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SWIFTRef

Release Letter

This document describes the additions and modifications to the SWIFTRef data files and their delivery channels. The document is published monthly a few days before the publication of the data files. It is intended for developers and data administrators.

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Preface

Purpose of this Release Letter

This document describes the additions and modifications to the SWIFTRef data files and their delivery channels, and the impact on the users. Small content changes, such as corrections to the data or technical specifications are not described. The document is updated monthly, typically a week before the publication of the data files.

Intended audience

This document is intended for developers that develop the file processing software, and for data administrators that organise and use the data from the files.

How to obtain this Release Letter

This document is emailed monthly to users having access to the www.swiftrefdata.com > Download Area (login required). It also can be downloaded from www.swift.com/swiftref > Documentation (no login required).

Related documentation

Technical Specification for the SWIFTRef files, downloadable from www.swift.com/swiftref > Documentation, from the file download web page at www.swiftrefdata.com > Download Area (login required), and from the SWIFT User Hand Book (UHB).

What the tables contain

Each change, addition or correction is described in a release note. Each release note has a title which can contain “*new*” if it is published the first time or “*modified*” if changed since its previous publication. A release note description is formatted as a table that contains:

Note ID	The unique ID of the note. Consists of the year (last two digits), month and a sequential 2 digit number.
Valid From	Date from which the note will be implemented.
Files affected	The file(s) that will be affected.
Data affected	The field(s) or type of data that will be affected.
Description	The description of the change, addition or correction and the rationale.
Impact	Type of change: optional, mandatory or structural, an addition or correction. See "Change policy" section below.

Change policy

There are various types of changes. Optional changes do not have to be implemented, or can be implemented at a later stage, in case user wants to take advantage of the change. Examples are the addition of new data (rows) or improvement of existing data. Not implementing an optional change should not affect users’ file processing software and functionality, although a slight change in the processing result might be expected. The impact of not implementing a change will be described, when applicable.

Mandatory changes must be implemented otherwise the file importing software or process might not work properly. Mandatory changes are in general small, such as the change to the format of a field in a restricted list of records. SWIFT tries to either limit mandatory changes or handle them as structural changes (read further). Mandatory changes might be imposed on SWIFT by external market developments. SWIFT will make efforts to give users maximum notice before implementing them. An example of a mandatory change is when an external data provider changes the format of the data used in the files.

Structural changes, such as the addition of new columns to the files, are expected to be rare. Structural changes will in general require users to plan for resources and budget to accommodate them. Therefore structural changes will be announced and described 6 months in advance. After the 6 months SWIFT will make the old and the new files available for 12 months in parallel. The new files will be identified with a new version number that makes them distinct from the old version.

Release Notes planned for September 2015

End of exceptional correction file service

Note ID	150901
Valid From	2015/09/01
File affected	IBANPLUS, EXCLUSIONLIST, SEPAROUTING files. These files are contained in the products: IBAN Plus, SEPA Plus, Payments Plus, Corporate Pack Two and Corporate Pack Three.
Data affect.	Exceptional corrections files currently sent by email
Description	<p>Currently the IBAN Plus and SEPA Plus products are available as monthly and as daily updated sets of files. When an urgent change must be made, the daily files are updated and distributed automatically, making the change transparent for the user. However, in case of an urgent change SWIFT produces an exceptional correction file for the users of monthly files, distributes it and asks users to apply it manually. This is a lengthy, cumbersome and unreliable process and is only applied to a small sub-set of changes (see the IBAN Plus and SEPA Plus technical specifications for the description of the exceptional correction files process, section 2.3).</p> <p>The data in the IBAN Plus and SEPA Plus files will have to be approximately 100% accurate in order to support the SEPA EU 260/2012 regulation for cross-border payments – starting Feb 2016 - where the BIC will have to be derived from the IBAN. Obviously incorrectly derived BICs will lead to rejected/returned payments and therefore a near 100% accurate IBAN PLUS file will be required. 100% accuracy can only be achieved if all regular, urgent and last-minute changes can be distributed to the users on a daily basis; monthly updates with occasional corrections cannot result in more than 99.5% of data quality.</p> <p>For this reason, starting September 2015, SWIFT will stop sending exceptional correction files for IBAN Plus and SEPA Plus to the monthly cycle subscribers and will invite them to upgrade their subscriptions to the daily updates and automated download.</p> <p>For clarity note that the monthly cycle subscriptions of IBAN Plus and SEPA Plus will remain available beyond September 2015; the exceptional correction files however will be not be provided anymore.</p> <p>Customers who want to know more about the daily updates option and download automation should contact swiftref@swift.com or visit the www.swift.com/swiftref >Documentation >Technical specifications page.</p>
Impact	Optional upgrade.
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Release Notes planned for November 2014

~~Discontinuation of the Bank file in DAT, DOS and EBCDIC formats (removed)~~

Note-ID	141128
Valid From	2014/11/28
File-affected	Bank file
Data-affect.	
Description	<p>As of November 2014 only the version of the Bank file in TXT format will remain available. The Bank file formats DAT, DOS, EBCDIC will be discontinued. The Bank file in TXT format will only be usable on Alliance Access and Alliance Entry SWIFT interfaces. Users of interfaces/applications other than Alliance Access and Entry that are using the Bank file today will not be able to use it anymore and will need to migrate to the BIC directory (the BIC Directory can be ordered here). The BIC Directory is a package that contains files in the TXT, DAT, DOS and EBCDIC formats similar to the Bank file. The structure of the DAT, DOS, and EBCDIC files in the BIC Directory is slightly different and will require software changes. The structure of the TXT file in the BIC directory is identical to the structure of the Bank file, however, two columns that were empty in the Bank file are populated in the BIC Directory file. This difference might not need any software changes. The file names however are different for all files.</p> <p>Click here for the web version of this note.</p> <p>For any questions, please contact your SWIFT account manager.</p>
Impact	Mandatory migration
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This note has been replaced by Note 140702.

