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The Commission is currently able to accept and generate documents in the ISO 26300:2006 format (otherwise referred to and commonly known as the ODF format). The Commission wishes to be able to accept and generate documents compliant with different standardised formats (for example ISO standards PDF, ODF) as well as, whenever appropriate, in other widely used formats (ISO standards or not) currently used by citizens, businesses and public administrations.

The Commission has already presented to other European Institutions its technical approach to accept and generate documents in ODF formats.

Furthermore, within the framework of the Commission's IDABC programme, the Commission works with representatives of the Member States to promote and facilitate Open Document Exchange Formats (ODEF).

For more information, please see the reference site: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/3439/5585">http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/3439/5585</a>