Which EDI format to choose?

Trelleborg Sealing Solutions has already EDI connections to a lot of different suppliers. Doing EDI with TSS means

- Receiving Orders and Orderchanges
- Sending Order confirmations and Shipment notification

in an electronic way. First the EDI messages are exchanged in parallel with the fax / paper document. After this parallel procedure, the fax transmission will be terminated and EDI will be the only communication way.

There are two genaral possibilities to exchange EDI data with TSS

- EDIFACT format by OFTP TCP/IP or

- eData format by eMail

Details about the formats can be found on
http://tss.trelleborg.com/com/www/en/service/ebusiness/suppliers/Supplier.jsp.

The preferred because standardized way to exchange EDI data is EDIFACT. If a supplier is able to generate and import EDI data automatically, EDIFACT is the correct format. As both sides are receiving messages, the manual workload is reduced for TSS and the supplier.

If there is no automatic EDI system in place at the suppliers facilities, eData (EDI data exchange on base of XLS) is the preferred way.

The following table shows the messagetypes being supported by the different formats

	EDIFACT	eData
Orders	Yes	No *
Orderchanges	Yes	No *
Orderconfirmation	Yes	Yes
Shipment notification	Yes	Yes

*the orders and changes will still be transferred by paper

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