Release Notes planned for July 2014

BICPlusIBAN product definitively withdrawn

Note ID	140701
Valid From	2014/07/01

File affected	BI, IS, CT, CU files (included in the BICPlusIBAN product) and the SR file (included in the old SEPA Routing product)
Data affect.	all
Description	The last publication date for the BICPlusIBAN product and the old version of the SEPA Routing is 27 June 2014, with data valid for July 2014. There will be no BICPlusIBAN and Id SEPA Routing publication after this date. All users should have migrated to a selection of Bank Directory Plus, IBAN Plus, Bank Directory for SAP and SEPA Plus products. The (download) access to the files will be closed off in the 2 nd half of July.
Impact	Discontinuation of service.
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New Alliance Bank File replaces all current Bank Files (update)

Note ID	140702, this note replaces note 141128 published in May 2014
Valid From	2014/07/28
File affected	<p>The following Alliance Bank Files exist today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALLIANCEBANK_UNIX_FULL_20141101_TXT.tar.Z • ALLIANCEBANK_UNIX_DELTA_20141101_TXT.tar.Z • ALLIANCEBANK_UNIX_FULL_20141101_DAT.tar.Z • ALLIANCEBANK_WIN_FULL_20141101_TXT.zip • ALLIANCEBANK_WIN_DELTA_20141101_TXT.zip • ALLIANCEBANK_WIN_FULL_20141101_DAT.zip <p>The following Bank Files, developed for SWIFT interfaces that have been discontinued in the past, exist today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BICDIR_BANKFILE_FULL_20141101_TXT.zip • BICDIR_BANKFILE_FULL_20141101_DAT.zip • BICDIR_BANKFILE_FULL_20141101_DOS.zip • BICDIR_BANKFILE_FULL_20141101_EBC.zip
Data affect.	
Description	<p><u>Information for users of Alliance Access or Alliance Entry:</u></p> <p>For simplicity reasons all Alliance Bank Files, listed in the section “Files affected” above, will be replaced by one new Alliance Bank File. The new Alliance Bank File will only be readable by the Alliance Access and Entry interfaces. The file names will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALLIANCEBANK_FULL_20140607_ABE.zip • ALLIANCEBANK_DELTA_20140607_ABE.zip

	<p>Alliance Access and Entry users will have to install the mandatory message standards patch will be able to upload and use the new Alliance Bank File automatically. The new Alliance Bank File will not be usable outside of an Alliance Access or Entry interface.</p> <p><u>Information for any other users of the Bank Files or Alliance Bank Files:</u></p> <p>Users that use the current Alliance Bank Files or the other Bank Files for purposes outside of Alliance Access or Entry should replace them with one of the standard BIC directory files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BICDB file in TXT format or • BICDU files in TXT, DAT, DOS, EBCDIC formats. <p>As the structure of the BIC directory is different (the degree depends on the format) users will have to make software changes. The technical specifications of the BIC directory files are available at http://swiftref.swift.com/resource-category/technical-specifications-current .</p> <p>Time plan related to the (Alliance) Bank Files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Alliance Bank File will be published for the first time on 25 July 2014. • The Alliance message standards patch will be available by 20 July 2014. The patch will allow uploading the new Alliance Bank File. • The first delivery of the new file via FileAct will be on 26 September 2014. • The current Alliance Bank File and other Bank Files will be available until the end of December 2014. • As from Jan 2015 only the new Alliance Bank File will be available for download. <p>For any questions, please contact your SWIFT account manager or read the FAQ document on: https://www2.swift.com/uhbonline/books/public/en_uk/ref_data_faq/ref_data_faq.pdf</p>
Impact	Impact on all (Alliance) Bank File users
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Release Notes planned for June 2014

Portuguese IBAN NATIONAL ID length change

Note ID	140601
Valid From	2014/06/28 for the files published monthly, 2014/07/09 for the files published daily.

File affected	BANKDIRECTORYSAP, IBANPLUS, IBANSTRUCTURE Not affected are: BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file, and the old products BICPlusIBAN directory and the related IS file.															
Data affect.	Portuguese IBAN NATIONAL IDs															
Description	<p>The representation of the Portuguese IBAN NATIONAL IDs in the IBANPLUS and the BANKDIRECTORYSAP files will change from 8 digits (bank ID + branch ID) to 4 digits (bank ID). This will simplify the IBAN to BIC translation and will increase the quality of data. This change is made on request of the Portuguese authorities in preparation for the IBAN Only regulation EU 260/2012.</p> <p>Note that the real length of the Portuguese bank + branch IDs within the IBANs will not change. Also the length of the NATIONAL ID in BANKDIRECTORYPLUS and BANKDIRECTORYSAP files will remain at 8 digits.</p> <p>In the IBANPLUS file all 6,163 Portuguese records (containing the 8 digit Bank ID + Branch ID) will be deleted and will be replaced by appx. 170 new records containing the 4 digit Bank ID only IBAN NATIONAL IDs. The IBANPLUS DELTA file will therefore be exceptionally large.</p> <p>In the IBANSTRUCTURE file the IBAN NATIONAL ID LENGTH parameter in the PT record will change from 8 to 4.</p> <p>In the BANKDIRECTORYSAP file all Portuguese records containing IBAN NATIONAL ID will be modified: the IBAN NATIONAL IDs will become 4 digits long. The number of records will not change.</p>															
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Impact	<p>Consistently, the parameter IBAN NATIONAL ID LENGTH in the IBANSTRCUTURE file will change from 8 to 4. Users’ IBAN validation applications that are using this meta-data file to determine the length of the bank ID within an IBAN will not need to be changed. However, users’ applications with hard-coded values might need to be changed.</p> <p>SWIFT strongly suggests application developers to use the meta-data specified in the IBANSTRUCTURE file to configure the IBAN deconstruction algorithms in a flexible manner.</p> <p>Users of the <u>daily</u> updates will receive the changes in the full file of 28 June 2014. SWIFT suggests that they upload the updated IBANSTRUCTURE file at that date as well.</p> <p>SAP users, using the BANK DIRECTORY SAP file, can choose to import the 27 June 2014 file either in SEPA-mode using the new 4 digit bank IDs (IBAN NATIONAL IDs) or in</p>															

	"default" (non-SEPA) mode keeping the 8-digit bank + branch IDs (NATIONAL IDs).
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Release Notes planned for May 2014

SSL certificate update

Note ID	140501
Valid From	2014/05/01
File affected	All downloadable files and APIs accessible on www.swiftrefdata.com .
Data affect.	none
Description	<p>Due to the recently discovered "heart bleed" security issue in OpenSSL, end of April SWIFT changed the SSL (Secure Socket Layer) certificate on the swiftrefdata download website. The certificate change might have an impact on customers using the automated services such as "download automation" or "webservices", as the old certificate still might be stored in customers' cache. Please refresh your SSL certificates.</p> <p>"In order to guarantee secure connections to SWIFTRef customers, www.swiftrefdata.com makes use of SSL/TLS cryptographic protocols; those protocols use X.509 certificates to encrypt the communication between the server and the client. From time to time, usually every 2 years, but more often if there is a specific security reason, SWIFTRef renews its certificates. If you are a user of the website www.swiftrefdata.com or if you host an application running against it or if you simply run a proxy that allows other people to view it, please be aware that if your application stores or caches the public certificate available on www.swiftrefdata.com, when SWIFT renew it, you may experience issues in establishing a working secure communication channel. The reason is that when SWIFT changes its public certificate also the private key changes, hence if you use an old certificate the key will not match. If it happens, please consider restarting your application and/or refreshing your cache.</p>
Impact	Secure access to SWIFTRef files on www.swiftrefdata.com .

