

UN/CEFACT Project Proposal

Project Name:	Syntax implementation guidance of ISO 9735-11		
Date submitted:	3 February 2025	Proposed by:	Anders Grangard
Relevant SDG targets :	Decent work and economic growth (8), Industry, innovation and infrastructure (9)		

(Please list all relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets that this project relates to)

1. Project purpose

Required

An implementation guideline for the EDIFACT Syntax version 3 exists today and is published by UNECE on their website. A guideline for the latest version, 4, does not exist and an ISO equivalent was never published.

2. Project scope

Required

The project will develop a guidance document explaining how to implement the technical specification ISO 9735. At this point, it will only cover part 11: Version 3 compatible profile for Version 4 of ISO 9735. Other parts of the standard may be developed in subsequent projects if requested. The work will be carried in the ISO/UNECE JWG1- Joint syntax working group. It is expected that the deliverable will be published as an implementation guideline by UN/CEFACT and a Technical Report by ISO.

3. Project deliverables and 4. Exit Criteria

Required (check all that apply)

Please note that the Bureau may reassess and change a deliverable after its completion at its discretion.

	Project deliverables	Exit Criteria
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Recommendation	Public Review logs demonstrating all comments have been satisfactorily resolved;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Requirement Specification	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Specification	Final document ready for publication.
<input type="checkbox"/>	White Paper	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green Paper	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requirement Specification Mapping	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Core Component Business Document Assembly	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Guidelines	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Guide	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brochure	Final deliverable ready for publication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entries/alignment to the Core Component Library	
<input type="checkbox"/>	XML Schema	Final document ready for Bureau approval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	UN/EDIFACT message	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal UN/CEFACT Document	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify)	

5. Impact analysis

Please indicate how these project deliverables will affect trade facilitation policies and regulations. Please highlight any anticipated / tangible results achieved. Indicate how the results and impact can be evaluated after the project is completed.

UN/EDIFACT is the most implemented EDI standard in private and public globally. To ensure efficient trade facilitation, such as single window, it is important to align its implementation, which is the purpose of this project.

6. Project Team membership and required functional expertise

Membership is open to UN/CEFACT experts with broad knowledge in the area of:

The EDIFACT Syntax (ISO 9735)

7. HoD support

Required for Technical Standards, Business Standards and UNECE Recommendations. And at the request of the UN/CEFACT Bureau. A request for HoD support will be circulated to all HoDs in these cases. If you have verbal confirmation from specific delegations of their support, please list these here. Projects that require HoD support must obtain this within 6 months of Bureau provisional approval.

N/A

8. Geographical focus

The geographical focus of the project is global

9. Beneficiaries

Highlight relevance for sustainable and digital trade facilitation in developing and transition economies, and benefits to vulnerable groups (e.g. MSMEs and women-led businesses)

Trade facilitation in developing and transition economies is only feasible when lowering the cost of implementation by clear (ideally single) rules and guidelines.

10. Initial contributions

The following contributions are submitted as part of this proposal. It is understood that these contributions are only for consideration by the Project Team and that other participants may submit additional contributions in order to ensure that as much information as possible is obtained from those with expertise and a material interest in the project. It is also understood that the Project Team may choose to adopt one or more of these contributions "as is".

List any initial contributions:

UN/EDIFACT Syntax Implementation Guidelines [based on syntax version 3]

ODETTE - Structure of an EDIFACT Interchange

11. Resource requirements

Participants in the project shall provide resources for their own participation. The existence and functioning of the project shall not require any additional resources from the UNECE secretariat.

Any additional request:

N/A

12. Proposed project leadership

(subject to Bureau approval)

Proposed project lead:

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13. Milestones (repeat for each deliverable, if different)			

The following are draft milestones of the project.

	ODP Stage	Expected Completion Date	
Yes	Project Inception	1 month	
Yes / No	Requirements gathering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 month
Yes	Draft development	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 months (Very quick)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6 months (Quick)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	12 months (Normal)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	18 months (Normal)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	24 months (Long)
Yes / No	Public Draft Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 months
Yes	Project Exit	1 month	