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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Objective

This document describes the REST (Representational State Transfer) interface for Service Metadata Publication within the Business Document Exchange Network (BUSDOX). It describes the request/response exchanges between a Service Metadata Publisher and a client wishing to discover endpoint information. A client could be an end-user business application or an Access Point. It also defines the request processing that must happen at the client.

## 1.2 Scope

This specification relates to the Technical Transport Layer i.e. BusDox specifications. The BusDox specifications can be used in many interoperability settings. In the Peppol context, it provides transport for procurement documents as specified in the Peppol Profiles.

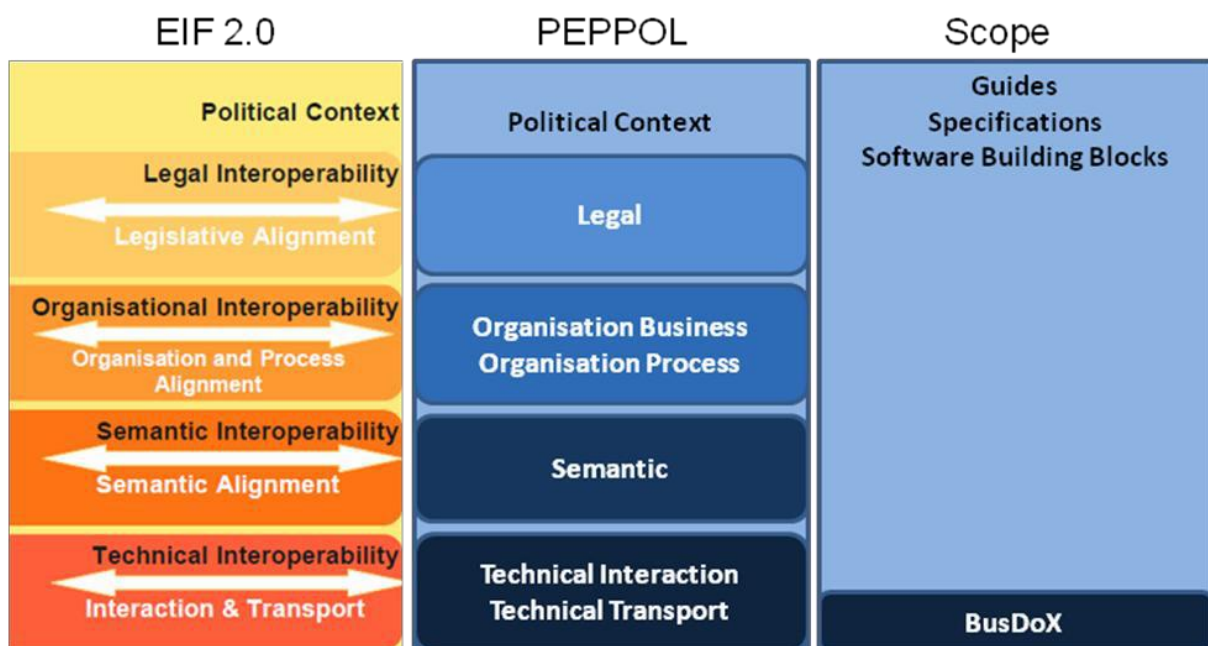


Fig. 1: Peppol Interoperability

## 1.3 Goals and non-goals

The goal of this document is to define the REST lookup interface that Service Metadata Publishers ("SMP") and clients must support. Decisions regarding physical data format and management interfaces are left to implementers of such a service.

Service Metadata Publishers may be subject to additional constraints of agreements and governance frameworks within instances of the BUSDOX infrastructure not covered in this specification, which only addresses the technical interface of such a service.

## 1.4 Terminology

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

### 25 1.4.1 Notational conventions

26 Pseudo-schemas are provided for each component, before the description of the component. They  
 27 use BNF-style conventions for attributes and elements: "?" denotes optionality (i.e. zero or one  
 28 occurrences), "\*" denotes zero or more occurrences, "+" one or more occurrences, "[" and "]" are  
 29 used to form groups, and "|" represents choice. Attributes are conventionally assigned a value which  
 30 corresponds to their type, as defined in the normative schema. Elements with simple content are  
 31 conventionally assigned a value which corresponds to the type of their content, as defined in the  
 32 normative schema. Pseudo schemas do not include extension points for brevity.

```
33 <!-- sample pseudo-schema -->
34 <defined_element
35     required_attribute_of_type_string="xs:string"
36     optional_attribute_of_type_int="xs:int"? >
37   <required_element />
38   <optional_element />?
39   <one_or_more_of_these_elements />+
40   [ <choice_1 /> | <choice_2 /> ]*
41 </defined_element>
```

### 42 1.4.2 Normative references

- 43 [XML-DSIG] "XML Signature Syntax and Processing Version 1.1",  
 44 <https://www.w3.org/TR/xmlsig-core1/>
- 45 [RFC3986] "Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax",  
 46 <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986>
- 47 [WSA-1.0] "Web Services Addressing 1.0 – Core",  
 48 <http://www.w3.org/TR/2005/CR-ws-addrcore-20050817/>  
 49 and "Web Services Addressing 1.0 - SOAP Binding",  
 50 <http://www.w3.org/TR/wsaddr-soap/>
- 51 [RFC2119] "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels",  
 52 <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>
- 53 [PFUO14] "Peppol Policy for use of Identifiers 4.1.0",  
 54 <https://docs.peppol.eu/edelivery/policies/PEPPOL-EDN-Policy-for-use-of-identifiers-4.1.0-2020-03-11.pdf>

### 56 1.4.3 Non-normative references

- 57 [WSDL-2.0] "Web Services Description Language (WSDL) Version 2.0 Part 1: Core Language",  
 58 <http://www.w3.org/TR/wsdl20/>
- 59 [REST] "Architectural Styles and the Design of Network-based Software Architectures",  
 60 <https://www.ics.uci.edu/~fielding/pubs/dissertation/top.htm>
- 61 [BDEN-SML] "Peppol Service Metadata Locator (SML) 1.2.0",  
 62 <https://docs.peppol.eu/edelivery/sml/PEPPOL-EDN-Service-Metadata-Locator-1.2.0-2020-06-25.pdf>

## 64 1.5 Namespaces

65 The following table lists XML namespaces that are used in this document. The choice of any  
 66 namespace prefix is arbitrary and not semantically significant.