Release Notes planned for April 2014

Support for the Target2 directory

Note ID	140401
Valid From	2014/04/10
File affected	T2 directory (produced by target)
Data affect.	BICs and NATIONAL IDs
Description	<p>In the recent 6 months the T2 Directory contained twice incorrect links between the BICs and NATIONAL IDs, provided by SWIFT to Target. Since the T2 Directory is a Target product, Target co-ordinates the customer support. To report and correct data mistakes in the T2 directory the following process has been agreed between Target and SWIFT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- T2 directory user finds a mistake in the T2 directory data and reports it to its own Central Bank.- The Central Bank informs Target. If Target deems that the mistake comes from SWIFT data, Target informs SWIFT.- SWIFT investigates the data and corrects if needed, then passes the correction on to Target.- Target applies to correction in the next T2 directory.- If Target deems it necessary it also sends out a SWIFT broadcast. SWIFT will not send out broadcasts on its own initiatives or communicate to the T2 directory users.
Impact	Reporting process. No impact on software.

Release Notes planned for March 2014

Adding SDD COR1 SEPA scheme

Note ID	140301
Valid From	2014/03/28
File affected	SEPAROUTING
Data affect.	SEPA scheme SDD COR1

Description	The new SEPA scheme SDD COR1 will be added gradually to the SEPAROUTING file for the financial institutions that provide the one-day SDD CORE service. If these financial institutions were providing the SDD CORE they will keep that scheme in addition to SDD COR1, i.e. there will be two records in the data base.
Impact	Addition of new data.

Release Notes planned for February 2014

Adding POB ZIP code

Note ID	140201
Valid From	2014/02/21
File affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS, BANKDIRECTORYSAP
Data affect.	POB NUMBER
Description	Currently the files do not contain the ZIP code for the Post Box Number. This ZIP code will be added to the field POB NUMBER and will be separated by a comma (,) from the Post Box Number. The comma and the ZIP code for the Post Box Number are optional. Example without ZIP code: POB 13 Example with ZIP code: POB 13, 2012 BL
Impact	Improved data completeness.

Adding IBAN data for Qatar

Note ID	140202
Valid From	2014/02/21
File affected	IBANPLUS
Data affect.	Data for country QA.
Description	Qatar has registered the IBAN format in the ISO IBAN Registry. IBAN PLUS file now contains the IBAN related data. Note that the IBANSTRUCTURE file already contained the QA IBAN structure.
Impact	None, the added records are optional.

EXCLUSIONLIST file now also distributed daily

Note ID	140203
Valid From	2014/01/31
File affected	EXCLUSIONLIST
Data affect.	NATIONAL IDs that must not be used in IBANs.
Description	<p>The EXCLUSIONLIST file that contains the NATIONAL IDs that must not be used in IBANs will now also be updated and distributed daily. Its name will be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">EXCLUSIONLIST_DAILY_DELTA_YYYYMMDD.txt and .xml, (one a day) and EXCLUSIONLIST_DAILY_FULL_YYYYMMDD.txt and .xml (one a month).</p> <p>The following <u>daily</u> distribution archive packages will now include the EXCLUSIONLIST file:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IBANPLUS_DAILY_YYYYMMDD_TXT.zip and _XML.zip SEPAPLUS_DAILY_YYYYMMDD_TXT.zip and _XML.zip PAYMENTPLUS_DAILY_YYYYMMDD_TXT.zip and _XML.zip</p>
Impact	Usage of the daily EXCLUSIONLIST file is optional.

Daily update files documented in technical specs

Note ID	140204
Valid From	2014/02/21
Description	<p>The process of daily file updates and their naming conventions, previously not documented, have been documented in section 2 in the following technical specifications:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">IBAN Plus Technical Specification SEPA Plus Technical Specification Bank Directory Plus Technical Specification Service Directory Technical Specification Local Language Technical Specification SSI Plus Technical Specification BIC Archive Technical Specification</p>

	<p>The technical specifications will be available on 21 February at the latest from:</p> <p>www.swiftrefdata.com > Download area (login required)</p> <p>www.swift.com/swiftref > Documentation</p> <p>www.swift.com >Support >Documentation (User Handbook)</p>
Impact	This does not relate to a new feature. The updates document the existing feature of daily file updates. No impact.

Exceptional correction files

Note ID	140205
Valid From	2014/02/21
Description	<p>In case the monthly distributed files contain severe mistakes SWIFT might decide to publish exceptional correction file(s) that can <u>optionally</u> be applied by the users. The correction files only apply to users subscribed to the monthly file updates. Users of daily updates do not need correction files since all corrections are automatically included in the regular daily files.</p> <p>The following technical specifications have been modified (section 2) to reflect the exceptional correction files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IBAN Plus Technical Specification SEPA Plus Technical Specification Bank Directory Plus Technical Specification Service Directory Technical Specification Local Language Technical Specification SSI Plus Technical Specification BIC Archive Technical Specification BIC TO LEI Technical Specification <p>The technical specifications will be available on 21 February at the latest from:</p> <p>www.swiftrefdata.com > Download area (login required)</p> <p>www.swift.com/swiftref > Documentation</p> <p>www.swift.com >Support >Documentation (User Handbook)</p>
Impact	This is a new feature with aim to increase the data quality for users of the monthly files, similar to the feature used with the (old) BICPlusIBAN directory. The use of this feature

	<p>is free of charge and is optional: users who did not apply the correction files will still be able to import the next regular monthly files (both delta and full) as before.</p> <p>This feature does not apply to daily update files.</p>
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Single sign-on for file download

Note ID	140206
Valid From	2014/02/15
File affected	n/a
Data affect.	n/a
Description	<p>Users who download the data files manually from www.swiftrefdata.com will now have to log-in using their www.swift.com user name and password rather than their www.swiftrefdata.com user name and password. Users who do not have a www.swift.com user name and password should have received an email from www.swift.com in early January with an invitation to reset the password.</p> <p>This change also applies to the users of the online tools: Bankers World Online, BIC Directory Online, MT094 Online, BIC Archive online.</p> <p>This change does not apply (yet) to automated download users and web services users. They will continue using their www.swiftrefdata.com user name and password.</p> <p>The URL www.swiftrefdata.com from which the files are downloaded will not change. For more information read the FAQ document.</p>
Impact	Operational.

