DR 18-0012 — SML: The Use of Reference Sequence (sqref)

Status: Open

Subject: SML: The Use of Reference Sequence (sqref)

Qualifier: Request for clarification

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Submitter’s Defect Number: None

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IS 29500 Reference(s): 29500:2016, Part 1, §18.3.1.18, and others

Related DR(s): None

Nature of the Defect:

WG4 agreed to close DR 17-0016, and to create this new DR in its place, regarding the *use* of SqRef in SML, where usage and examples are inconsistent. For example, §18.3.1.18 says, "Range over which these conditional formatting rules apply." I think it's obvious that this can easily be misinterpreted. I propose changing this to "Range or ranges over which".

We should identify the relevant elements which use SqRef (I think Murata-san’s generated schemas should help here because they can trace parents) and create a simple and consistent description of the attribute such as that suggested above, adapted for the particular element; and check with Microsoft if there are any constraints in any particular cases (it might, for example, be restricted to a single range although this can be expressed as either a range A1:A4 or as a series of individual coordinates A1 A2 A3 A4.

Solution Proposed by the Submitter:

None

Schema Change(s) Needed:

No

**Editor’s Response:**

None

Changes to Part 1: N Part 2: N Part 3: N Part 4: N