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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Clean File Metadata Exchange API is available as a Web service through HTTPS Post. The API authentication is done through HTTP authentication; any user with access to the API can call the HTTPS Post methods using the following scheme:

[protocol]://[user]:[password]@[APP-URI]/api/[method]

- Protocol: The protocol of the API, HTTPS
- User: The username of the user
- Password: The password of the user
- APP-URI: The URI of the application
- Method: The name of the method and the parameters

The following section contains a description of all available API methods. Fields that are marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory and must be submitted; otherwise, the system will return an error message.

## 1.1 Submit metadata

### a) Input parameters

| Name                         | Type        | Description  |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| metadata*                    | POST - file | The input zip file of clean metadata.                                    |
| response_type                | GET POST    | The response type of the method by default is xml. It can be csv or xml. |
| *This parameter is required. |             |  |

### b) Response parameters

| Name   | Type  | Description                       |
|--|-------|-----------------------------------|
| response   | array | The response array of the method. |
| NOTE—The response is presented as the response_type parameter: csv or xml; xml by default. |       |                                   |

### c) Response structure

| Name       | Type    | Description  |
|------------|---------|--|
| metadataid | integer | The unique ID stored in the system for the currently saved clean metadata. |

## 1.2 getCompanies

### a) Input parameters

| Name          | Type     | Description  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| response_type | GET POST | The response type of the method by default is xml. It can be csv or xml. |

### b) Result parameters

| Name   | Type  | Description   |
|--|-------|---|
| companies  | array | The array contains information regarding the companies available in the system. |
| NOTE—The response is presented as the response-type parameter: csv or xml; xml by default. |       |   |

c) Companies' element structure

| Name    | Type    | Description             |
|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| id      | integer | The ID of the company   |
| company | string  | The name of the company |
| type    | enum    | 3PSD, SSV or 3PSD & SSV |

### 1.3 getLastId

The getLastId method will search the database for the most recently added clean metadata and return its metadataId and the date and time of the insertion.

a) Input parameters

| Name          | Type     | Description  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| response_type | GET POST | The response type of the method by default is xml. It can be csv or xml. |

b) Result parameters

| Name   | Type     | Description  |
|--|----------|--|
| metadataId   | integer  | The ID of the most recent clean metadata inserted into the system. |
| date   | datetime | The date and time of the insertion of the metadata.                |
| NOTE—The response is presented as the response-type parameter: csv or xml; xml by default. |          |  |

### 1.4 getMetadata

This method is used to get the XML for one or more submissions of clean metadata. It is supposed to have as an input parameter the startMetadataId, the ID of the first metadata archive that should be returned. It is obtained by the getLastId function, or by the submitMetadata method, and the amount of the objects that should be returned.

a) Input parameters

| Name                         | Type             | Description  |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| startMetadataId *            | GET POST integer | The ID of the metaDataId.  |
| amount                       | GET POST integer | The amount of objects that should be returned; the default is 1. |
| *This parameter is required. |                  |  |

b) Result

| Name         | Type | Description   |
|--------------|------|---|
| metadata.zip | file | The zip file containing the xml files for the metadata found in the system. |

## 1.5 listArchives

The listArchives method will show all the metadata archives available in the system.

a) Input parameters

| Name          | Type     | Description  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| response type | GET POST | The response type of the method by default is xml. It can be csv or xml. |

b) Result parameters

| Name   | Type  | Description  |
|--|-------|--|
| archives   | array | The array contains information about the archives available in the system. |
| NOTE—The response is presented as the response-type parameter: csv or xml; xml by default. |       |  |



c) Archives element structure

| Name        | Type    | Description  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| year        | integer | The year of the archive                                  |
| week        | integer | The week number of the archive                           |
| metadata_no | integer | The number of metadata xml files existing in the archive |
| file        | string  | The filename and path of the archive                     |
| added       | date    | The date of the creation of the archive                  |

## 1.6 downloadArchive

This method is used for downloading the archived zip file.

a) Input parameters

| Name   | Type            | Description   |
|--------|-----------------|---|
| file * | GET POST string | The path and the filename of the archive that is requested to be downloaded |

\*This parameter is required.

b) Result

| Name     | Type | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| file.zip | file | The requested zip file that contains the meta data |