BIC, Alliance and Country directories now also downloadable from www.swiftrefdata.com

Note ID	140207
Valid From	2014/02/01
File affected	FI_YYYYMMDD.txt, TZ_YYYYMMDD.txt, HS_YYYYMMDD.txt, HF_YYYYMMDD.txt, HD_YYYYMMDD.txt, CU_YYYYMMDD.txt, CT_YYYYMMDD.txt, AM_YYYYMMDD.txt, ALLIANCEBANK_UNIX_FULL_YYYYMMDD_TXT.tar, CCH_YYYYMMDD.txt
Data affect.	n/a

Description	The BIC Directory, Alliance Bank File and the CCH Directory files, that were only available from www.swift.com can now also be downloaded from www.swiftrefdata.com . This allows SWIFTRef directory users to download all their directories from one URL. The user name and password, used to access www.swift.com is also usable on www.swiftrefdata.com .
Impact	Operational. Optional.

Release Notes planned for January 2014

Adding IBAN data for Jordan

Note ID	140101
Valid From	2014/02/02, in monthly files included as from 2014/01/24.
File affected	IBANSTRUCTURE, IBANPLUS, BANKDIRECTORYSAP
Data affect.	IBAN data for Jordan
Description	Jordan has registered the IBAN format. The IBANSTRUCTURE file will contain a new row for Jordan. The IBANPLUS file will contain new records with IBAN-related data for Jordan. The BANKDIRECTORYSAP file will contain modified records for Jordan due to the inclusion of IBAN-related data.
Impact	The changes are regular data additions and modifications and they are optional.

Discontinuation of old version SWIFTRef files

Note ID	140102
Valid From	2014/01/23
File affected	IBANPLUS, BANKDIRECTORYPLUS, SEPAROUTING, SSIPLUS
Data affect.	n/a
Description	As announced in the technical specification documents 12 months earlier, the following old versions of monthly files will not be published anymore starting end January 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBANPLUS_V2 FULL and DELTA files • BANKDIRECTORYPLUS_V2 FULL and DELTA files

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPAROUTING_V2 FULL and DELTA files • SSIPLUS FULL and DELTA files (no version number used) • SSIPLUS_RETAIL FULL and DELTA files (no version number used) • SSIPLUS_WHOLESALE FULL and DELTA files (no version number used)
Impact	Users of these file version must migrate to the latest version files now.

Discontinuation of non-SWIFTRef directories

Note ID	140103
Valid From	2014/01/23
File affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BICPlusIBAN files (BI, BIDEDELTA, CT, CU, IS) • SEPA Routing files (SR, SRDELTA) • SSI Directory files (SSI_FULL, SSI_DELTA)
Data affect.	n/a
Description	<p>As announced in 2012 the following directories will not be available anymore in 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BICPlusIBAN directory (1) • SEPA Routing directory • SSI Directory <p>As they have been replaced by new SWIFTRef files. All users have been informed by the SWIFTRef upgrade team. In case of questions please contact us at swiftrefupgrades@swift.com</p> <p>(1) BICPlusIBAN directory will exceptionally be available until June 2014 at the latest to the users that requested an extension to their subscription.</p>
Impact	Users should migrate to the new SWIFTRef files.

Correction delta file for BICPlusIBAN

Note ID	140104
Valid From	2014/01/17
File affected	BI_20140104 and BIDEDELTA_20140104.txt in BICPlusIBAN directory
Data affect.	Records for Austria (AT), fields NATIONAL ID and IBAN NATIONAL ID

Description	<p>Due to accidental removal of some Austrian (AT) bank IDs in the official list of BLZs that SWIFT used to populate the BICPlusIBAN Directory, many NATIONAL IDs and IBAN NATIONAL IDs were removed from the file BI_20140104.txt as well.</p> <p>If you wish to add these removed IDs you must apply the special file BDELTA_FIX_20140117.txt. This file works in the same way as a standard, monthly BDELTA file.</p> <p>If you have applied this FIX file and later you want to import the next regular BDELTA_20140201.txt file (available on 23 January, only for customers who have signed-up for BICPlusIBAN directory extension for 2014), you will first have to undo the FIX file by applying the BDELTA_FIXUNDO_20140117.txt file. If you do not undo the FIX file your next regular import of the delta file might not work properly.</p> <p>The next BI_20140201.tx or the BDELTA_20140201.txt files will re-establish the normal situation irrespective of whether you applied the FIX and FIXUNDO files or not.</p> <p>The correction files have been emailed to all users subscribed to the manual BICPlusIBAN file download. The correction file can also be received on request at E2E-Reference-Data.Generic@swift.com.</p>
Impact	<p>This special file will add missing BLZ codes to the BICPlusIBAN directory. Payments to some Austrian banks might not be validated correctly without these BLZs.</p>

