

# Introduction to UN/EDIFACT Standard:-

UN/EDIFACT is recognised as the international standards for EDI messages - the United Nations Standards for EDI for Administration Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT). They comprise a set of internationally agreed standards, directories and guidelines for the electronic interchange of structured data.

By 1985, two data standards for EDI that had been extensively used ~~where~~ were the American National Standards Institute ANSI X12 and the Guidelines for Trade Data Interchange - GTDI - in Europe. However, since these two standards were not meeting the requirements of international trade, a committee was set up by the United Nations to formulate an international standard for EDI.

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