

Order-X - A common standard for electronic orders in Germany and France – Public Review

FeRD and FNFE-MPE present the first draft of the electronic ordering standard "Order-X" for public review.

Paris / Eschborn, 27.08.2020. More and more companies are digitalizing business processes in order to gain more time for value-adding and strategic processes and to counteract cost pressure. The existence of an electronic data format for orders with high acceptance and user-friendliness is an important building block for successful digitalization of the entire supply chain.

The e-order: building block and driver of the digitalized supply chain

The Forum National de la Facture Électronique et des Marchés Publics Électroniques (FNFE-MPE) and the Forum for Electronic Invoicing Germany (FeRD) have set themselves the goal of supporting the digitalization of the ordering process in addition to electronic invoicing. Building on the work on the electronic invoicing standard "Factur-X" / "ZUGFeRD", a format for a standardized electronic ordering process was therefore developed.

The newly developed "Order-X" format also uses the advantages of the hybrid format (PDF with embedded XML file) and is therefore particularly suitable for use in small and medium-sized companies. In addition, the structured embedded XML file has been designed through UN/CEFACT SCRDM, in perfect alignment with the Invoice message and its EN16931 implementation under the UN/CEFACT SCRDM CII message. Then, Order-X and Factur-X / ZUGFeRD also build a Supply Chain Data Model with profiles (at least BASIC, COMFORT, EXTENDED) in order to help final users to implement it depending on their capabilities.

Start of public commentary

The first draft of "Order-X" is now available. The public review phase is scheduled to run until September 30, 2020. The publication of the final version of Order-X is expected to take place on December 31, 2020. The draft and the documents for comments can be found on the FeRD website at www.ferd-net.de/order-x and FNFE-MPE website on <http://fnfe-mpe.org/factor-x/order-x/>. Please send your feedback in English with the provided template to order-x@ferd-net.de or order-x@fnfe-mpe.org. We would be very pleased to receive numerous comments, hints, and suggestions.