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ESDC Architecture – Image showing the components of a fiscalization system and their mutual relationship

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In any of those cases, the E-SDC component has to pass the same accreditation process and prove that E-SDC is implemented according to the instructions described in this document.

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<u>Standards</u>

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Power Supply

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Particularly, in terms of electromagnetic compatibility, a product shall comply with the following standards

- EN 55022:2010
- EN 55032:2012
- EN 55024:2010 A1:2015.

A device's operational temperature range shall be 0° - 70° C (Commercial range).

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In order to protect sensitive electronic components, the smart card and data stored on non-volatile memory, besides the mandatory basic protection, it is recommended that device is equipped with the additional fast overcurrent protection in the form of a fast fuse, e-fuse or similar device with the short time of operation.

When the DC voltage is used, protection against the reverse polarity shall be applied.

If the power supply voltages are higher than 75 Vdc or 50 Vac, a manufacturer shall obtain the appropriate certificate from a local authority, or represent a certificate valid in the country of use.

Ports

Each E-SDC must provide ports or connectivity for the following purposes

Secure Element

E-SDC has a smart card reader in compliance with ISO/IEC 7810 and ISO/IEC 7816 standard.

The supported Smart Card sizes are 1FF (credit card size) and 2FF (mini SIM card size).

SIM card	Standard reference	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Volume (mm ³)
Full-size (1FF)	ISO/IEC 7810:2003, ID- 1	85.60	53.98	0.76	3511.72
Mini-SIM (2FF)	ISO/IEC 7810:2003, ID- 000	25.00	15.00	0.76	285.00

<u>Audit</u>

If the E-SDC device uses a USB flash drive for a Local Audit, USB connectors "USB Type B female" must be used.

Applied USB communication protocol shall be "USB 2.0" or higher.

For situations when an SD Flash memory card is used for a Local audit, a device must have an easily accessible Micro SD card connector.

For a <u>Remote Audit</u>, these Instructions do not limit a manufacturer in choosing a communication port as long as the invoice signing is not interrupted.

POS Connectivity

POS must be able to connect to the E-SDC using at least one of the following ports:

Ethernet

Ethernet port in compliance with IEEE 802.3 standard, present on an E-SDC device. The minimum speed of the Ethernet port is at least 10 Mb/s.

Wireless

Wireless connection in compliance with IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi/Bluetooth) to a POS device and a local network.

Smart Cards

For standard operations, each E-SDC requires a Smart card issued by a Tax Service, which consists of two applets:

Secure element Applet - used to apply a digital signature and maintain a set of fiscal counters in the offline mode

PKI Applet - used to authenticate and establish a secure connection with the TaxCore.API web service

Both applets share the same PIN code. PIN is chosen during the process of requesting an <u>Admin Secure element</u> (smart card) - see <u>Registration for Developer Portal</u>- or while requesting an additional <u>POS secure elements</u> - see <u>Requesting Additional Certificates</u>.

PIN can't be changed after it is selected.

Each smart card is uniquely identified by a <u>UID</u> - Unique Identifier. Each digital certificate issued for E-SDCs has UID embedded in the certificate's subject field.

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Secure Element Applet

Secure element (SE) is a fiscal component implemented as a special software or a device designed to receive invoice data, perform signing and data processing and generate a response which is sent back to the caller for further actions.

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This response provides the authenticity of invoice data.

Secure Element is issued and controlled by the Tax Service. The main purpose of the SE is to sign invoices using a taxpayer's digital certificate, control audits and maintain a set of fiscal counters.

Each taxpayer is uniquely identified using digital certificates based on the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI).

Secure element will stop issuing invoices if the maximum allowed amount for that particular fiscal device is exceeded – this facilitates the regular audit and forces taxpayers to report back to the Tax Service system. Likewise, the SE will continue to produce fiscal invoices once it receives proof from TaxCore.API that audit has been received and stored on the Tax Service's system.

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E-SDC States

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Digital Certificates and PIN Codes

The Tax Service's system issues a Secure Element to a taxpayer as follows:

- 1. Taxpayer's digital certificate is stored in the Secure Element.
- 2. The Secure Element is stored on the smart card.
- 3. The PIN or password is generated and printed on the PIN mailer.
- 4. The Secure Element and PIN code are securely delivered to the taxpayer.

Digital Certificates for Testing Purpose

The Tax Service will issue the requested number of test digital certificates to each accredited supplier and each accredited taxpayer.

Authentication Token

E-SDC uses an authentication token when calling the TaxCore API web services. Authentication token is obtained from TaxCore API by calling the *RequestAuthenticationToken* web service and providing a Taxpayer's digital certificate.

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An E-SDC is authenticated by TaxCore.API using a client digital certificate and an authentication Token.

For More information please check SDC section of Taxcore.Api documentation.