Prefix	Namespace URI
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ds	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#</a>
ids	<a href="http://busdox.org/transport/identifiers/1.0/">http://busdox.org/transport/identifiers/1.0/</a>
smp	<a href="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/">http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/</a>
wsa	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing</a>
xs	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema</a>



## 67 2 The Service Discovery Process

68 The interfaces of the Service Metadata Locator (SML) service and the Service Metadata Publisher  
 69 (SMP) service cover both sender-side lookup and metadata management performed by SMPs.  
 70 Business Document Exchange Network (BUSDOX) mandates the following interfaces for these  
 71 services:

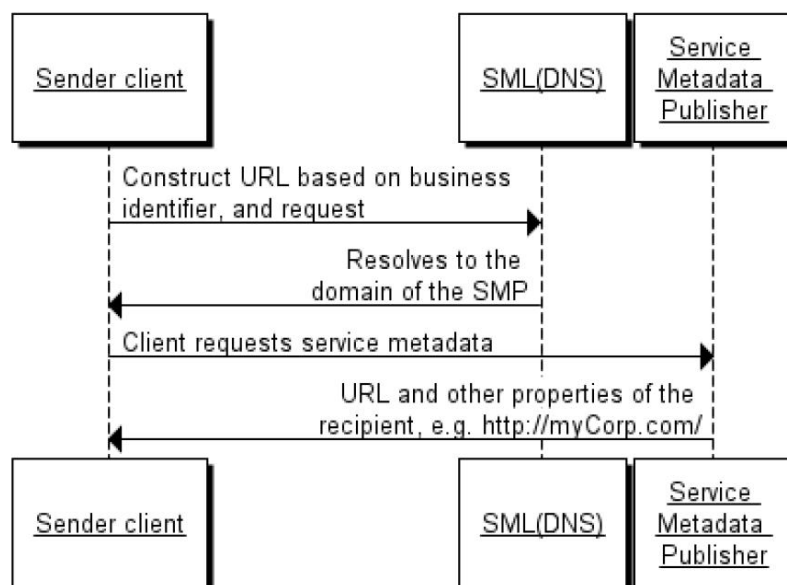
- 72 • Service Metadata Locator:
  - 73 ○ DNS-based resolve mechanism to locate individual SMPs
  - 74 ○ Management interface towards SMPs
- 75 • Service Metadata Publishers:
  - 76 ○ Discovery interface towards senders

77 This specification only covers the discovery interface for Service Metadata Publication services.

### 78 2.1 Discovery flow

79 For a sender, the first step in the Discovery process is to establish the location of the Service  
 80 Metadata relating to the particular Participant Identifier to which the sender wants to transmit a  
 81 message. Each participant identifier is registered with one and only one Service Metadata Publisher.  
 82 The sender looks up the endpoint for the Service Metadata Publisher using the DNS-based Service  
 83 Metadata Locator service (this is a regular DNS resolve). The sender can then retrieve the metadata  
 84 associated with the Participant Identifier. This metadata includes the information necessary to  
 85 transmit the message to the recipient endpoint.

86 The diagram below represents the lookup flow for a sender contacting both the Service Metadata  
 87 Locator and the SMP.



88  
89

Fig. 2: Endpoint lookup with Service Metadata

90 Note: For optimization reasons, the discovery doesn't have to be performed for every transfer if the  
 91 necessary information for transfer is already cached from previous transmissions. Though necessary  
 92 exception handling has to be in place i.e. new lookup has to be performed if the sending shows that  
 93 information is outdated e.g. old endpoint address.

### 94 2.1.1 Discovering services associated with a Participant Identifier

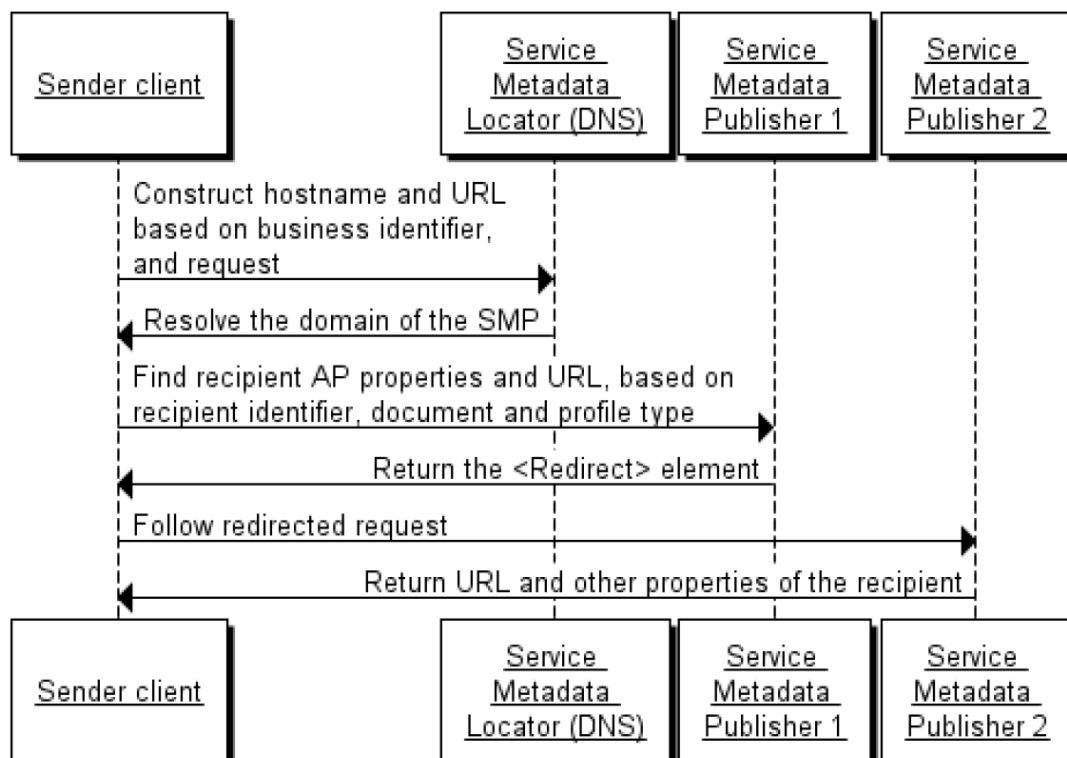
95 In addition to the direct lookup of Service Metadata based on participant identifier and document  
 96 type, a sender may want to discover what document types can be handled by a specific participant  
 97 identifier. Such discovery is relevant for applications supporting several equivalent business  
 98 processes. Knowing the capabilities of the recipient is valuable information to a sender application  
 99 and ultimately to an end user. E.g. the end user may be presented with a choice between a “simple”  
 100 and a “rich” business process.

