eCl@ss-BMEcat-Guideline
proposal for embedding eCl@ss into BMEcat 1.2

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose
In this document the embedding and usage of eCl@ss content in the context of BMEcat catalogs is described as a basis for discussion with BME and as a guideline to implementers.

This document focusses on BMEcat version 1.2. This version is already used in many industry branches and is also very relevant beside the other BMEcat versions 2005 and 2005.1.

1.2 Scope
In scope is:

- A guideline for the embedding of eCl@ss in general into BMEcat Version 1.2, not limited but with particular regard to eCl@ss 7 and 8 as well as BMEcat version 1.2
- Transaction type is T_NEW_CATALOG

Out of scope is:

- BMEcat 2005, BMEcat 2005.1 (see separate documents)
- Transactions T_UPDATE_PRODUCTS and T_UPDATE_PRICES are not described here
- UDX (user defined extensions)
  UDX fields are not used like in other BMEcat based format specification, because the BMEcat format should be used nearby the standard
- Other feature group systems, be they external or transported in the catalog

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations
Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations are described in the eCl@ss Wiki (wiki.eclass.eu).

1.4 Basic assumptions
The following assumptions are made in this document:

- The eCl@ss dictionary is available separately from the BMEcat catalog, i.e. eCl@ss is not to be transported inside the catalog
- There is a process in place that guarantees that catalog requirements can be expressed in a machine tractable way
- Concept identifiers are used to identify elements from the dictionary
- The dictionary applies dictionary change management

1.5 References

eCl@ss Release
More information on eCl@ss can be found at www.eclass.de

BMEcat
More information on BMEcat can be found at wiki.eclass.eu/wiki/BMEcat and www.bmecat.org

ISO 29002-5:
2 Prerequisites

2.1 eC@ss

2.1.1 Identification

2.1.1.1 Concept identifier

eC@ss version 7.0 and higher (ISO 29002-5)

For referencing eC@ss classes and properties, etc. the elements have to be identified. As catalogues are exchanged worldwide and eC@ss is available in different languages the identification of the elements (classes, properties, etc.) is NOT done via language dependent names. For identifying eC@ss elements (class, property) the identification schema according to ISO 29005-5 is used.

The picture below shows the detailed structure of the concept identifier according to ISO 29005-5.

Figure 1: Identification schema according to ISO 29005-5

The Code Space Identifier (CSI) defines the category of the item. The table below shows an excerpt of CSIs used for eC@ss elements.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code Space Identifier (CSI)</th>
<th>Category of administrated item</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>01</td>
<td>class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02</td>
<td>property</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>05</td>
<td>unit of measurement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07</td>
<td>property value</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 1: Excerpt of Code Space Identifiers (CSI) according to ISO 29005-5
The table below shows an example of an identification code for an eCl@ss class. It becomes clear that the length of this IRDI is well below the 60 character limit for the length of an identifier in the current BMEcat format. So it can be assumed that it's safe to write an IRDI as an eCl@ss identifier into the catalogue.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Code:</th>
<th>description</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>0173</td>
<td>ICD code for eCl@ss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>eCl@ss Office</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01</td>
<td>class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAA123</td>
<td>identifier of class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>001</td>
<td>version of class</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 2: Identification code for an eCl@ss class according to ISO 29005-5

**Older eCl@ss versions (up to version 6.2)**

Older eCl@ss versions do not deliver IRDI values. In this case the regular identifiers without version information have to be used. Example: ABC123

The following document based on a description for the newer eCl@ss versions. Please adopt the descriptions to this special case of data delivery.

2.1.1.2 eCl@ss Coded Name

The hierarchy of the classification classes is represented with the help of the *coded name*, i.e. the class code. The coded name consists of an 8-digit integer number, two digits for each hierarchical level. The number of trailing zeros in the end indicates the level of hierarchy, e.g. 16000000 (Segment "Food, beverage, tobacco"), 16040000 (Main group "Fruit"), 16040300 (Group "Berry fruit"), 16040301 (Commodity class "Blackberry"). The fourth level, the commodity class or product group is then further described with the help of properties and property values. Properties and values form the basis for the product description.

eCl@ss class coded name has to be written as follows:

```
[Segment][Main Group][Group][Commodity Class]
```

Example: 27010110

**Note 1:** The coded name is an identification of the classification and is complementary to the concept identifier (see 2.1.1.1).

**Note 2:** Dashes are not allowed.

2.1.2 Two representations

eCl@ss ADVANCED cannot be used with BMEcat 1.2. Please use BMEcat 2005.1 (see above).