Release Notes planned for December 2013

Greek IBAN NATIONAL ID length change

Note ID	131201
Valid From	2013/12/27 for the files published monthly, 2014/01/09 for the files published daily.
File affected	<p>BANKDIRECTORYSAP, IBANPLUS, IBANSTRUCTURE</p> <p>Not affected are: BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file, SEPAROUTING file and the BICPlusIBAN directory and the related IS file (old products).</p>
Data affect.	Greek IBAN NATIONAL IDs
Description	<p>The representation of the Greek IBAN NATIONAL IDs in the IBANPLUS and the BANKDIRECTORYSAP files will change from 7 digits (bank ID + branch ID) to 3 digits (bank ID). This will simplify the IBAN to BIC translation and will increase the quality of data. This change is made on request of the Greek authorities in preparation for the IBAN Only regulation EU 260/2012.</p> <p>Note that the real length of the Greek bank IDs will not change. Also the length of the NATIONAL ID in BANKDIRECTORYPLUS and BANKDIRECTORYSAP files will remain at 7 digits.</p> <p>In the IBANPLUS file all 5,129 Greek records (containing the 7 digit IBAN NATIONAL IDs) will be deleted and 55 new records containing 3 digits IBAN NATIONAL IDs will be added.</p> <p>In the IBANSTRUCTURE file the IBAN NATIONAL ID LENGTH parameter in the GR record will change from 7 to 3.</p> <p>In the BANKDIRECTORYSAP file all GR records containing IBAN NATIONAL ID will be modified. The IBAN NATIONAL IDs will become 3 digits long.</p>
Impact	<p>Consistently, the parameter IBAN NATIONAL ID LENGTH in the IBANSTRCUTURE file will change from 7 to 3. Users' IBAN validation applications that are using this meta-data file will not need to be changed. Application with hard-coded values might need to be changed.</p> <p>SWIFT strongly suggests application developers to use the meta-data specified in the IBANSTRUCTURE file to configure their applications in a flexible manner.</p> <p>Users of the daily updates will receive the changes in the delta file of 9 January 2014. SWIFT suggests that they upload the updated IBANSTRUCTURE file at that date as well.</p> <p>SAP users, using the BANK DIRECTORY SAP file, can choose to import the 27 December file either in SEPA-mode using the new 3 digit bank IDs (IBAN NATIONAL IDs) or in default mode keeping the 7-digit bank + branch IDs (NATIONAL IDs).</p>

IBAN usage start date for country GT

Note ID	131202
Valid From	2013/12/27
File affected	IBANSTRUCTURE file
Data affect.	Field OPTIONAL COMMENCE DATE.
Description	IBAN PLUS and BANKDIRECTORYSAP files already contain the IBAN-related data for Guatemala. However, in Guatemala the IBAN only goes live in July 2014. Therefore the IBANSTRUCTURE file will contain the date 20140701 in the column OPTIONAL COMMENCE DATE.
Impact	Usage of IBAN-related data for Guatemala.

Release Notes planned for November 2013

Addition of branch codes to Turkish bank codes

Note ID	131101
Valid From	2013/11/29
File affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS, BANKDIRECTORYSAP
Data affect.	Turkish NATIONAL IDs
Description	<p>The Turkish (TR) NATIONAL ID structure will change from 4 digits (bank code) to 7 9 digits (bank and branch code).</p> <p>SAP™ will provide a description on how to manually configure this change in the SAP systems that import the data from the BANKDIRECTORYSAP file.</p>
Impact	This might require a software update from user's side. The number of records (NATIONAL IDs) will not change.

Additional monthly files distributed over SWIFTNet FileAct

Note ID	131102
Valid From	2013/11/01 for provisioning, 20131128 for file reception
File affected	BIC ARCHIVE, LOCAL LANGUAGE FILE, EXCLUSION LIST
Data affect.	-
Description	<p>The following files will be provision-able via the DOFA (Directories distribution Over FileAct) eForm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIC ARCHIVE• LOCAL LANGUAGE FILE• EXCLUSION LIST• BIC ARCHIVE <p>The files listed above will become available for provisioning (ordering) via FileAct on 1st November. First possibility to receive the files will be on the publication date of 28th November.</p>
Impact	No impact to current provisioning.

Availability of Corporate Packs distributed over SWIFTNet FileAct

Note ID	131103
Valid From	2013/11/01 for provisioning, 2013/11/28 for file reception
File affected	Files in corporate Packs One, Two and Three
Data affect.	-
Description	<p>The files included in the following bundles will be provision-able via the (Directories distribution Over FileAct) DOFA eForm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Pack One (monthly files only) • Corporate Pack Two (monthly and daily files) • Corporate Pack Three (monthly and daily files) <p>The files listed above will become available for provisioning (ordering) via FileAct on 1st November. First possibility to receive the files will be on the publication date of 28th November.</p>
Impact	No impact.

Daily file updates distributed over SWIFTNet FileAct

Note ID	131104
Valid From	2013/11/01
File affected	All daily files currently available via manual and automated download
Data affect.	2013/11/01
Description	<p>Daily published files presently available on Swiftrefdata.com will be distributed over FileAct – every day.</p> <p>Provisioning of the daily files will be via the Directories over FileAct (DOFA) eForm, available as of 1st November.</p> <p>Please note that availability of the daily files in the store and forward queues may take up to five working days following submission of eForms.</p>
Impact	No impact to current provisioning.

IBAN data for countries PK, KW, DO, AZ, VG, and GT added

Note ID	131105
Valid From	2013/11/29
File affected	IBAN PLUS and BANKDIRECTORYSAP (IBAN-related columns).
Data affect.	IBAN NATIONAL ID, IBAN BIC, IBAN ISO COUNTRY CODE etc.
Description	The IBAN-related data for Pakistan, Kuwait, Dominican Republic, Azerbaijan, Virgin Islands (British) and Guatemala are added. With this addition all existing IBAN countries are represented in IBANPLUS and BANKDIRECTORYSAP files (IBAN-related columns).
Impact	Additional records in files.

LEIs from multiple registrars added

Note ID	131106
Valid From	2013/11/29
File affected	BICTOLEI_V1
Data affect.	n/a
Description	<p>Until now the BICTOLEI file only contained BICs linked to LEIs provided by the CICI Utility. The November file will contain BICs linked to LEIs provided by all registered Local Operating Units (LOU) that issue LEIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWIFT/DTCC (CICI Utility) • GEI (Global Entity Identifier, WM Datenservice, Germany) • IEI (International Entity Identifier, London Stock Exchange, UK) • ISE (Irish Stock Exchange, Ireland) • INSEE (Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques, France) • LEINL (Dutch Chamber Of Commerce, Netherlands) • LEITR (Takasbank Legal Entity Identifier, Turkey)
Impact	Additional BIC/LEI pairs in the file.

National ID Type for Poland renamed

Note ID	131107
Valid From	2013/11/29
File affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS
Data affect.	FIELD B (containing the National ID Type)
Description	The National ID Type (in FIELD B) will be renamed from “KIR” to “NBP” in order to correctly reflect the source of the Polish NATIONAL IDs.
Impact	Appx. 3,000 Polish records will be modified.