101 This is enabled by a pattern where the sender first retrieves the *ServiceGroup* entity, which holds a  
 102 list of references to the *ServiceMetadata* resources associated with it. The *SignedServiceMetadata* in  
 103 turn holds the metadata information that describes the capabilities associated with the recipient  
 104 participant identifier

### 105 2.2 Service Metadata Publisher Redirection

106 For each participant identifier, the SML may only point to a single SMP. There are cases however  
 107 where the owner of a participant identifier may want to use different SMPs for different document  
 108 types or processes. This is supported by Service Metadata Publisher Redirection.

109 In this pattern, the sender is redirected by the SMP to a secondary, remote SMP where the actual  
 110 *SignedServiceMetadata* can be found. A special element within the *SignedServiceMetadata* record of  
 111 the SMP points to the SMP that has the actual Service Metadata and certificate information for that  
 112 SMP. The diagram below shows this flow:



113

114

Fig. 3: Service Metadata Redirection

115 Note that only one degree of redirect is allowed; clients are not required to follow more than one  
 116 redirect, i.e. a redirect resource cannot point to another redirect resource. Allowing one level of  
 117 redirect permits the described use case to be realized, while avoiding the possibility of cyclic  
 118 references and long chains of redirects

### 119 **3 Interface model**

120 This specification defines a REST-based interface for retrieving Service Metadata, but does not  
121 specify interfaces for creating, updating, deleting and managing Service Metadata, or any internal  
122 data storage formats.

123 The goal is to allow the interface in this specification to expose data from many different Service  
124 Metadata back-ends, which may be based on any suitable technology such as for example RDBMS,  
125 LDAP, or UDDI.

126 Note that when adding or deleting Participant Identifiers in the SMP, an implementation of the SMP  
127 will need to reflect its custody of a Participant Identifier in the SML. Please see the SML specification  
128 [BDEN-SML] for a description of the processes and interfaces for doing this.

## 129 4 Data model

130 This section outlines the data model of the interface. The data model comprises the following main  
131 data types:

- 132 • ServiceGroup
- 133 • ServiceMetadata / SignedServiceMetadata

134 Supporting data types for these main types are:

- 135 • ServiceInformation
- 136 • ServiceEndpointList
- 137 • ParticipantIdentifier
- 138 • DocumentIdentifier
- 139 • Redirect
- 140 • Process
- 141 • ProcessList
- 142 • Endpoint

143 Each of these data types is described in detail in the following sections.

### 144 4.1 On extension points

145 For each major entity, extension points have been added with the optional `<smp:Extension>`  
146 element.

#### 147 4.1.1 Semantics and use

148 Child elements of the `<smp:Extension>` element are known as “custom extension elements”.  
149 Extension points may be used for optional extensions of service metadata. This implies:

- 150 • Extension elements added to a specific Service Metadata resource MUST be ignorable by any  
151 client of the transport infrastructure. The ability to parse and adjust client behaviour based  
152 on an extension element MUST NOT be a prerequisite for a client to locate a service, or to  
153 make a successful request at the referenced service.
- 154 • A client MAY ignore any extension element added to specific service metadata resource  
155 instances.

### 156 4.2 ServiceGroup

157 The *ServiceGroup* structure represents a set of services associated with a specific participant  
158 identifier that is handled by a specific SMP. The *ServiceGroup* structure holds a list of references to  
159 *SignedServiceMetadata* resources in the *ServiceList* structure.

160 Pseudo-schema for *ServiceGroup*:

```
161 <smp:ServiceGroup>
162   <ids:ParticipantIdentifier scheme="xs:string">
163     xs:string
164   </ids:ParticipantIdentifier>
165   <smp:ServiceMetadataReferenceCollection>
166     <smp:ServiceMetadataReference href="xs:anyURI" />*
167   </smp:ServiceMetadataReferenceCollection>
168   <smp:Extension>xs:any</smp:Extension?>
169 </smp:ServiceGroup>
```

170 Description of the individual fields (elements and attributes).

Field	Description
ServiceGroup	Document element
ParticipantIdentifier	Represents the business level endpoint key and key type, e.g. a DUNS or GLN number that is associated with a group of services. See [PFUOI4] for information on this data type.
ServiceMetadataReferenceCollection	This structure holds a list of references to <i>SignedServiceMetadata</i> structures. From this list, a sender can follow the references to get each <i>SignedServiceMetadata</i> structure.
ServiceMetadataReference (0..*)	Contains the URL to a specific <i>SignedServiceMetadata</i> instance - see the REST binding section for details on the URL format. Note that references MUST refer to <i>SignedServiceMetadata</i> records that are signed by the certificate of the SMP. It MUST NOT point to <i>SignedServiceMetadata</i> resources published by external SMPs.
Extension	The extension element may contain any XML element. Clients MAY ignore this element. It can be used to add extended metadata to individual references to Service Metadata resources.

