Adjustments to Implementation Guidelines for Credit Transfer

Information on planned adjustments to Swiss Payment Standards valid from November 2024

Version 1.0, valid from 20 November 2023

Change history

All changes made to this handbook are listed below with the version number, change date, a brief description of the change and references to the chapters affected.

Version	Date	Change description	Chapter
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Part II of the consultation procedure on the remaining adjustments to the SPS 2024 | all |

Table 1:   Change history

General information

Introduction

SIX Interbank Clearing Ltd ("**SIC Ltd**") is involved in committees and commissions that deal with standardisation issues in national and international payment traffic. It helps to ensure that Swiss financial institutions can set up their products and services in a timely manner on solid platforms that are networked in line with the market. This helps to ensure the smooth flow of payment traffic.

For data exchange between customers and banks based on the ISO 20022 definitions in the Payments and Cash Management business area, the Swiss Payment Standards ("**SPS**") are issued and periodically further developed under the leadership of SIC Ltd. The currently valid document is available on the following website: www.six-group.com/en/products-services/banking-services/payment-standardization/standards/iso-20022.html.

Planned adjustments – details

This document describes the planned adjustments to Implementation Guidelines for Credit Transfer in relation to the remaining adjustments to the SPS 2024.

Planned adjustments – procedure

For the purpose of broad coordination and preliminary information, SIC Ltd publishes planned adjustments to the SPS at an early stage and invites interested parties to submit their comments on these planned adjustments. The form created for this purpose is available at the following link: www.six-group.com/en/products-services/banking-services/payment-standardization/standards/iso-20022.html#scrollTo=consultations and should be sent to the following e-mail address after completion: consultations@paymentstandards.ch. The consultation will take place from 20 November to 20 December 2023.

Following the time window for submitting comments, the finalisation of the amendments will take place, taking into account comments received and other relevant developments (e.g. from the SEPA environment or regarding SWIFT messages). The publication of the new version is scheduled for February 2024. Adjustments from the consultation procedure I are binding and cannot be changed in the consultation procedure II.

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The consultation procedure is divided into two parts:

- **Part I** presented the changes associated with the upcoming introduction of instant payments. Publication took place at the beginning of September and the deadline for comments was Friday 6 October 2023.

- **Part II** of the consultation procedure presents the remaining changes to SPS 2024. It is due to be published in on 20 November and the deadline for comments on this part is Wednesday 20 December 2023.

Once the two consultation procedures have been completed, the feedback received will be analysed and consultation reports will be prepared, which will also be published on www.iso-payments.ch. The results of the consultation procedure for Part I will be published in December 2023 and for Part II in January 2024.

The final versions of the following guidelines will be published in February 2024:

- Swiss Implementation Guidelines for Credit Transfers,
- Swiss Implementation Guidelines for Status Report,
- Swiss Implementation Guidelines for Cash Management,
- Swiss Business Rules.

2 Consultation procedure II

Part II of the consultation procedure presents the remaining changes to SPS 2024.

2.1 Adjustments to the Implementation Guidelines for Credit Transfer – Use of address information (chapter 3.11)

The adjustments are due to the fact that SWIFT MT formats must also be transferred.

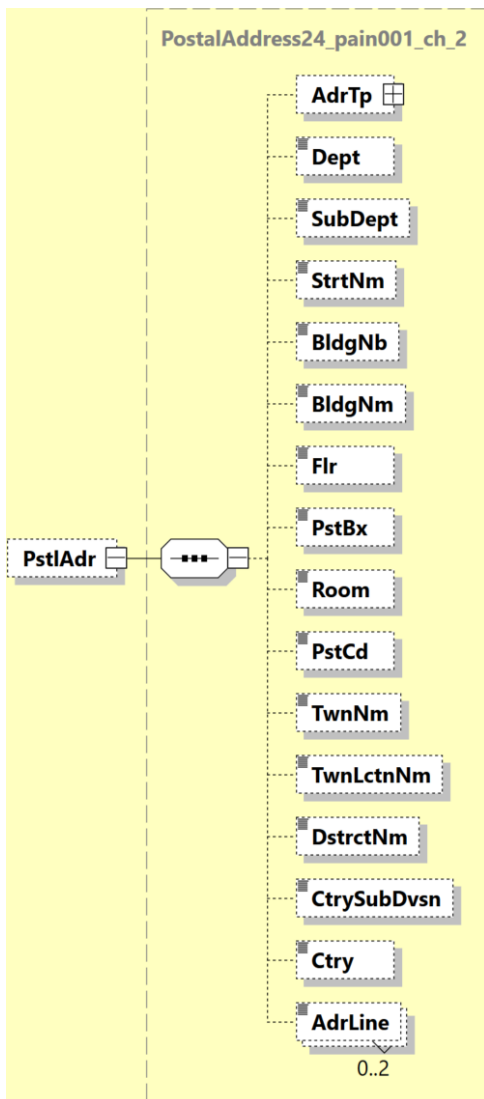The following address elements can be used in "pain.001":

Figure 1:   Data elements for address data (generic)

ISO 20022 Standard			Swiss Payment Standards	
Message item	**XML tag**	**Mult**	**General definition**	**Remark**
Address Type	AdrTp	0..1	Address type	Must not be provided.
Department	Dept	0..1	Department	
Sub Department	SubDept	0..1	Sub Department	
Street Name	StrtNm	0..1	Street Name	Use is recommended.
Building Number	BldgNb	0..1	Building Number	Use is recommended.
Building Name	BldgNm	0..1	Building Name	
Floor	Flr	0..1	Floor	
Post Box	PstBx	0..1	Post Box	
Room	Room	0..1	Room	
Post code	PstCd	0..1	Post Code	Use is recommended.
Town Name	TwnNm	0..1	Town	~~Use is recommended.~~ Must be used if \<Adrline> is not used.
Town Location Name	TwnLctnNm	0..1		
District Name	DstrctNm	0..1	District/commune	
Country Sub Division	CtrySubDvsn	0..1	Part of the country (e.g. canton, province, state)	
Country	Ctry	0..1	Country (country code according to ISO 3166, Alpha-2 code)	Use is recommended. Must be used if \<Adrline> is not used.
Address Line	AdrLine	0..7	Unstructured Address Information	Maximum 2 lines allowed. It is recommended to always supply structured address elements in place of this element.