Release Notes planned for October 2013

Renewed and improved E1/S1 directory

Note ID	131001
Valid From	2013/10/21
File affected	E1S1_CORE.... files
Data affect.	Euro1 Step1 participants data
Description	<p>EBA CLEARING and SWIFT announced the revamped version of the EURO1/STEP1 Directory update and query tool. The tool will have significant enhancements in terms of functionality and usability. The quality of data will be further improved following a review and reinforcement of the data submission and validation procedures.</p> <p>The E1S1 directory file will also become available for download from the EBA CLEARING website. The structure of the file will not change.</p>
Impact	<p>No impact on E1S1_CORE... files users.</p> <p>Note for members provisioning the data into the directory: From 20 September, data submitted to current EURO1/STEP1 Directory will NOT be added to the EURO1/STEP1 Directory. As per the instructions from EBA CLEARING, all members will need to follow the data re-validation process between 20 September and 19 October.</p> <p>Please see EBA CLEARING website for more details.</p>

Distribution of files via FileAct on the day of publication

Note ID	131002
Valid From	2013/10/25
File affected	All files distributed over FileAct
Data affect.	-
Description	<p>Up to now users subscribed to files distributed over FileAct received the files 2 or 3 days after the publication date. Now the distribution will start on day of publication with general availability of files in store and forward queue for all customers by 10am GMT on day following publication.</p>
Impact	Users' file import planning.

Change in National ID Type for Brazil

Note ID	131003
Valid From	2013/10/25
File affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS
Data affect.	Column FIELD B containing the National ID Type for Brazil.
Description	The National ID Type “CNPJ/AN” will be renamed more correctly to “ISPB/AN” (Identificador do Sistema de Pagamentos Brasileiro). The other National ID Type for Brazil, “COMPE”, will not be affected.
Impact	Appx. 150 records will be modified.

BIC to LEI file structure changes

Note ID	131004
Valid From	2013/10/25
File affected	BICTOLEI_V1_FULL and BICTOLEI_V1_DELTA
Data affect.	all
Description	<p>The structure of the BICTOLEI file will change for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial changes on the LEI registration CICI Utility portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New CICI consolidated file contains certified records of both CICI and GEI. New data fields added: Business Registry Number, LEI Ultimate parent, Date of expiry Name changes. BIC related data included <p>Included BIC codes that are not representing legal entities (and hence have no LEI) but are covered by the LEI of other BICs. Typical example is a branch BIC that is covered by the LEI of the main BIC.</p> <p>In order to reflect this relationship two columns have been added: MASTER BIC & LEI MASTER BIC.</p> Placeholder columns for future cross-referencing <p>The objective of the new, empty columns is to link the data in the file with other important financial identifiers in future.</p> <p>The technical specifications and sample file will be updated. We suggest that you</p>

	consult these if you want more detail.
Impact	All records are impacted. Customers have to implement this new version of the file.

RSS feeds on technical documentation updates

Note ID	131005
Valid From	2013/10/25
File affected	n/a
Data affect.	Technical Specifications and FAQ documents.
Description	<p>If you want to be notified when SWIFTRef technical documentation changes, then you can subscribe to the RSS feeds. Go to www.swift.com > Support > Documentation (User Handbook) and click the RSS tab. Select the name of the SWIFTRef product from the list, for example Bank Directory Plus, and click Subscribe, then follow the instructions.</p> <p>You can also download the technical specifications and FAQ documents from the www.swift.com > Support > Documentation (User Handbook) >A-Z tab. For some FAQ documents, the RSS feeds are not provided yet. They will be available in the future.</p> <p>Also note that the <i>SEPA Plus</i> FAQ document has been revised significantly. Please download a new version from www.swift.com/documentation.</p>
Impact	n/a

Release Notes of September 2013

Addition of bank codes for Korea and India

Note ID	130901
Valid From	2013/09/27
File affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS, BANKDIRECTORYSAP
Data affect.	NATIONAL ID and FIELD B
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Korean NATIONAL IDs that have a link to the BIC have been added. Their National ID Type (in column FIELD B) is “BOK” (Bank of Korea).• The Indian NATIONAL IDs of type MICR have been added. Their National ID Type (in column FIELD B) is “MICR/AN”. AN stands for Alternative National IDs as the main National IDs are the IFSC codes. Note for users migrating from the BICPlusIBAN directory to the BANKDIRECTORYPLUS: The MICR codes correspond to the codes in column OTHER_NATIONAL_ID_2 with prefix IN in the BI file.• Approximately 1,500 NATIONAL IDs for Sri Lanka have been added.
Impact	None

Release Notes of August 2013

Identification of foreign National IDs

Note ID	130801																		
Valid From	2013/08/30																		
File affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS																		
Data affect.	FIELD B, OFFICE TYPE, PARENT OFFICE KEY																		
Description	<p>A bank/branch can own multiple NATIOANL IDs of different type, for example one of its own country (e.g. a German BLZ) and one issued by a foreign payment clearing service (e.g. a Swiss BC code issued by SIC).</p> <p>In order to identify foreign NATIONAL IDs, and to provide a link to the record with the corresponding BIC that already might be attached to the domestic National ID, the following changes are needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The record with a foreign National ID will contain, in FIELD B, the National ID Type with the suffix “/FN”. For example a German bank in Frankfurt, Germany, owning a Swiss National ID will contain in FIELD B the value “BC/FN”.2. A foreign National ID record will typically have an OFFICE TYPE value equal to its domestic National ID equivalent. The foreign National ID will be linked to the domestic National ID via the PARENT OFFICE KEY.3. Since now a Domestic Branch (DB) can be linked to another DB, or an HO to another HO, etc., which was not the case before, the OFFICE TYPE hierarchy will accommodate such relationships. <p>Example:</p> <p>For Deutsche Postbank, Bonn, Germany, the data will be:</p> <table><tr><th>RECORD KEY</th><th>OFFICE TYPE</th><th>PARENT OFFICE KEY</th><th>NATIONAL ID</th><th>BIC</th><th>FIELD B (National ID Type)</th></tr><tr><td>BD0000001LT5</td><td>DB</td><td>BD0000001LTH</td><td>38010053</td><td>PBNKDEFF380</td><td>BLZ</td></tr><tr><td>BD0000000EXN6</td><td>DB</td><td>BD0000001LT5</td><td>89024</td><td></td><td>BC/FN</td></tr></table>	RECORD KEY	OFFICE TYPE	PARENT OFFICE KEY	NATIONAL ID	BIC	FIELD B (National ID Type)	BD0000001LT5	DB	BD0000001LTH	38010053	PBNKDEFF380	BLZ	BD0000000EXN6	DB	BD0000001LT5	89024		BC/FN
RECORD KEY	OFFICE TYPE	PARENT OFFICE KEY	NATIONAL ID	BIC	FIELD B (National ID Type)														
BD0000001LT5	DB	BD0000001LTH	38010053	PBNKDEFF380	BLZ														
BD0000000EXN6	DB	BD0000001LT5	89024		BC/FN														
Impact	<p>This change is a correction. It will impact approximately 500 out of 700,000 records (0.08 %) in the BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file. If you do not implement this change you will not be able, as before, to identify the BIC for a foreign National ID.</p>																		

