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GROUND BREAKING DIGITAL DATA EXCHANGE STANDARD APPROVED

The first of a series of International Standards for the exchange of digital data using Adobe's publicly available Portable Document Format (PDF) has been approved by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The standard, ISO 15930-1:2001, Graphic technology - Prepress digital data exchange - Use of PDF - Part 1: Complete exchange using CMYK data (PDF/X-1 and PDF/X-1a), is based on an earlier standard developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Committee for Graphic Arts Standards Technologies (CGATS). The standard is revolutionizing the exchange of material between providers and publishers/printers in the graphic arts industry.

A number of industry vendors have participated in the development of this standard, and implementations are already available. Copies are being made available for \$50.00. NPES members receive a 10% discount. [Click here](#) for an interactive form to order this and other standards published by NPES, or contact the Publications Department at 703/264-7200.

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