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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This International Standard specifies a universal method of identifying institutions within the financial services industry, in order to facilitate automated processing of telecommunication messages in banking and related financial transaction environments.

The original scope of this International Standard was limited to the identification of banks; consequently, the acronym "BIC" was used as an abbreviation for "bank identifier code". The scope of this International Standard has since been extended, in the first place to cover all types of financial institutions, and in the 2009 edition of this International Standard, to cover non-financial institutions as well.

This new edition will take into account recent market evolution and address the need to ensure the standard is neutral and agnostic from any network.

In order to avoid unnecessary costs that would have resulted from abandoning a well-known and widely-used acronym, the acronym "BIC" has been retained for the purposes of this International Standard, but is now used as an abbreviation for "business identifier code".

The implementation of this International Standard will be completed by the Registration Authority (RA) by the end of January 2015. To mitigate for the operational impacts on the users of this International Standard, the RA will exceptionally continue to respect the BIC1 convention (as defined in ISO 9362:2009) for SWIFTNet FIN connectivity as part of this International Standard Registration Procedures during a transition period that will end in November 2018.