2.1.3 Deliveries of the eCl@ss dictionary

Starting with eCl@ss 7.0, the eCl@ss dictionary is delivered in three formats, one CSV based and two XML based formats. In context of BMEcat 1.2 only two formats are relevant.
2.1.3.1 eCl@ss Basic CSV
The eCl@ss Basic CSV format contains only the basic representation and does not take into consideration of the default aspect. Therefore catalogs based on this delivery can be created in the BMEcat2005 format.

2.1.3.2 eCl@ss Basic XML
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2.2 BMEcat

2.2.1 Transaction type
BMEcat defines three transaction types:
- T_NEW_CATALOG
- T_UPDATE_PRODUCTS
- T_UPDATE_PRICES
This document focuses on T_NEW_CATALOG.

2.2.2 Multiple classification systems
In a T_NEW_CATALOG an ARTICLE can have many ARTICLE_FEATURES. Each of these elements can be used to contain a reference to a different classification system.

2.2.3 Translatable vs. constant coded strings
<FVALUE> is a unilingual string. See chapter 3.4 for more information.

3 eCl@ss to BMEcat mapping

3.1 File naming scheme
File names should contain:
- Name of the catalog provider
- Name of the catalog recipient
- Language
- Time stamp
File names should not exceed 40 characters. Spaces should not be used in the file name.

3.2 Namespace
It is expected that the following start tag / name space is used for BMEcat 1.2:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE BMECAT SYSTEM "http://www.eclass.eu/static/eClassXML/2.0/bmecat/bmecat_new_catalog_1_2.dtd">
<BMECAT version="1.2" xmlns="http://www.bmecat.org/bmecat/1.2/bmecat_new_catalog">
```
3.3 REFERENCE_FEATURE_SYSTEM_NAME

The BMEcat specification gives a rule for formatting the content of `<REFERENCE_FEATURE_SYSTEM_NAME>`.

The name of the feature system (in all capital letters) separated by a dash (minus sign) from the major and minor version that is given, separated by one dot. Moreover, the BMEcat spec has a list of known reference feature system names where the naming schema is explicitly mentioned.

Example: eCl@ss 7 has to be written ECLASS-7.0

3.4 Properties and values

3.4.1 Properties

BMEcat 1.2 does not support different elements for ID based and free text values. So FNAME is used also for the transfer of the IRDI.

Example

```xml
<!-- width -->
<FNAME>0173-1#05-AAA480#002</FNAME>
<FDESCR>width definition</FDESCR>
```

Note: The name of the property can be included optional as a XML comment. FDESCR can be used (optional) to transfer a definition of the property.

3.4.2 ID values

An existing value will be transferred by using the IRDI (older version: identifier, see chapter 2.1.1.1). The readable name will be transferred as a comment in the XML file.

Example 1: Transferring one standard value

```xml
<!-- gray -->
<FVALUE>0173-1#07-AAA875#003</FVALUE>
```

Example 2: Transferring more than one standard values (multivalue)

```xml
<!-- gray -->
<FVALUE>0173-1#07-AAA875#003</FVALUE>
<!-- green -->
<FVALUE>0173-1#07-WDA058#003</FVALUE>
<FVALUE_DETAILS>dark green</FVALUE_DETAILS>
```

Note: BMEcat 1.2 does not support `<VALUE_IDREF>` for ID bases values, so `<FVALUE>` has to be used in this case. There is no differentiation if the value is an ID value or an readable value. `<FVALUE_DETAILS>` will be used in the standard way to describe the value more deeply. This element can be used only once in context of a feature so it is a recommendation to use it only with singe value features.

3.4.3 Readable free text values

Readable free text values will be transferred in the following way.

Example 1: Transferring one free text value

```xml
<FVALUE>green</FVALUE>
```
Example 2: Transferring more than one free text values

```xml
<!-- Value 1 -->
<FVALUE>green</FVALUE>
<!-- Value 2 -->
<FVALUE>white</FVALUE>
```

Note: The different values are separated by a XML comment.

### 3.4.4 Combination of ID values and free text values

Combinations of these types of values are transferred in the following way.

Example: Transferring multiple ID values and free text values

```xml
<!-- grau -->
<FVALUE>0173-1#07-AAA873#002</FVALUE>
<!-- grün -->
<FVALUE>0173-1#07-AAAxxx#002</FVALUE>
<!-- Value 1 -->
<FVALUE>rose</FVALUE>
<!-- Value 2 -->
<FVALUE>blue</FVALUE>
```

Note: Multiple values are transferred one after another. For every value a comment is given to make the file more readable. An encapsulation is not possible.

### 3.4.5 Multilanguage

BMEcat 1.2 only supports the transportation of one language in one file. It is not possible to transport more than one language in one file. There must be a separate BMEcat file for each language.

### 3.5 Units of measure

The eCl@ss unit and quantity system is harmonized with DIN and via DIN with UN/ECE. eCl@ss delivers a units file including all the harmonized units. These units have to be used.

### 3.6 Nationalization conventions for FVALUE

The BMEcat documentation defines dot notation as the decimal separator character. This is also used in context of FVALUE.

Example:

