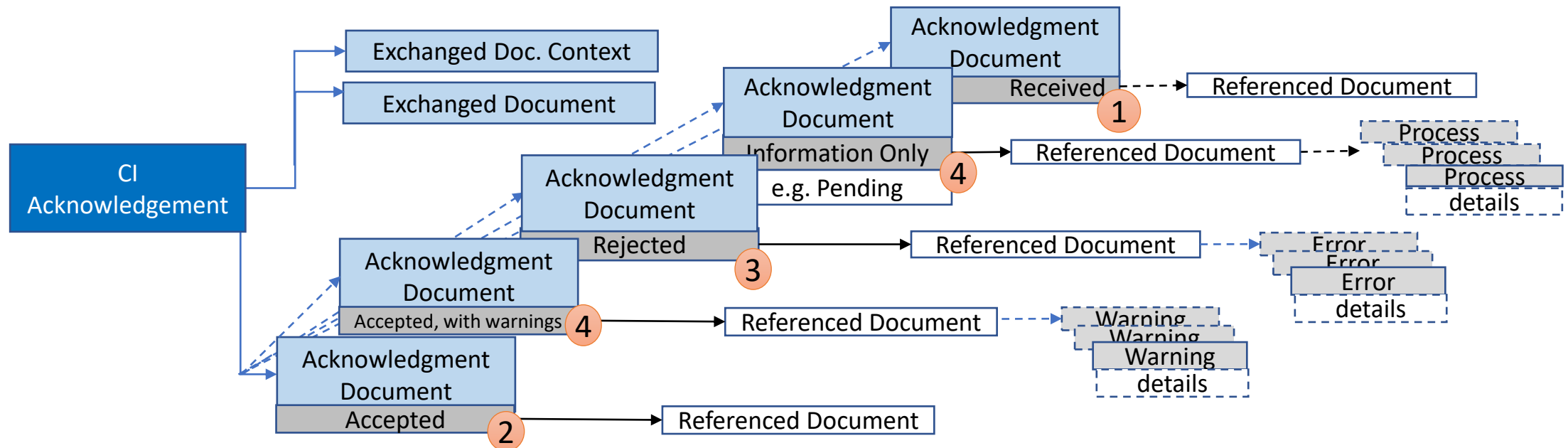# Functions of the Acknowledgement message:

- *Acknowledge receipt*
- *Acknowledge acceptance*
- *Acknowledge rejection*
- *Acknowledge acceptance with warning(s)*
- *Acknowledge process status change*

Principles

- The recipient of the business document and sender of the acknowledgement should send the necessary details in case of issues being errors and/or warnings.
- The recipient of an Acknowledgement Document should be able to process the following document statuses:
  - Received
  - Accepted
  - Accepted with warnings
  - Rejected
  - Information Only
- The recipient of an Acknowledgement Document should be able to process provided information regarding the referenced document(s), if sender and recipient have agreed upon.
- The information about the referenced document may contain the "total number of issues found", either being detailed as errors, warnings or process status changes.
- The referenced document may have as status code which does not refer to the status occurred during messages/application validation or changes in status during its lifetime once received. It's the status code of the business document sent by the sender of it.
- A document status and process status can be provided both on Acknowledgement Document level and on Issue level (details level). It is recommended to specify these statuses on Acknowledgement level, by assigning the same status to all referenced documents.
- It is recommended to have refer per Acknowledgement Document to one document only.
- In case the Acknowledgement message contains multiple Acknowledgements of different types (message validation acknowledgements, application validation acknowledgement and status information acknowledgement), if is recommended to use a different document type code within the Exchanged Document than used within the Acknowledgement Document, or even not use a document type code within Exchanged Document. For more information, see table of recommended document types in this document.