

USER PROFILES

EANCOM[®] user profiles are complementary documents to the EANCOM[®] manual which describe in detail the aspects of implementing EANCOM[®] in a specific industry sector. They must always be used in conjunction with the full EANCOM[®] documentation set.

The development of user profiles of EANCOM[®] messages by external groups (e.g. other industry groups) is subject to a policy which must be agreed by the developing external group with EAN International before any reference to the name EANCOM[®] can be made or any certification concerning compliance with EANCOM[®] can be carried out by EAN International. The policy governing such developments is as follows;

The following is the minimum criteria which external user groups must agree to before the Head Office may become involved in any certification process. At a national level additional criteria may be defined in order to conform to existing Member Organisation policy.

If an external international EDI user group wants to declare that its guidelines (user profiles) are fully compatible with EANCOM[®] then they must agree :

- * Require from their membership that they join the EAN Member Organisation within their country and that they use EAN coding for the identification of products and locations when using EANCOM[®] user profiles.*
- * Agree to base their document on the latest version of the EANCOM[®] manual.*
- * Agree that only additional codes (industry specific) and explanatory notes may be added to their document.*
- * Agree that both parties, i.e. the international user group and national Member Organisations, are free to distribute the document to their own membership.*
- * Inform Member Organisations of all parties from their communities who have received copies of the document.*
- * That publication of the guidelines does not take place before EAN International completes the process certifying that they conform to EANCOM[®].*

To date user profiles of EANCOM[®] exist in several areas:

- the invoicing of metered services (gas, electricity, telephones, etc).
- the use of EANCOM[®] in the health sector (medical supplies).
- the specification and ordering of customer specific articles (e.g. furniture).
- the use of EANCOM[®] in the book trade sector (published by EDItEUR).

The complete List is available at www.ean-int.org.

Users wishing to implement EANCOM[®] in these sectors should consult their local Member Organisation with a view to getting more information on the sector and obtaining the relevant user profile.