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## **XML Naming and Design Rules (NDR) approved as UN/CEFACT technical specification<sup>1</sup>**

The UN/CEFACT Forum announces the publication of version 2.0 of the XML<sup>2</sup> Naming and Design Rules technical specification.

The specification allows users to identify, capture and maximize the re-use of business information expressed as XML schema components. It ensures consistent and efficient use of XML in a business-to-business and application-to-application environment. It can be utilized wherever business information is being shared or exchanged among and between enterprises and government agencies worldwide using XML schema.

This specification is used by UN/CEFACT experts to develop XML schema based on information models developed in accordance with the *Core Components Technical Specification – (CCTS)*, version 2.01. It also provides value to designers who need to specify the conversion of user input into XML schema representations.

Since both the NDR and CCTS are consistent with the Unified Modelling Language (UML), NDR design rules can be applied to non-CCTS constructs as well.

The NDR specification was developed under the UN/CEFACT Open Development Process (ODP)<sup>3</sup> and approved following successful implementation that was verified and subsequently confirmed by the editing group.

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<sup>1</sup> The standard and supporting XML schemas can be downloaded at <http://webster.disa.org/cefact-groups/atg>.

<sup>2</sup> Extensible Markup Language

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.unece.org/cefact/cf\\_plenary/plenary05/cf\\_05\\_05e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/cefact/cf_plenary/plenary05/cf_05_05e.pdf)