```xml
<FVALUE>9.50</FVALUE>
```

### 3.7 MIME

#### 3.7.1 MIME_SOURCE and MIME_ROOT

When using MIMEs there has to be defined where referenced files are expected. In BMEcat this is achieved by two elements: MIME_ROOT (in HEADER) which can specify a base path or an URI under which the relative paths specified in MIME_SOURCE start. The strings are concatenated by "/".
Example

- MIME_ROOT defines that all external files' relative paths start at http://www.example.com/img
- MIME_SOURCE references "Charlie.jpg"
- Referenced file is expected to be found under http://www.example.com/img/Charlie.jpg

Note: When no MIME_ROOT is specified there is no behavior defined by BMEcat specification. An application can try to assume that the MIME_ROOT is the directory where the catalog file is located, but this will not necessarily be interpreted alike in a target system.

3.7.2 MIME_DESCR and MIME_ALT

According to BMEcat specification the content of MIME_DESCR and MIME_ALT is only informational, no logic can be expected to be triggered.

3.7.3 MIME_PURPOSE

There is no guarantee that a target system interprets the content of MIME_PURPOSE in a special way.

Example

```xml
<MIME_INFO>
  <MIME>
    <MIME_TYPE>image/jpeg</MIME_TYPE>
    <MIME_SOURCE>charlie.jpg</MIME_SOURCE>
    <MIME_DESCR>front view</MIME_DESCR>
    <MIME_ALT>picture charlie</MIME_ALT>
    <MIME_PURPOSE>normal</MIME_PURPOSE>
  </MIME>
  <MIME>
    <MIME_TYPE>application/pdf</MIME_TYPE>
    <MIME_SOURCE>charlie.pdf</MIME_SOURCE>
    <MIME_DESCR>description of the production process</MIME_DESCR>
    <MIME_ALT>pdf file about charlie</MIME_ALT>
    <MIME_PURPOSE>data_sheet</MIME_PURPOSE>
  </MIME>
</MIME_INFO>
```

3.8 HEADER Information

Please see BMEcat standard documentation.

3.9 Article Attributes

Please see BMEcat standard documentation.

3.10 Valuation of eCl@ss elements

This chapter describes the referencing and valuation of eCl@ss classes and properties.
The valuation of eCl@ss properties and values is described separately in chapter 3.4.

### 3.11 PRODUCT DETAILS

Please see BMEcat standard documentation.

### 3.12 Mapping of eCl@ss BML to BMEcat 1.2 PRODUCT_DETAILS elements

The table below shows a mapping of elements in eCl@ss 7.0 Basic List of Properties (BML) to the corresponding BMEcat 1.2 elements.

The objective of the mapping is to suggest value equivalence and implies identical values to be put in BMEcat attributes and eCl@ss property valuation.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>BMEcat 1.2 element (node complete name)</th>
<th>eCl@ss element</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Input by</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>REFERENCE_FEATURE_SYSTEM_NAME</td>
<td>eCl@ss Version</td>
<td>ECLASS-7.0</td>
<td>Application</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REFERENCE_FEATURE_GROUP_ID</td>
<td>eCl@ss classification no</td>
<td>27010390</td>
<td>Application</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 3:** Valuation of eCl@ss attributes

### Remark 1:

According to BMEcat DESCRIPTION_SHORT may be up to 80 characters long, but shall be unique within the 40 first characters (to be usable with systems like SAP). It should not contain abbreviated terms and have a clear and expressive language. Abbreviations of organizations and standards (e.g. DIN A4) may be used. DESCRIPTION_SHORT is not fully equal to 0173-1#02-AAP805#001 (Artikelbezeichnung), but the value may be taken over as a shortcut without violating the BMEcat specification.

**Note 1:** DESCRIPTION_SHORT should not simply be set to the preferred name of the class according to which the product is described due to the desired unicity.
Note 2: DESCRIPTION_LONG may contain a longer (up to 64k characters) textual description of the product (containing even HTML with < and > written as entities for XML compatibility).

**Remark 2:**
DESCRIPTION_SHORT can be interpreted as a “preferred name” for the product
DESCRIPTION_LONG can be interpreted as a “definition” for the product

**Remark 3:**
BMEcat and eCl@ss allows to transport the same information in different elements. See table above. If the value of an identical eCl@ss feature differs from a BMEcat feature, the BMEcat value is effective.

**Note:** The eCl@ss property code is fix. Only the version information can be changed with following eCl@ss releases.