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## **New Wire Transfer Remittance Countdown - Are you ready?**



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### What's new with wire transfers?

Coming to Fedwire® and CHIPS® November 2011 ...

Wire transfers with expanded remittance data (ERD)

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### What are wire transfers with ERD?

- Fedwire and CHIPS are redesigning wire formats to accommodate B2B transfers
  - Structured data for ~30 invoices / other data (9,000 characters)
  - Interoperable with XML-based ISO 20022 and EDI-based ANSI STP820 standards

#### **Data Elements**

Remittance Originator Remittance Beneficiary

#### **Repeatable Information**

- Primary Remittance document info
- Actual Amount Paid
- Gross Amount
- Negotiated Discount
- Adjustment Info
- Date of remittance doc.
- 2ndary remittance doc.
- Remittance free text



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## What do corporations think about wires with ERD?

94% "valuable" 65% "very valuable"

Corporations strongly favor having business remittance information flow with wires

Why?

- More efficient/less costly wire processing
- Allows for straight-through-processing



How?

- Common remittance data elements in payments message
- Agreement on industry standard
- Integration across banking and **AR/AP/ERP** systems

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What are the challenges v	with
ERD?	

<ul> <li>Cross-border ERD payments have not been standardized ERD does not map to MT-103</li> </ul>
• AML obligations perceived by some to be ambiguous FinCen guidance suggests to some that ERD must travel with the payment, even though the travel rule regulation suggests otherwise
<ul> <li>Corporations are uncertain about <i>which</i> banks will support the end-to-end ERD flow (<i>and how it will be supported</i>)</li> </ul>
Banks are not unanimous around the business case
• High hurdles on IT investments are challenging Banks, corporations, vendors, infrastructures





#### **Cross-Border** ERD

- Some banks have proprietary mechanisms in place that will address the issue for their transactions
- The Payments Market Practices Group has issued guidance on how to handle cross-border wires with ERD
  - If agreed bilaterally, use MT-103 REMIT
  - If not, use MT-103, but include a code word that indicates more data is available
    - And send MT-199s with additional data. *if requested*
  - The U.S. National Group (SWIFT) proposed that the MT-103 REMIT become a general use SWIFT message
    - Subsequently voted down by SWIFT's Global Payments Maintenance Working Group





- FRB attorneys met with FinCen early in 2010 to explain the industry's concerns
  - FinCen FAQs on the travel rule were developed prior to the idea of wires containing ERD and are creating some confusion
  - BAFT-IFSA met with FinCen in July to reinforce the need for clarification on the guidance

Issue awaits clarification by FinCen



Corporate Adoption

- AFP Corporate Advisory group continues to seek information not only about which banks will support ERD origination and receipt, but also about how they will support it
  - Corporations need to understand how their banks will support this initiative in order to plan properly
  - Banks appear to be choosing to support ERD in different ways, making it difficult for corporations to standardize processes
- Fedwire/CHIPS-sponsored workgroup developing "Remittance Domestic Best Practices" document
- ANSI X9's BAI-2 subgroup is working to incorporate ERD as part of its efforts to "uplift" the BAI customer statement standards





Information Technology

Banks, vendors and corporations need to understand how ERD will be supported: human readable, BAI, STP 820, or ISO 20022?

- Systems to think about:
  - Cash management systems
  - Treasury workstation
  - Lock box operations
  - Accounting/customer statement generation
  - ERP systems
  - Payment Hubs
  - SWIFT
- Some banks may support different options in different customer channels



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# **Summary and Recap**

- Stay tuned

- Open call to Corporates, Banks, and Vendors to participate





