

Statement on standardisation of RFID applications for libraries

The Danish Standard Committee DS S24/u4 - a national equivalent to ISO TC46/sc4 - has been following the development of RFID usage in library applications.

Late in 2004 a policy paper on the subject of RFID in library applications was published.

Shortly afterwards DS hosted a meeting. All library suppliers with potential interests in the Danish market were invited. The meeting resulted in the conclusion that a special working group affiliated to DS S24/u4 should be set up for the purpose of making a Data Model for library RFID applications. The working group was named: RFID Data Model for Libraries Working Group.

In mid 2005 the working group concluded its work by submitting a data model to Danish Standard. It should be noted that although work was initiated by Danish Standard the members of the working group represents all major suppliers in northern continental Europe.

The Data Model was approved by Danish Standard DS S24/u4. After the approval the data model has been out on hearing to be approved as a Danish Standard Info Publication - equally to an ISO Technical Report. The Data Model is now in printing and will be published shortly by Danish Standard as *DS/INF 163 - RFID datamodel i biblioteker* - RFID Data Model for Libraries. Technical report

The Danish Library Authority has endorsed the Data Model as the data model to be used in Danish library applications incorporating RFID usage.

After the RFID Data Model for Libraries Working Group has finished the Data Model several parties in other countries involved in standardisation have shown interest in the model. This includes Australia, The Czech Republic, Finland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK and USA.

DS S24/u4 will table the issue of international standardisation in RFID library applications at the coming meeting of ISO TC46/sc4 in February 2006. The purpose will be to support a strategy for international standardisation in the field.

Danish Standard is looking forward to participate in such international activities.

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