#### 171 4.2.1 Non-normative example

172 Non-normative example of a *ServiceGroup* resource:

```

173 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
174 <!--
175 This sample assumes that the service metadata publisher resides at
176 "http://serviceMetadata.eu/".
177 It assumes that the business identifier is "0010:5798000000001".
178 -->
179 <ServiceGroup xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/"
180 xmlns:ids="http://busdox.org/transport/identifiers/1.0/">
181   <ids:ParticipantIdentifier scheme="busdox-actorid-upis">
182     0010:5798000000001
183   </ids:ParticipantIdentifier>
184   <ServiceMetadataReferenceCollection>
185     <ServiceMetadataReference href="http://serviceMetadata.eu/busdox-actorid-
186 upis%3A%3A0010%3A5798000000001/services/busdox-docid-
187 qns%3A%3Aurn%3Aosis%3Anames%3Aspecification%3Aubl%3Aschema%3Axsd%3AInvoice-
188 2%3A%3AInvoice%23%23UBL-2.0"/>
189   </ServiceMetadataReferenceCollection>
190   <Extension>
191     <ex:Test xmlns:ex="http://test.eu">Test</ex:Test>
192   </Extension>
193 </ServiceGroup>

```

#### 194 4.3 ServiceMetadata

195 This data structure represents Metadata about a specific electronic service. The role of the  
196 *ServiceMetadata* structure is to associate a participant identifier with the ability to receive a specific

197 document type over a specific transport. It also describes which business processes a document can  
198 participate in, and various operational data such as service activation and expiration times.

199 The *ServiceMetadata* resource contains all the metadata about a service that a sender Access Point  
200 needs to know in order to send a message to that service.

201 For recipients that want to associate more than one SMP with their participant identifier, they may  
202 redirect senders to an alternative SMP for specific document types. To achieve this, the  
203 *ServiceMetadata* element defines the optional element *Redirect*. This element holds the URL of  
204 the alternative SMP, as well as the Subject Unique Identifier of the destination SMPs certificate used  
205 to sign its resources.

206 In the case where a client encounters such a redirection element, the client MUST follow the first  
207 redirect reference to the alternative SMP. If the *SignedServiceMetadata* resource at the alternative  
208 SMP also contains a redirection element, the client SHOULD NOT follow that redirect. It is the  
209 responsibility of the client to enforce this constraint.

210 Pseudo-schema for this data type:

```
211 <smp:ServiceMetadata>
212   [<smp:ServiceInformation /> | <smp:Redirect />]
213 </smp:ServiceMetadata>
```

214 Pseudo-schema for the *ServiceInformation* data type:

```
215 <smp:ServiceInformation>
216   <ids:ParticipantIdentifier scheme="xs:string">xs:string
217 </ids:ParticipantIdentifier>
218   <ids:DocumentIdentifier scheme="xs:string" />
219   <smp:ProcessList>
220     <smp:Process>+
221       <ids:ProcessIdentifier scheme="xs:string" />
222       <smp:ServiceEndpointList>
223         <smp:Endpoint transportProfile="xs:string">+
224           <wsa:EndpointReference />
225           <smp:RequireBusinessLevelSignature>xs:boolean
226           </smp:RequireBusinessLevelSignature>
227           <smp:MinimumAuthenticationLevel>xs:string
228           </smp:MinimumAuthenticationLevel >?
229           <smp:ServiceActivationDate>xs:dateTime
230           </smp:ServiceActivationDate>?
231           <smp:ServiceExpirationDate>xs:dateTime
232           </smp:ServiceExpirationDate>?
233           <smp:Certificate>xs:string</smp:Certificate>
234           <smp:ServiceDescription>xs:string
235           </smp:ServiceDescription>
236           <smp:TechnicalContactUrl>xs:anyURI
237           </smp:TechnicalContactUrl>
238           <smp:TechnicalInformationUrl>xs:anyURI
239           </smp:TechnicalInformationUrl>?
240           <smp:Extension>xs:any</smp:Extension>?
241         </smp:Endpoint>
242       </smp:ServiceEndpointList>
243       <smp:Extension>xs:any</smp:Extension>?
244     </smp:Process>
245   </smp:ProcessList>
246   <smp:Extension>xs:any</smp:Extension>?
247 </smp:ServiceInformation>
```

248 Pseudo-schema for the *Redirect* data type:



```

249 <smp:Redirect href="xs:anyURI">
250   <smp:CertificateUID>xs:string</smp:CertificateUID>
251   <smp:Extension>xs:any</smp:Extension?>
252 </smp:Redirect>

```

253 The `Extension` element may contain any XML element. Clients MAY ignore this element. It can be  
 254 used to add extension metadata to the service metadata.

255 The `href` attribute of the `Redirect` element contains the full address of the destination SMP  
 256 record that the client is redirected to.

257 For example, assume that an SMP called "SMP1" has the address `http://smp1.eu`, and another  
 258 SMP called "SMP2" has the address `http://smp2.eu`, and a client requests a resource with the  
 259 following URL (note that these examples have been percent encoded):

```

260 http://smp1.eu/busdox-actorid-
261 upis%3A%3A0010%3A5798000000001/services/busdox-docid-
262 qns%3A%3Aurn%3Aaoasis%3Anames%3Aspecification%3Aubl%3Aschema%3Axsd%3AInvoice
263 - 2%3A%3AInvoice%23%23UBL-2.0

```

264 We now assume that the owner of these metadata has moved them to SMP2. SMP1 would then  
 265 return a *SignedServiceMetadata* resource with a `Redirect` child element that has the `href`  
 266 attribute set to

```

267 http://smp2.eu/busdox-actorid-
268 upis%3A%3A0010%3A5798000000001/services/busdox-docid-
269 qns%3A%3Aurn%3Aaoasis%3Anames%3Aspecification%3Aubl%3Aschema%3Axsd%3AInvoice
270 - 2%3A%3AInvoice%23%23UBL-2.0

```

271 For the list of endpoints under each `Endpoint` element in the `ServiceEndpointList`, each  
 272 endpoint MUST have different values of the `transportProfile` attribute, i.e. represent bindings  
 273 to different transports.