Identification of alternative National IDs

Note ID	130802																		
Valid From	2013/08/30																		
Files affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS																		
Data affect.	FIELD B, OFFICE TYPE, PARENT OFFICE KEY																		
Description	<p>The banks/branches in a country can own NATIOANL IDs issued by multiple authorities. For example banks in Brasil can own both COMPE and CNPJ National IDs, while banks in India can own IFSC and MICR National IDs. In order to provide a correct link from both the main and the alternative National IDs to one and the same unique BIC, the following changes are needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The records containing the alternative NATIONAL IDs will contain in FIELD B the National ID Type with the suffix “/AN”. For example a Brazilian bank owning both a COMPE and a CNPJ National ID will contain in one record in FIELD B the value “COMPE” and in the other record the value “CNPJ/AN” (in Brasil COMPE codes are considered the “main” National IDs and CNPJs the alternative National IDs). Please see the technical specification, section D.1 for a full list of National ID Types.2. An alternative National ID record will typically have an OFFICE TYPE value equal to its “main” National ID equivalent. For example a bank’s main and alternative National IDs will have a DB (Domestic Branch) in both records.3. The alternative National ID will be linked to the domestic National ID via the PARENT OFFICE KEY. Since now a Domestic Branch (DB) can be linked to another DB, or an HO to another HO, etc., which was not the case before, the OFFICE TYPE hierarchy will accommodate such relationships. Note that the correction of the PARENT OFFICE KEYS might not yet be completed at the release date. <p>Example: For Banco ABC Brasil head office, the data will be:</p> <table><tr><th>RECORD KEY</th><th>OFFICE TYPE</th><th>PARENT OFFICE KEY</th><th>NATIONAL ID</th><th>BIC</th><th>FIELD B (National ID Type)</th></tr><tr><td>BD000000004F</td><td>HO</td><td>BD000000004F</td><td>2460001</td><td>ABCBBRSPXXX</td><td>COMPE</td></tr><tr><td>BD000000F9XU</td><td>HO</td><td>BD000000004F</td><td>28195667</td><td></td><td>CNPJ/AN</td></tr></table>	RECORD KEY	OFFICE TYPE	PARENT OFFICE KEY	NATIONAL ID	BIC	FIELD B (National ID Type)	BD000000004F	HO	BD000000004F	2460001	ABCBBRSPXXX	COMPE	BD000000F9XU	HO	BD000000004F	28195667		CNPJ/AN
RECORD KEY	OFFICE TYPE	PARENT OFFICE KEY	NATIONAL ID	BIC	FIELD B (National ID Type)														
BD000000004F	HO	BD000000004F	2460001	ABCBBRSPXXX	COMPE														
BD000000F9XU	HO	BD000000004F	28195667		CNPJ/AN														
Impact	<p>This change is a correction as currently alternative National IDs were in general not linked to a BIC. This change will impact approximately 40 out of 700,000 records (0,006%) in the BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file. If you do not implement this change you will not be able, as before, to identify the BIC for an alternative National ID.</p> <p>In the near future SWIFT will add the Indian MICR codes and the Slovak character-based codes as alternative national IDs. The number of “/AN” record will hence increase.</p>																		

Changes to National ID Types in column FIELD B

Note ID	130803
Valid From	2013/08/30
Files affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS
Data affected	Column FIELD B (National ID Type)
Description	Some National ID Types, listed in the column FIELD B will be renamed. The new values will be listed in the Bank Directory Plus Technical Specification, section D.1, available at or before 30 August 2013.
Impact	A significant part of the records will be impacted. If you do not use the FIELD B there will be no impact. If you are using FIELD B today in your software, this is a mandatory change as your process/software might not be working correctly with the new BDP file.

Changes to the BPIKEYXREF file

Note ID	130804
Valid From	2013/09/06
Files affected	BPIKEYXREF (the file maps the BICPlusIBAN records to records in the Bank Directory Plus and IBAN Plus files).
Data affected	All
Description	In the BPIKEYXREF of June and July 2013 the BI records were mapped on the BDP, IP and BDS records based on the corresponding BIC first, and if no match found then on the NATIONAL ID. Starting in the file of 6 Sep the mapping order will be based on the NATIONAL ID first, and if NATIONAL ID not present then on the BIC.
Impact	A significant part of the records will be impacted. The correspondence between National IDs in the old and new files will be much improved.

Release Notes of July 2013

Version 1 files cease to be available

Note ID	130701
Valid From	2013/07/26
Files affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS_V1, IBANPLUS_V1 and SEPAROUTING_V1
Data affected	all
Description	<p>As announced in the relevant technical specifications since November 2012, SWIFT stops publishing the old format files listed above after 30 June 2013. The versions 2 and 3 of these files will continue being available (see the technical specifications for restricted availability dates of V2).</p> <p>Also the technical specifications of V1 will be removed.</p>
Impact	Mandatory change. Users are urged to migrate to the <u>latest versions</u> of the files.

Release Notes of June 2013

New Australian National IDs

Note ID	130601
Valid From	2013/06/28
File(s) affect.	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS
Data affect.	NATIONAL ID
Description	Approximately 5.700 Australian NATIONAL IDs will be added.
Impact	None.

