REQUEST:
Clarify the intention of the "AE" Transaction Status Code in the Header Level of the Nomination Quick Response.

Nomination Quick Response Transaction Status Code in the Header Level has 3 codes. Two of the codes identify specifically whether or not the nomination has been accepted (AT) or rejected with detail (RD).

However, the status code of AE - Acknowledge with exception detail only, does not give the recipient a clear idea, if those line item nominations returned with warnings and/or errors were accepted or rejected.

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:

1. AE - all nominations were accepted but there is some detail information that should be corrected.
2. AE - some of the nominations were accepted and some were rejected depending on the code provided, warnings were accepted, errors were rejected.

INTERPRETATION TEXT:

"AE" is a code value which may be sent in a Transaction Status Code field within a Quick Response. When sent, it is sent at the Header level which means that the code refers to the whole document sent by the party to which this Quick Response responds. Sending the 'AE' code means that some of the line items in the document being responded to were accepted, and those line items which were accepted were accepted either with or without warnings. The 'AE' code can also mean that some of the line items may have been rejected. A party receiving the Quick Response with an 'AE' code looks to the detail (i.e., the line item) level to determine which line items were accepted, which were accepted with a warning, and which were rejected (if any were rejected). The use of the "AE" code value would have the same meaning in any quick response document where its use is appropriate.

As a general matter, where a line item carries a warning, it has nonetheless been accepted for processing purposes; and where a lineitem carries an error, it has been rejected, has not been accepted for processing, and should be corrected or otherwise adjusted and resubmitted in order to be processed.

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