274 Description of the individual fields (elements and attributes).

Field	Description
<code>/ServiceMetadata</code>	Document element
<code>ServiceMetadata/Redirect</code>	The direct child element of <code>ServiceMetadata</code> is either the <code>Redirect</code> element or the <code>ServiceInformation</code> element. The <code>Redirect</code> element indicates that a client must follow the URL of the <code>href</code> attribute of this element.
<code>Redirect/CertificateUID</code>	Holds the Subject Unique Identifier of the certificate of the destination SMP. A client SHOULD validate that the Subject Unique Identifier of the certificate used to sign the resource at the destination SMP matches the Subject Unique Identifier published in the redirecting SMP.
<code>Redirect/Extension</code>	The <code>Extension</code> element may contain any XML element. Clients MAY ignore this element. It can be used to add extension metadata to the <code>Redirect</code> .
<code>ServiceMetadata/ServiceInformation</code>	The direct child element of <code>ServiceMetadata</code> is either the <code>Redirect</code> element or the

Field	Description
	<code>ServiceInformation</code> element. The <code>ServiceInformation</code> element contains service information for an actual service registration, rather than a redirect to another SMP.
<code>ServiceInformation/ParticipantIdentifier</code>	The participant identifier. Comprises the identifier, and an identifier scheme. This identifier MUST have the same value of the {id} part of the URI of the enclosing <i>ServiceMetadata</i> resource. See the <code>ParticipantIdentifier</code> section of the 'Policy for use of identifiers' document [PFUOI4] for information on this data type.
<code>ServiceInformation/DocumentIdentifier</code>	Represents the type of document that the recipient is able to handle. The document type is represented by an identifier (identifying the document type) and an identifier scheme, which the format of the identifier itself. See the <code>DocumentTypeIdentifier</code> section of the 'Policy for use of identifiers' document [PFUOI4] for information on this data type.
<code>ServiceInformation/ProcessList</code>	Represents the processes that a specific document type can participate in, and endpoint address and binding information. Each process element describes a specific business process that accepts this type of document as input and holds a list of endpoint addresses (in the case that the service supports multiple transports) of services that implement the business process, plus information about the transport used for each endpoint. See the <code>Process</code> section of the 'Policy for use of identifiers' document [PFUOI4] for information on the identifier format.
<code>Process/ProcessIdentifier</code>	The identifier of the process. See the 'Policy for use of identifiers' document for a definition of process identifiers [PFUOI4]
<code>Process/ServiceEndpointList</code>	List of one or more endpoints that support this process.
<code>ServiceEndpointList/Endpoint</code>	<code>Endpoint</code> represents the technical endpoint and address type of the recipient, as an URL.
<code>Endpoint/EndpointReference</code>	The address of an endpoint, as a WS-Addressing Endpoint Reference (EPR).
<code>Endpoint/@transportProfile</code>	Indicates the type of transport protocol that is being used between access points, e.g. the Peppol AS4 profile ( <code>peppol-transport-as4-v2_0</code> ). A list of



Field	Description
	valid transport protocols is referenced from the 'Policy for use of identifiers' document [PFUOI4].
Endpoint/RequireBusinessLevelSignature	Set to <code>true</code> if the recipient requires business-level signatures for the message, meaning a signature applied to the business message before the message is put on the transport. This is independent of the transport-level signatures that a specific transport profile, such as the Peppol AS4 profile, might mandate. This flag does not indicate which type of business-level signature might be required. Setting or consuming business-level signatures would typically be the responsibility of the final senders and receivers of messages, rather than a set of APs.
Endpoint/MinimumAuthenticationLevel	Indicates the minimum authentication level that recipient requires. The specific semantics of this field is defined in a specific instance of the BUSDOX infrastructure.  It could for example reflect the value of the "urn:eu:busdox:attribute:assurance-level" SAML attribute defined in the START specification.
Endpoint/ServiceActivationDate	Activation date of the service. Senders MUST ignore services that are not yet activated.  A missing activation date MUST be interpreted as "valid since forever".  Format of <code>ServiceActivationDate</code> is <code>xs:dateTime</code> .
Endpoint/ServiceExpirationDate	Expiration date of the service. Senders MUST ignore services that are expired.  A missing expiration date MUST be interpreted as "valid until eternity".  Format of <code>ServiceExpirationDate</code> is <code>xs:dateTime</code> .
Endpoint/Certificate	Holds the complete signing certificate of the recipient AP, as a PEM (base 64) encoded X509 DER formatted value.
Endpoint/ServiceDescription	A human readable description of the service.
Endpoint/TechnicalContactUrl	Represents a link to human readable contact information. This might also be an email address.
Endpoint/TechnicalInformationUrl	A URL to human readable documentation of the service format. This could for example be a web site

Field	Description
	containing links to XML Schemas, WSDLs, Schematrons and other relevant resources.
Process/Extension	The <code>Extension</code> element may contain any XML element. Clients MAY ignore this element. It can be used to add extension metadata to the process metadata block as a whole.
ServiceInformation/Extension	The <code>Extension</code> element may contain any XML element. Clients MAY ignore this element. It can be used to add extension metadata to the service metadata.

#### 275 4.3.1 Non-normative example

276 For a non-normative example of a *ServiceMetadata* resource, see the *SignedServiceMetadata* non-  
277 normative example below.

### 278 4.4 SignedServiceMetadata

279 The *SignedServiceMetadata* structure is a *ServiceMetadata* structure that has been signed by the  
280 SMP, according to governance policies that are not covered by this document. Pseudo-schema for  
281 this data type:

```
282 <sm:SignedServiceMetadata>
283   <sm:ServiceMetadata />
284   <ds:Signature />
285 </sm:SignedServiceMetadata>
```

- 286 • `ServiceMetadata` is the `ServiceMetadata` element covered by the signature.
- 287 • `Signature` represents an enveloped XML signature over the  
288 `SignedServiceMetadata` element.

