

TransCapacity Workpaper 2 for R97104

Proposed Standard 4.2.x [no change]

Testing of new data sets between trading partners includes testing of intended business results, proposed electronic delivery mechanisms, and, related EDI/EDM and, where supported, FF/EDM implementation issues (i.e., enveloping, security, data validity, and standards compliance (e.g. ANSI X12, and GISB EDM Related Standards)).

Proposed Standard 4.3.x [formatting change, plus a) change to old last paragraph and b) new last paragraph after off-line discussion with Dale Davis]

When the receiver of:

- 1) a Nomination,
- 2) a Predetermined Allocation, or,
- 3) a Request for Confirmation,

has determined to change the business rules it will apply to the processing of (and/or response to) one or more of these documents; or, when the sender of:

- 1) a Confirmation Response (including unsolicited),
- 2) a Scheduled Quantity,
- 3) an Allocation Statement,
- 4) an Operator Scheduled Quantity,
- 5) an Imbalance Statement, or,
- 6) an Invoice document ,

has determined to change the business rules it will apply to the generating of (and/or content within) one or more of these documents, then, it should notify its trading partners of same at least two weeks in advance of the change. The notification should include identification of the data elements that are changing (or whose content is changing), the intended business result of such change in the business rules, and the effective date of such change.

For the purposes of this standard, a business rule change is any change in:

- a) the conditionality of a data element sent or received (by the trading partner sending notice under this standard);
- b) the acceptable content of a data element (received by receiver sending notice);
- c) a new business response to a previously accepted data element (received by receiver sending notice);
- d) a new business response to previously accepted data element content (received by a receiver sending notice); or,
- e) a new intended business result to be communicated to a receiver (by a sender sending notice).

Trading partners notifying their sending or receiving trading partners of a change under this standard (absent mutual agreement between the affected trading partners to the contrary) should provide the means to test such changes during at least a two week time period prior to the effective date of the change.

Trading partners receiving notice of such changes from their trading partner should be prepared (even after testing has been completed) to not implement such changes, as the notifying trading partner is permitted to cancel or postpone such change. Notifying trading partners canceling or postponing the effective date of a change should provide affected trading partners with notice of cancellation or postponement at least one business prior to the applicable effective date.