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**Cross Industry Remittance Advice Business Requirement Specification**

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**Summary**

<b>Business Domain:</b>	<b>Cross Industry – Supply Chain</b>
<b>Business Process:</b>	<b>Remittance Advice Process</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Cross Industry Remittance Process</b>
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Owing to its large size, the full text of this specification cannot be issued as a UN/CEFACT Plenary document. However, it can be downloaded for review by delegations from the UN/CEFACT website at [www.unece.org/cefact](http://www.unece.org/cefact) under “Technical Specifications” in the left column menu.

## Executive Summary

1. This document describes the remittance advice process which is part of the payment process for the transfer of funds between the customer and the supplier in the Supply chain. The following functions comprise the payment cycle:

- the remittance advice process, being the communication of the remittance advice between the customer and the supplier,
- the payment order process, being the execution of the payment (transfer of funds) between the customer, customers' bank, supplier bank and the supplier.

2. The payment order process is out of the scope of this document, because the information flows involved in this process are financial transactions and should be part of another Business Requirements Specification (BRS) submitted by the UN/CEFACT/TBG5 – Financial group.

3. Started as an initiative by the CEN/ISSS<sup>1</sup> Workshop eBES, the European Expert Group 1 (EEG1 – Supply Chain & e-Procurement) developed the cross industry remittance advice in 2004. The cross industry remittance advice has been compiled using the EUROFER<sup>2</sup> ESIDEL<sup>3</sup> version 1.0 as the base, with contributions and submissions from: EUROFER<sup>1</sup>, EAN/UCC<sup>4</sup>, CIDX<sup>5</sup>, EDIFICE<sup>6</sup>, AIAG/ODETTE<sup>7</sup>, SWIFT<sup>8</sup> and the Corporate Reference Group. The first draft of the Business Requirements Specification (BRS) was presented at the September 2004 UN/CEFACT Forum to the TBG1<sup>9</sup> members for review and comments from the other regions. Based on comments received TBG1 has drafted the final version of the BRS for further processing through the UN/CEFACT Forum process with the goal of developing a UN/CEFACT ebXML standard message.

4. The purpose of this document is to define a globally consistent remittance advice process between the customer and the supplier for worldwide supply chains. The UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM) approach and Unified Modelling Language were used to describe and detail the business processes and transactions involved.

5. The structure of this document is based on the structure of the UN/CEFACT Business Requirements Specification (BRS), which has the document reference CEFACT/ICG/005.

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<sup>1</sup> European Committee for Standardization / Information Society Standardization System.

<sup>2</sup> European Confederation of Iron and Steel Industries.

<sup>3</sup> European Steel Industry Data Exchange Language.

<sup>4</sup> International Article Numbering Association / Uniform Code Council.

<sup>5</sup> Chemical Industry Data Exchange.

<sup>6</sup> The European B2B Forum for the Electronics Industry.

<sup>7</sup> Automotive Industry Action Group / Odette International.

<sup>8</sup> Soceity for Worldwide International Financial Telecommunication.

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<sup>10</sup> The full text of the specification can be downloaded from the UN/CEFACT website at [www.unece.org/cefact](http://www.unece.org/cefact)