#### 289 4.4.1 Non-normative example

290 Non-normative example of a *SignedServiceMetadata* resource.

```
291 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
292 <!--
293 This sample assumes that the service metadata publisher resides at
294 "http://serviceMetadata.eu/".
295 It assumes that the business identifier is "0010:5798000000001".
296 -->
297 <SignedServiceMetadata xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/"
298 xmlns:ids="http://busdox.org/transport/identifiers/1.0/">
299   <ServiceMetadata xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/"
300 xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wsswssecurity-
301 utility-1.0.xsd">
302     <ServiceInformation>
303       <ids:ParticipantIdentifier scheme="busdox-actorid-
304 upis">0010:5798000000001</ids:ParticipantIdentifier>
305       <ids:DocumentIdentifier scheme="busdox-docid-
306 qns">urn:oasis:names:specification:ubl:schema:xsd:Invoice-2::Invoice##UBL-
307 2.02</ids:DocumentIdentifier>
308       <ProcessList>
309         <Process>
```

```

310     <ids:ProcessIdentifier scheme="cenbii-procid-
311 ubl">BII04</ids:ProcessIdentifier>
312     <ServiceEndpointList>
313       <Endpoint transportProfile="busdox-transport-start">
314         <EndpointReference xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
315           <Address>http://busdox.org/sampleService/</Address>
316         </EndpointReference>
317         <RequireBusinessLevelSignature>false</RequireBusinessLevelSignature>
318         <MinimumAuthenticationLevel>2</MinimumAuthenticationLevel>
319         <ServiceActivationDate>2009-05-01T09:00:00</ServiceActivationDate>
320         <ServiceExpirationDate>2016-05-01T09:00:00</ServiceExpirationDate>
321         <Certificate>TlRMTVNTUAABAAAAt7IY4gk...</Certificate>
322         <ServiceDescription>invoice service</ServiceDescription>
323         <TechnicalContactUrl>https://example.com</TechnicalContactUrl>
324       <TechnicalInformationUrl>http://example.com/info</TechnicalInformationUrl>
325     </Endpoint>
326   </ServiceEndpointList>
327 </Process>
328 <Process>
329   <ids:ProcessIdentifier scheme="cenbii-procid-
330 ubl">BII07</ids:ProcessIdentifier>
331   <ServiceEndpointList>
332     <Endpoint transportProfile="busdox-transport-start">
333       <EndpointReference xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
334         <Address>http://busdox.org/sampleService/</Address>
335       </EndpointReference>
336       <RequireBusinessLevelSignature>true</RequireBusinessLevelSignature>
337       <MinimumAuthenticationLevel>1</MinimumAuthenticationLevel>
338       <ServiceActivationDate>2009-05-01T09:00:00</ServiceActivationDate>
339       <ServiceExpirationDate>2016-05-01T09:00:00</ServiceExpirationDate>
340       <Certificate>TlRMTVNTUAABAAAAt7IY4gk...</Certificate>
341       <ServiceDescription>invoice service</ServiceDescription>
342       <TechnicalContactUrl>https://example.com</TechnicalContactUrl>
343     <TechnicalInformationUrl>http://example.com/info</TechnicalInformationUrl>
344     <Extension>
345       <ex:Test xmlns:ex="http://test.eu">Test</ex:Test>
346     </Extension>
347   </Endpoint>
348 </ServiceEndpointList>
349 <Extension>
350   <ex:Test xmlns:ex="http://test.eu">Test</ex:Test>
351 </Extension>
352 </Process>
353 </ProcessList>
354 <Extension>
355   <ex:Test xmlns:ex="http://test.eu">Test</ex:Test>
356 </Extension>
357 </ServiceInformation>
358 </ServiceMetadata>
359 <!-- Message signature, details omitted for brevity -->
360 <Signature xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" />
361 </SignedServiceMetadata>

```

#### 362 4.4.2 Redirect, non-normative example

```

363 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
364 <!--
365 This sample assumes that the user contacts a service metadata publisher that

```

```
366 resides at "http://serviceMetadata.eu/",
367 but is redirected to a service metadata publisher that resides at
368 "http://serviceMetadata2.eu/".
369 -->
370 <SignedServiceMetadata xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/">
371   <ServiceMetadata xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/">
372     <Redirect xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/"
373 href="http://serviceMetadata2.eu/busdox-
374 actoridupis%3A%3A0010%3A5798000000001/services/busdox-
375 docidqns%3A%3Aurn%3Aaosis%3Anames%3Aspecification%3Aubl%3Aschema%3Axsd%3AInvoice-
376 2%3A%3AInvoice%23%23UBL-2.0">
377       <CertificateUID>PID:9208-2001-3-279815395</CertificateUID>
378       <Extension>
379         <ex:Test xmlns:ex="http://test.eu">Test</ex:Test>
380       </Extension>
381     </Redirect>
382   </ServiceMetadata>
383   <!-- Message signature, details omitted for brevity -->
384   <Signature xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" />
385 </SignedServiceMetadata>
```

## 386 5 Service Metadata Publishing REST binding

387 This section describes the REST binding of the SMP interface.

### 388 5.1 The use of HTTP

389 A service implementing the REST binding MUST set the HTTP `Content-Type` header, and give it a  
390 value of `text/xml` or `application/xml`. A service implementing the REST profile MUST NOT  
391 use TLS (Transport Layer Security) or SSL (Secure Sockets Layer). An instance of the BUSDOX  
392 infrastructure MAY set restrictions on what ports are allowed.

393 An implementation of the SMP might choose to manage resources through the HTTP POST, PUT and  
394 DELETE verbs. It is however up to each implementation to choose how to manage records, and use of  
395 HTTP POST, PUT and DELETE is not mandated or regulated by this specification.

396 HTTP GET operations MUST return the following HTTP status codes:

HTTP Status Code	Meaning
200	Must be returned if the resource is retrieved correctly.
404	Code 404 must be returned if a specific resource could not be found. This could for example be the result of a request containing a participant identifier that does not exist.
500	Code 500 must be returned if the service experiences an internal processing error.

397 The service MAY support other HTTP status codes as well.

398 The service SHOULD NOT use HTTP redirection in the manner indicated by the HTTP 3xx codes.  
399 Clients are not required to support active redirection.

### 400 5.2 The use of XML and encoding

401 XML document returned by HTTP GET MUST be UTF-8 encoded. They MUST contain a document type  
402 declaration starting with `<?xml` which includes the `encoding` attribute set to `UTF-8`. Please  
403 observe that the content of the encoding attribute is not case sensitive. Version 1.0 of XML is used.

