the Standardisation Office will publish all responses on the website www.open-standaarden.nl. If you believe that (part of) your response is of a confidential nature with respect to business or otherwise, and should be treated as such, please indicate this, providing reasons. In such cases, two versions should be sent to the Office: a confidential and a public version.

The Standardisation Office, chair and, if necessary, the expert group, will decide which points of view from the consultation phase are relevant, and they will be submitted to the Forum and the Standardisation Board together with the expert recommendation. This will enable the Forum and the Board to reach a well-considered decision regarding inclusion of PDF v1.7 in the list of standards.

2.4 Term and address

Please send your responses to the questions in the consultation document in writing or in an e-mail to the following address:

By e-mail:

forumstandaardisatie@gbo.overheid.nl, stating 'Consultation procedure for PDF v1.7' as the subject.

By mail:

GBO Overheid

Bureau Forum Standaardisatie

Re Consultation procedure for PDF v1.7

P.O. Box 84011

2508 AA The Hague

Your response must be received by the Standardisation Forum Office **before Tuesday, 22 September 2009**.

3. Consultation

3.1 Introduction

Listed below are a number of questions regarding the PDF v1.7 expert recommendation. The questions refer to the section numbering used in the expert recommendation. Please stick to these numbers in your answers. As stated before, please provide arguments substantiating your answer in order to elucidate reasons which might support another decision.

3.2 Questions regarding chapter 1 of the expert recommendation (‘Expert recommendation objective’)

Chapter 1 contains descriptive information on the PDF v1.7 standard.

Question:

1. With respect to the objective of the document, which is providing the Forum and the Standardisation Board with relevant information regarding PDF v1.7, do you think the information needs to be supplemented with a relevant explanation or changed? [Section 1.1 to 1.4 of the expert recommendation].

3.3 Questions regarding chapter 2 of the expert recommendation (‘Area of application and scope’)

Chapter 2 provides information on the area of application and the scope of PDF v1.7.

Questions:

2. Do you agree with the area of application for PDF v1.7 stated in the expert recommendation? [Section 2.1 of the expert recommendation]
3. Do you agree with the scope for PDF v1.7 stated in the expert recommendation? [Section 2.2 of the expert recommendation]

3.4 Questions regarding chapter 3 of the expert recommendation (‘Evaluation of the standard based on the criteria’)

Chapter 3 contains information on aspects and criteria for openness, workability, impact and potential, based on a number of secondary criteria.

Questions:

4. Do you agree with the conclusion of the expert group with respect to openness of the PDF v1.7 standard? [Section 3.1 of the expert recommendation]
5. Do you agree with the conclusion of the expert group with respect to workability of the PDF v1.7 standard? [Section 3.2 of the expert recommendation]
6. Do you agree with the conclusion of the expert group with respect to the impact of the PDF v1.7 standard? [Section 3.3 of the expert recommendation]
7. Do you agree with the conclusion of the expert group with respect to the potential of the PDF v1.7 standard? [Section 3.4 of the expert recommendation]

3.5 Questions regarding chapter 4 of the expert recommendation (‘Recommendation to Forum and Board’)

Chapter 4 contains the expert group's considerations and their recommendation to the Board.

Questions:

8. Do you agree with the expert group's considerations? [Section 4.1 of the expert recommendation]
9. Do you agree with the expert group's recommendation to the Forum and the Standardisation Board? [Section 4.2 of the expert recommendation]

3.6 Other comments

Question:

10. Would you like to suggest other information or considerations regarding the PDF v1.7 standard which should be brought to the attention of the Forum and the Standardisation Board to reach a decision on inclusion of PDF v1.7 in the list of standards?]