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2. General information about eCI@ss

Using a „common language“, which is understandable for both man and machine, is mandatory for a successful electronic and automated communication.

With eCI@ss a common language available: a global, cross-industry standard for classification and unambiguous description of products and services, which is conform to international and national standards. By using eCI@ss within the entire supply chain – from development to disposal - internal business processes as well as data exchange with business partners are optimized in a much more efficient way.

eCI@ss is developed by the association eCI@ss e.V., a non-profit organization, which is supported by ordinary and sponsoring members from companies, associations and institutions. Their common goal is to enhance eCI@ss in accordance with current and future market requirements as well as to promote its international use. Members of the eCI@ss association come from international companies from different industries (e.g. automotive, chemical and electrical engineering, utilities, service and trade).

You can find up-to-date information on <http://www.eclass.eu>.

3. Description of the files

The ZIP-file contains all available files for the semi-automatic upgrade from a previous eCI@ss release (SourceRelease) to the current eCI@ss release (TargetRelease).

List of all contained files:

Classification Update File	= Class-Update-Table
Structure Difference File	= Class Successors
Transaction Update File BASIC	= Property-Update Basic Version
Transaction Update File ADVANCED	= Property-Update Advanced Version

You can find a detailed description of the files and further information in the eCI@ss wiki:
http://wiki.eclass.eu/wiki/read_me

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5. Support: Authorized eCl@ss IT Service Providers

During the introduction of eCl@ss, questions frequently occur on the concrete implementation of eCl@ss into various IT systems. Often not all questions can be answered with own resources, so that it turned out to be useful to access external know-how on some issues.

The authorized eCl@ss-service-providers and the eCl@ss e.V. support companies with consulting and offer software solutions for the introduction of eCl@ss in the company and thus sustainably promote the distribution of eCl@ss.

All service providers assigned with implementing tasks defined by the eCl@ss association, guarantee to observe the current rules, guidelines and requirements of the eCl@ss e.V. regarding the eCl@ss data model based on international standards.

All information concerning the eCl@ss-service-providers is available on www.eclass.de.

The individual service offers can be viewed on the following link:

http://wiki.eclass.de/wiki/Category:IT_Service_Providers