### 404 5.3 Resources and identifiers

405 The REST interface comprises 2 types of resources.

Resource	URI	Method	XML resource root element	HTTP Status	Description of returned content
ServiceGroup	<code>/{{identifier scheme}}::{{id}}</code>	GET	<code>&lt;ServiceGroup&gt;</code>	200; 500; 404	Holds the participant identifier of the recipient, and a list of references to individual ServiceMetadata resources that are associated with that participant identifier.

SignedServiceMetadata	/ {identifier scheme} :: {id} / services / {docType}	GET	<SignedServiceMetadata>	200; 500; 404	Holds all of the metadata about a Service, or a redirection URL to another Service Metadata Publisher holding this information.
	See section below for {docType} format				

Fig. 4: Table of resources and identifiers

406

407 A service implementing the REST binding MUST support these resource types. It MUST provide  
408 access to these using the URI scheme of table in Fig. 3.

### 409 5.3.1 On the use of percent encoding

410 When any types of BUSDOX identifiers are used in URLs, each section between slashes MUST be  
411 percent encoded according to [RFC3986] individually, i.e. section by section.

412 For example, this implies that for an URL in the form of / {identifier  
413 scheme} :: {id} / services / {docType} the slash literals MUST NOT be URL encoded.

### 414 5.3.2 Using identifiers in the REST Resource URLs

415 This section describes specifically how participant and document identifiers are used to reference  
416 *ServiceGroup* and *SignedServiceMetadata* REST resources. For a general definition on how to  
417 represent participant and document identifiers in URLs, see [PFUOI4].

418 For the URL referencing a *ServiceGroup* resource, the {identifier scheme} :: {id} part  
419 follows the participant identifier format described in the “ParticipantIdentifier” section of the ‘Policy  
420 for use of identifiers’ document [PFUOI4].

421 The following URL format is used:

```
422 / {identifier scheme} :: {id}
```

423 In the reference to the *SignedServiceMetadata* or *Redirect* resources  
424 (/ {id} / services / {docType}), the {docType} part consists of {document type  
425 identifier scheme} :: {document type identifier}. For information on the format  
426 of {document type identifier}, see the DocumentIdentifier section of the ‘Policy for use of  
427 identifiers’ document [PFUOI4].

### 428 5.3.3 Non-normative identifier example

429 We assume an SMP can be accessed at the URL `http://serviceMetadata.eu`.

430 A business with the participant identifier `0010:5798000000001` would have the following  
431 identifier for the *ServiceGroup* resource:

```
432 http://serviceMetadata.eu/busdox-actorid-upis::0010:5798000000001
```

433 After percent encoding:

```
434 http://serviceMetadata.eu/busdox-actorid-upis%3a%3a0010%3a5798000000001
```

435 In the case of a NES-UBL order, a *SignedServiceMetadata* or *Redirect* resource can then be identified  
436 by

- 437 • Identifier format type: `busdox-docid-qns`
- 438 • Root namespace:  
439 `urn:oasis:names:specification:ubl:schema:xsd:Order-2`

- 440 • Document element local name: `Order`
- 441 • Subtype identifier: `UBL-2.0` (since several versions of the Order schema may use the same
- 442 namespace + document element name)

443 The document type identifier will then be:

```
444 busdoux-docid-qns::urn:oasis:names:specification:ubl:schema:xsd:Order-
445 2::Order##UBL-2.0
```

446 The document type identifier MUST be percent encoded as described in [RFC3986]. The above, non-  
447 normative example is thus encoded to

```
448 busdoux-docid-
449 qns%3A%3Aurn%3Aoasis%3Anames%3Aspecification%3Aubl%3Aschema%3Axsd%3AOrder-
450 2%3A%3AOrder%23%23UBL-2.0
```

451 The entire URL reference to a *SignedServiceMetadata* or *Redirect* resource thus has the form

```
452 {URL to server}/{identifier scheme}::{id}/services/{document identifier
453 type}::{rootNamespace}::{documentElementLocalName}[##{Subtype identifier}]
```

454 The percent-encoded form of the identifier using the above example will then be

```
455 http://serviceMetadata.eu/busdoux-actorid-
456 upis%3a%3a0010%3a5798000000001/services/busdoux-docid-
457 qns%3A%3Aurn%3Aoasis%3Anames%3Aspecification%3Aubl%3Aschema%3Axsd%3AOrder-
458 2%3A%3AOrder%23%23UBL-2.0
```

459 Note that the forward slashes delimiting the individual parts of the REST resource identifier URL are  
460 not percent encoded, since they are part of the URL.

### 461 5.3.4 Implementation considerations

462 When a client is redirected to an SMP using the DNS-based SML scheme described in [BDEN-SML],  
463 the HTTP `Host` header will be set to a value originating from the CNAME alias set in the SML  
464 (<http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec14.html#sec14.23>). Implementations should be  
465 prepared to accept requests with this “host” header value.

## 466 5.4 Referencing the SMP REST binding

467 For referencing the SMP REST binding, for example from SML records, the following identifier should  
468 be used for the version 1.0 of the SMP REST binding:

```
469 http://busdoux.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/
```

470 This is identical to the target namespace of the SMP schema.

## 471 5.5 Security

472 At the transport level, the service MUST NOT be secured.

### 473 5.5.1 Message signature

474 The message returned by the service is signed by the Service Metadata Publisher with XML-Signature  
475 according to [XML-DSIG].

476 The signature MUST be an enveloped XML signature represented via a `ds:Signature` element  
477 embedded in the `SignedServiceMetadata` element. The `ds:Signature` element MUST be  
478 constructed according to the following rules:

- 479 • The <Reference> MUST use exactly one <Transform> being:  
480 <http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature>
- 481 • The <ds:KeyInfo> element MUST contain an <ds:X509Data> element with an  
482 <ds:X509Certificate> sub-element containing the signer's X.509 certificate as PEM (base 64)  
483 encoded X509 DER value.
- 484 • The canonicalization algorithm MUST be  
485 <http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-xml-c14n-20010315>
- 486 • The SignatureMethod MUST be  
487 <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha256>
- 488 • The DigestMethod MUST be  
489 <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#sha256>

### 490 5.5.2 Verifying the signature

491 When verifying the signature, the consumer has access to the full certificate as a PEM (base 64)  
492 encoded X509 DER value within the `ds:Signature` element. The consumer may verify the  
493 signature by

- 494 a) extracting the certificate from the `ds:X509Data` element,
- 495 b) verify that it has been issued by the trusted root,
- 496 c) perform a validation of the signature, and
- 497 d) perform the required certificate validation steps (which might include checking  
498 expiration/activation dates and revocation lists).

