



## **CSL software drives world's first ISO 28560-2 Certification Procedure**

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Convergent Software Limited is proud to announce that its decoding and diagnostic software for ISO 28560-2 is at the core of an RFID certification procedure established by Public Library Services (PLS), a business unit of the State Library of South Australia.

With the introduction of ISO 28560-2 RFID for Libraries, a whole new set of opportunities has arisen for libraries converting to RFID or converting from older proprietary RFID systems. To ensure that RFID systems vendors meet the requirements of the standards, PLS, which supports the 140 public libraries within South Australia has contracted Sybis <http://www.sybis.com.au/> to carry out independent tests of RFID-encoded tags presented by vendors. The purpose is to provide completely independent assurance to the libraries that the RFID tags comply with the encoding rules of ISO 28560-2. The diagnostic and quality control software tools from Convergent Software Limited are used to carry out the tests on specific encoded sample tags and to deliver a certified result that the tags have either passed or failed the diagnostic tests.

The diagnostics software is part of a suite of software tools developed by Convergent Software Limited to support all aspects of ISO 28560-2. The diagnostic software not only addresses conformance to ISO 28560-2, but points to the probable cause of encoding errors. Until now, the software has only been used by some RFID system vendors as part of their test programmes for developing their support for the standard. This breakthrough now extends the application of the software directly into the library community.

Alan Butters, Principal Consultant of Sybis, says "The software from Convergent Software is being used to streamline the certification process as well as to enable it to be delivered quickly and at a reasonable price point. Sybis is now offering the compliance service across Australia and New Zealand, and other library authorities are currently investigating its use."

Paul Chartier, Managing Director of Convergent Software Limited, says "We are pleased to support Alan in this endeavour. ISO 28560-2, and its supporting conformance documentation, is the authoritative source of the rules. Convergent Software Limited has endeavoured to support every single aspect of the encoding rules and is pleased that the software is considered acceptable as the reference by which RFID tags are tested as being compliant with ISO 28560-2."

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