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- Foreword: SC 7 has been replaced with SC 8;
- Introduction: the reference to the 2015/2018 implementation phase has been adjusted;
- [3.2](#) and [3.5](#): definitions revised;
- the style of the BIC structure in [Clauses 4](#) and [5](#) has been aligned with the style used in the ISO 17442 series;
- minor editorial changes have been made.

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Introduction

This document 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 implementation of this document was completed by the Registration Authority (RA), while taking into account the market evolution and the need to ensure the document was neutral and agnostic from any network.