

Proposed Instructions to Information Requirements Subcommittee with respect to implementing R99021B:

The BPS instructs IR to support the following practice under the below identified circumstances.

**Where:**

- 1) two confirming parties have mutually agreed to a level of confirmation (i.e., they have agreed to the specific data elements that they will exchange in order to seek to confirm the values contained within such data elements), and
- 2) one of the confirming parties sends (in a Request for Confirmation, a Confirmation Response, or an unsolicited Confirmation Response) one or more data elements that the parties have not mutually agreed to support in their confirmation process; and
- 3) the data element(s) so sent each have a usage which is not otherwise considered mandatory or business conditional,

**Then:**

- A) With respect to the receiving party's return of an error message (code and/or code plus associated description) to the sending confirming party, the receiving confirming party should send, in the applicable response document(s) (ex. Confirmation Response Quick Response, and/or Confirmation Response) a message informing the sender that the received document contained one or more elements other than those data elements which were the subject of the parties' mutual agreement.

**Further explanatory discussion for IR:**

This instruction is not intended to create the requirement that such manner of validation and error messaging occur between the confirming parties, but rather that the parties sending and or receiving this code value understand its meaning and usage and use the code in the identified circumstance(s).

The code value's use should not take the place of mutual agreement between the confirming parties as to the level (and processes) of confirmation between them.

Further, it is recognized that this instruction does not affect the circumstances where code values associated with communicating that there were *missing* mandatory, business conditional, or mutually agreed data elements (once this last category has been agreed upon between the parties) would be employed.

Nor is it intended that this instruction affect the use of the "not processed" code values associated with the sending of business conditional data element(s) which are not in the set of data elements mutually agreed to between the parties.

It is intended that this code value identify the circumstance in which data element(s) in addition to those agreed upon between the parties were sent to the receiving party.