Change of Japanese National ID structure

Note ID	130602
Valid From	2013/06/28
File(s) affect.	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS
Data affect.	NATIONAL ID
Description	For Japan the National ID format will be extended with the branch code as follows: from bank code (4 digits) to bank + branch code (7 digits).
Impact	This will result into 32,800 JP records being added/changed.

New BIC TO LEI file

Note ID	130603
Valid From	2013/06/28
Files affected	BICTOLEI_V1
Data affected	all
Description	This directory is a new product that can be purchased separately. It contains a file with all combinations of Business Identifier Codes (BICs) and Legal Entity Identifiers (LEI) available today. The LEI is based on the ISO 17442 standard. Currently the directory contains appx. 3.600 BIC/LEI combinations. New combinations, as they become available, will be added monthly.

	Technical specs and sample file are available on www.swift.com/swiftref >Documentation
Impact	New file, optional change, no impact if not implemented.

Changes to SWIFTRef file distribution over FileAct

Note ID	130604
Valid From	2013/06/28
Files affected	All XML versions of SWIFTRef files, Service Directory.
Data affected	None
Description	All XML versions of SWIFTRef files, and both XML and TXT versions of the Service Directory are now available for provisioning through FileAct.
Impact	No impact on the current file delivery on FileAct. In order to obtain the new Service Directory or any of the XML files via FileAct, please use the standard ordering eForm on swift.com.

Release Notes of May 2013

Addition of the National ID Type in column FIELD B

Note ID	130501
Valid From	2013/05/24
Files affected	BANKDIRECTORYPLUS
Data affected	Column FIELD B
Description	<p>Previously column FIELD B was empty and reserved for future use. Now this column will contain the National ID Type, which is an acronym for or the name of the National ID as applied in its country.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "BLZ" for the German NATIONAL ID- "ABA" for the US NATIONAL ID <p>The National ID Type will allow you to distinguish between the various national and cross-border National IDs that one and the same bank can have.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Commerzbank in Frankfurt am Main in Germany has at the same time the German NATIONAL ID "20040060" and the Swiss NATIONAL ID "89018" in BDP as two different records both with COUNTRY CODE "DE". Except through the difference in the format it was not possible to distinguish them previously. Now the two records will contain two different National ID Types in column FIELD B.</p>
Impact	Optional. If you do not implement this change, you will not be able, as before, to make a difference between the various types of NATIONAL IDs.

Change of date in file name

Note ID	130502
Valid From	2013/05/24
Files affected	<p>Monthly published files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– BANKDIRECTORYPLUS– SERVICEDIRECTORY– LOCALLANGUAGE– IBANPLUS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – EXCLUSIONLIST – SEPAROUTING – SSIPLUS – SSIRETAIL – SSIWHOLESALE – BANKDIRECTORYSAP <p>Daily published files are not affected.</p>
Data affected	Dates in file names, example: BANKDIRECTORYPLUS_V3_FULL_20130524.TXT
Description	<p>Previously the SWIFTRef files were published at the “BIC activation date”, which is approximately one week after the publication of the BIC Directory and the legacy BICPlusIBAN directory. The SWIFTRef file names used to contain this date.</p> <p>From now on the publication of the SWIFTRef files is synchronised with the publication of the BIC Directory and the legacy BICPlusIBAN Directory. Since almost all data (more than 99.9%) included in the SWIFTRef files are active at the publication date, the date included in the file name will from now on represent at the same time the publication and the data activation date. The minority (appx. 0.1%) of the data in the files that is activated at a later date is identified as described in Note 130503. This mainly concerns new BIC codes included in Bank Directory Plus.</p> <p>Note that this date change does not apply to the BIC Directory. Despite that almost all data in the BIC Directory are active at publication date, the date in the file name reflects the activation of new BICs only, which is approximately a week later than the publication date.</p> <p>For the publication schedule of the directories please see http://swiftref.swift.com/resource-category/publication-schedule.</p>
Impact	If you do not want to accommodate the download and activation of the files one week earlier there will be no impact relative to the situation before. However, if you do accommodate earlier activation the accuracy of the data overall will increase.

Addition of Valid From date in column FIELD A

Note ID	130503
Valid From	2013/08/30
File(s) affected	<p>Monthly files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – BANKDIRECTORYPLUS – SERVICEDIRECTORY – IBANPLUS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SEPAROUTING – SSIPLUS – SSIRETAIL – SSIWHOLESALE <p>Daily files are not affected.</p>
Data affected	Column FIELD A
Description	<p>Previously FIELD A used to be an empty placeholder for any future data. Now it optionally contains the <u>future</u> valid-from date of the added, modified or deleted record, only if applicable.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (in BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file) - A future BIC has been added to an existing record, but the BIC will only become active at the next BIC activation date (approximately one week after file publication). FIELD A will contain a date 7 days past the file publication date. • (SSI PLUS file) – The correspondent’s BIC has been changed in the SSI record, however this change will only become valid as of 12 days after the publication. FIELD A will contain a date 12 days past publication date. • (IBAN PLUS file) – The IBAN NATIONAL ID of a bank has been removed 5 days before publication and the record is marked for deletion. Because the change is already effective at publication date, FIELD A will be empty and the record can be deleted immediately. <p>All records that are already active at publication date will have an empty FIELD A (approximately 99.9% of the records in BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file).</p>
Impact	<p>The change is optional. If you do not implement the delayed activation of the identified records, i.e. appx. 0.1% of the records in BANKDIRECTORYPLUS, you will activate them too early. However, the probability is very small that the 0.1% of data will be used prematurely in financial transactions.</p>

New LOCAL LANGUAGE file

Note ID	130504
Valid From	2013/05/24
Files affected	The new LOCALLANGUAGE file (included in the zip archives of BANKDIRECTORYPLUS and BANKDIRECTORYSAP).
Data affected	all
Description	<p>The new LOCALLANGUAGE file contains banks’ National IDs with their local name, address and in their local character set. Currently this file contains appx. 140.000 records with data from 10 countries (Belarus, China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine, Vietnam, Azerbaijan, Thailand).</p>

	<p>In this file complete sets of the National IDs are included. Some of the records are matched against the BIC codes in the Bank Directory Plus.</p> <p>Example: The LOCALLANGUAGE file contains appx. 80.000 Chinese CNAP codes. Approximately 1.000 of them have been linked to a BIC code in the BANKDIRECTORYPLUS file.</p> <p>Technical specs are available from www.swift.com/swiftrf > Documentation.</p>
Impact	None if not implemented.

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