

Upcoming Changes to Wire Payments ISO 20022



What is ISO 20022?

ISO 20022 is a global standardized messaging format for payments. All United States financial institutions are being required by the Federal Reserve to use this format for sending and receiving payments. ISO 20022 provides faster processing and enhanced transparency in payment instructions and details.

When is this happening?

The current deadline for this required change is March 10th, 2025. This date is subject to change by the Federal Reserve. However, in order to not delay processing, we are proceeding with a March 10th, 2025 deadline.

How does this impact you?

With the implementation of ISO 20022, it will be required to list the Beneficiary Bank with its physical address, as well as the Receiving Bank with its physical address. In most cases, Beneficiary Bank and Receiving Bank will be the same institution, but it is important to verify with your vendor. In addition, the purpose of the wire will become a required field.

ISO 20022 New Terminology:

Since ISO 20022 is a global standardized messaging format, terminology will be changing. Please reference the chart below:

Previous Terminology	New Terminology	Definition
Originator	Debtor	Person or entity sending the money.
Originating Bank	Debtor Agent	The financial institution of the person or entity sending the money.
Beneficiary	Creditor	Person or entity receiving the money.
Beneficiary Bank	Creditor Agent	The financial institution of the person or entity receiving the money.
Receiving Bank	Instructed Agent	The financial institution that receives the money before being sent to the beneficiary bank (only applicable in some cases)

What To Do Now?

- Please review your wire templates and delete any that are no longer needed.
- Go into your existing templates and ensure there is a PHYSICAL ADDRESS listed for the beneficiary bank and receiving bank.
- If you have INTERNATIONAL wire templates, go into each one and ensure you select the COUNTRY where the wire is being sent. This is a required field going forward.
- Consider contacting vendors for updated payment instructions to meet requirements, including bank information and physical addresses.
- Be on the lookout for further communication on ISO 20022 from us. We will provide additional details regarding changes to the wire origination process, before the March 10th, 2025 deadline.

Questions?

Please contact us if you have any questions. Call us at 888-449-2265 to speak to a representative.