Table 2:   Data elements for address data (generic)

The addresses of the parties involved, such as creditor, can either be structured in the "*Name*" element and in the "*Postal Address*" element (the recommended sub-elements are: "*Street Name*", "*Building Number*", "*Post Code*", "*Town Name*" and "*Country*") or unstructured (sub-element "*Address Line*"). The use of structured addresses is recommended for all payment types.

In principle, the "Postal Address" elements are only allowed in combination with "Name". However, "Name" can also be used without a "Postal Address" element. Regulatory and other requirements for the particular payment type or destination must be observed.

Addresses can be supplied in one of the two following variants in "pain.001" until November 2025:

"Structured" variant:

- "Town Name" and "Country" elements must be supplied

- "Name" − up to 70 characters

- "Street Name" and "Building Number" ~~= maximum 35 characters in total~~

- "Post Code" and "Town Name" ~~= maximum 35 characters in total~~

For example, in "pain.001" this would look like this:

```
<Cdtr>
<Nm>EXAMPLE LTD</Nm>
  <PstlAdr>
    <StrtNm>Example Street 24</StrtNm>
    <PstCd>3000</PstCd>
    <TwnNm>Bern</TwnNm>
    <Ctry>CH</Ctry>
  </PstlAdr>
</Cdtr>
```

Until further notice, the building number ("Building Number" element) may be included in the "Street Name" element. In particular for SEPA and cross-border payments (payment types S and X), the transaction may still be rejected depending on the regulations and processing in the recipient country.

"Unstructured" variant (until November 2025):

- "Name" – up to 70 characters

- "Country" – it is recommended to include this sub-element in the "Creditor Agent" and "Creditor" elements, especially for payment types **X** and **S**

- First use of "*Address Line*" – maximum 70 characters, containing street and building number

- Second use (repetition) of "*Address Line*" – maximum 70 characters, containing postal code and town

For example, in "pain.001" this would look like this:

```
<Cdtr>
<Nm>EXAMPLE LTD</Nm>
  <PstlAdr>
    <Ctry>CH</Ctry>
    <AdrLine>Example Street 24</AdrLine>
    <AdrLine>3000 Bern</AdrLine>
  </PstlAdr>
</Cdtr>
```

Notes on use for cross-border orders:

The complete forwarding of the structured and unstructured address elements cannot be guaranteed in every case, especially for payment type X.

The SWIFT network is generally used for the transmission of payment type X. From March 2023, financial institutions can also use ISO 20022 messages for this purpose and pass on all elements when using the structured address. However, when using the unstructured address, a maximum of 105 characters (3 x 35 characters) can be used for the "Address Line" elements. In this case, the "Name" can also be passed on additionally and in full.

Until the migration is complete (scheduled for November 2025), financial institutions may continue to use MT messages (e.g. MT 103). Depending on the specification, these allow a maximum of 132 (structured according to SWIFT FIN) or 140 (unstructured) characters for the name and address together.

Before placing an order, it is recommended to check with the debtor's financial institution for the relevant rule. Rules may vary depending on the currency, destination country or correspondent bank.

2.2 Adjustments to the general or payment type-specific definitions

As a result of the other changes in the SPS 2024, the following adjustments are made to the general or field-related definitions.

2.2.1 Adjustments to the "Regulatory Reporting"

The text has been adjusted for better understanding.

The following elements and sub-elements under this pathway have been added or adapted: *CstmrCdtTrfInitn/PmtInf/CdtTrfTxInf/RgltryRptg*.

Characteristic	General definition − old	General definition − new
Regulatory Reporting <RgltryRptg>	Forwarded abroad only in interbank transactions. Required for payments to certain countries: Currently to the United Arab Emirates (since 1 January 2019): All payments. Only one occurrence is allowed. If more information is made available, it will be ignored by the financial institutions.	Forwarded abroad only in interbank transactions. Required for payments to certain countries (e.g. United Arab Emirates). Only one occurrence is allowed. If more information is made available, it will be ignored by the financial institutions.

Table 3:   Adjustments to the "Regulatory Reporting"

2.2.2 Adjustments to the "BICFI"

The text has been adjusted for better understanding.

The following elements and sub-elements under this pathway have been added or adapted: *CstmrCdtTrfInitn/PmtInf/CdtTrfTxInf/CdtrAgt*.

Characteristic	Payment type-specific definition − old	Payment type-specific definition − new
BICFI <BICFI>	D: BIC domestic (CH/LI) X: (V1, domestic) − BIC domestic (CH/LI)	**D: BIC (bank with SIC connection)** X: (V1, domestic) − BIC domestic (CH/LI)

Table 4:   Adjustments to the "Creditor Agent"

2.2.3   Adjustments to the "Batch Booking"

Due to the introduction of instant payments, the payment type-specific definition has been rewritten.

The following elements and sub-elements under this pathway have been added or adapted: *CstmrCdtTrfInitn/PmtInf/BtchBookg.*

Characteristic	Payment type-specific definition − old	Payment type-specific definition − new
Batch Booking <BtchBookg>		D V2: "true" and "empty" must only be used in agreement with the financial institution.

Table 5:   Adjustments to the "Batch Booking"