### 499 5.5.3 Verifying the signature of the destination SMP

500 For the redirect scheme, the unique identifier of the destination SMP signing certificate is stored at  
501 the redirecting SMP. In addition to the regular signature validation performed by the client of the  
502 destination SMP resources, the client SHOULD also validate that the identifier of the destination SMP  
503 signing certificate corresponds to the unique identifier which the redirecting SMP claims belongs to  
504 the destination SMP.



## 505 6 Appendix A: Schema for the REST interface

### 506 6.1 peppol-smp-types-v1.xsd (non-normative)

507 This section defines the XML Schema for all the resources of the REST interface. The normative  
508 version of the XML Schema is packaged together with this specification.

```
509 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
510 <xs:schema id="ServiceMetadataPublishing"
511 targetNamespace="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/"
512 elementFormDefault="qualified"
513 xmlns="http://busdox.org/serviceMetadata/publishing/1.0/"
514 xmlns:ids="http://busdox.org/transport/identifiers/1.0/"
515 xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
516 xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
517 xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
518   <xs:import schemaLocation="xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"
519 namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" />
520   <xs:import schemaLocation="oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"
521 namespace="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-
522 utility-1.0.xsd" />
523   <xs:import schemaLocation="ws-addr.xsd"
524 namespace="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing" />
525   <xs:import schemaLocation="peppol-identifiers-v1.xsd"
526 namespace="http://busdox.org/transport/identifiers/1.0/" />
527
528   <xs:element name="ServiceGroup" type="ServiceGroupType" />
529   <xs:element name="ServiceMetadata" type="ServiceMetadataType" />
530   <xs:element name="SignedServiceMetadata" type="SignedServiceMetadataType" />
531
532   <xs:complexType name="SignedServiceMetadataType">
533     <xs:sequence>
534       <xs:element ref="ServiceMetadata" />
535       <xs:element ref="ds:Signature" />
536     </xs:sequence>
537   </xs:complexType>
538
539   <xs:complexType name="ServiceMetadataType">
540     <xs:sequence>
541       <xs:choice>
542         <xs:element name="ServiceInformation" type="ServiceInformationType" />
543         <xs:element name="Redirect" type="RedirectType" />
544       </xs:choice>
545     </xs:sequence>
546   </xs:complexType>
547
548   <xs:complexType name="ServiceInformationType">
549     <xs:sequence>
550       <xs:element ref="ids:ParticipantIdentifier" />
551       <xs:element ref="ids:DocumentIdentifier" />
552       <xs:element name="ProcessList" type="ProcessListType" />
553       <xs:element name="Extension" type="ExtensionType" minOccurs="0" />
554     </xs:sequence>
555   </xs:complexType>
556
557   <xs:complexType name="ProcessListType">
558     <xs:sequence>
559       <xs:element name="Process" type="ProcessType" maxOccurs="unbounded" />

```

---

```
560     </xs:sequence>
561 </xs:complexType>
562
563 <xs:complexType name="ProcessType">
564     <xs:sequence>
565         <xs:element ref="ids:ProcessIdentifier"/>
566         <xs:element name="ServiceEndpointList" type="ServiceEndpointList"/>
567         <xs:element name="Extension" type="ExtensionType" minOccurs="0"/>
568     </xs:sequence>
569 </xs:complexType>
570
571 <xs:complexType name="ServiceEndpointList">
572     <xs:sequence>
573         <xs:element name="Endpoint" type="EndpointType" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
574     </xs:sequence>
575 </xs:complexType>
576
577 <xs:complexType name="EndpointType">
578     <xs:sequence>
579         <xs:element ref="wsa:EndpointReference"/>
580         <xs:element name="RequireBusinessLevelSignature" type="xs:boolean"/>
581         <xs:element name="MinimumAuthenticationLevel" type="xs:string"
582 minOccurs="0"/>
583         <xs:element name="ServiceActivationDate" type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0"/>
584         <xs:element name="ServiceExpirationDate" type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0"/>
585         <xs:element name="Certificate" type="xs:string"/>
586         <xs:element name="ServiceDescription" type="xs:string"/>
587         <xs:element name="TechnicalContactUrl" type="xs:anyURI"/>
588         <xs:element name="TechnicalInformationUrl" type="xs:anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
589         <xs:element name="Extension" type="ExtensionType" minOccurs="0"/>
590     </xs:sequence>
591     <xs:attribute name="transportProfile" type="xs:string"/>
592 </xs:complexType>
593
594 <xs:complexType name="ServiceGroupType">
595     <xs:sequence>
596         <xs:element ref="ids:ParticipantIdentifier"/>
597         <xs:element name="ServiceMetadataReferenceCollection"
598 type="ServiceMetadataReferenceCollectionType"/>
599         <xs:element name="Extension" type="ExtensionType" minOccurs="0"/>
600     </xs:sequence>
601 </xs:complexType>
602
603 <xs:complexType name="ServiceMetadataReferenceCollectionType">
604     <xs:sequence>
605         <xs:element name="ServiceMetadataReference"
606 type="ServiceMetadataReferenceType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
607     </xs:sequence>
608 </xs:complexType>
609
610 <xs:complexType name="ServiceMetadataReferenceType">
611     <xs:attribute name="href" type="xs:anyURI"/>
612 </xs:complexType>
613
614 <xs:complexType name="RedirectType">
615     <xs:sequence>
616         <xs:element name="CertificateUID" type="xs:string"/>
```

```
617     <xs:element name="Extension" type="ExtensionType" minOccurs="0"/>
618   </xs:sequence>
619   <xs:attribute name="href" type="xs:anyURI"/>
620 </xs:complexType>
621
622 <xs:complexType name="ExtensionType">
623   <xs:sequence>
624     <xs:any/>
625   </xs:sequence>
626 </xs:complexType>
627 </xs:schema>
```