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- Section 2 has been updated to remove any old references to Xchanging and has been replaced with those for the DXC Service Desk - spec amended.
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Broker De-linked Signings Advice message (IPCBSM), which forms part of the London Market Accounting and Settlement initiative, is intended for the transmission of de-linked signings information between Xchanging and brokers.

This EDI message has been designed to use the standard format of the current BSM message and is intended to be used by brokers who are already receiving the BSM message.

De-linked transactions will be included in the message sent for the day that they are signed. All de-linked signings will be included, regardless of whether they were submitted on paper or electronically. The de-linked signings will subsequently be advised again in the BSM message, when they are released for settlement.

1.2 Message Design Standards

The Broker De-linked Signing Advice message (identified as IPCBSM) conforms with the following standards:-

- Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT).
- EDIFACT (UN ECE Syntax Rules) ISO 9735.
- London Insurance Market Data Standards.
- London Insurance Market Edifact Standards.

Separate interchanges will be transmitted for Lloyd's and company market signings.

Each interchange will be enveloped by standard EDIFACT interchange header (UNB) and trailer (UNZ) segments.

Each message will be enveloped by standard EDIFACT message header (UNH) and trailer (UNT) segments.

Separate messages for ILU and LIRMA will be transmitted together in one interchange.

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1.3 Terms and Definitions

Interchange

A transmission of information between the Network members.

Message

A collection of data that represents a business transaction. A number of messages may be transmitted together in one transmission.

Segment

A logical grouping of data that forms a part of a message. Each segment is given a unique identifier and has a pre-defined position in a message.

Data Element

An individual item of data which is included in the transaction.

Component Data Element

A subordinate item of data which makes up a Data Element.

1.4 Use of Separators

Each Component Data Element (CDE) is separated by a single COLON character. If a conditional component data element is omitted its separator is retained if further components follow.

There is no COLON separator after the last component in an element and separators for components missing at the end of an element are suppressed.

e.g. CDE:CDE:CDE

CDE: :CDE (the second component is missing)

CDE:CDE (the last component is missing)

Each Data Element (DE) is separated by a single PLUS character. If a conditional data element is omitted, its separator is retained if further data elements follow in that segment.

There is no PLUS separator after the last element in a segment, and separators for elements missing at the end of a segment are suppressed.

e.g. DE+DE+DE

DE++DE (the second element is missing)

DE+DE (the last element is missing)

Each segment is terminated by a single QUOTE character.

e.g. DE+DE+DE'

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2. Operational Considerations

2.1 Registering to Receive Messages

Initial requests to register to receive this message should be made via the DXC Service Desk (telephone 0870 380 0830).

Separate registrations will be established for the Lloyd's and the company market messages, as these will be delivered separately from the two legacy systems.

2.2 Operating Timetable

Signings will be transmitted via FTP each night, for the completed date of signing. Messages will normally be available for collection from the recipient's client directory by 06.00 the following day.

2.3 Audit and Controls

Controls are provided in each Interchange as follows:

- The UNB segment contains a data field INTERCHANGE CONTROL REFERENCE, which uniquely identifies the transmission between two trading partners for a particular application.
- The UNH segment contains a data field MESSAGE REFERENCE NUMBER, which uniquely identifies each message within an interchange.
- The UNT segment contains a count of the total number of segments in the message, enabling the recipient to check the completeness of the message. This count includes UNH and UNT segments.
- The UNZ segment contains a count of the total number of messages in the transmission, enabling the recipient to check the completeness of the Interchange.

2.4 Contacts for Support

All queries concerning transmissions should be addressed to the DXC Service Desk, quoting the INTERCHANGE CONTROL REFERENCE in the 'UNB' record and whether the query relates to a message containing Lloyd's business or company market business.

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2.5 Test Transmissions

When registration has been completed DXC will contact you to arrange a test transmission. This will consist of current production data being sent to a test address.

Xchanging will then await further instruction from the user, either to initiate additional tests (again containing current production data) or to proceed to a scheduled service.

2.6 Re-transmissions

Interchanges can be retrieved from the on-line archive service (via the Xchanging Portal) for a period of 30 days, as for the BSM messages.

Requests for re-transmissions after 30 days should be made via the DXC Service Desk.,
The original INTERCHANGE CONTROL REFERENCE and MESSAGE NUMBER will be repeated in a re-transmission.

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3. Message Structure

3.1 Structure Diagram

The following page provides a diagrammatic view of the message.

Individual segments are identified by a box containing a 'tag' (e.g. 'UNH') which corresponds to that used in the description of each segment given in section 4 of this document.

Within each box there is an 'M', or a 'C' shown in the bottom left-hand corner, and also a numeric value shown in the bottom right-hand corner.

The numeric value represents the number of times the segment may repeat in the position shown within the message. An 'M' means that at least one occurrence of the segment is mandatory (i.e., it must be transmitted), whilst a 'C' means that the segment is conditional (i.e. it need not be transmitted).

It should be noted that the conditional nature of a segment as defined within the diagram may be modified by additional stipulations shown within the Completion Instructions for the message.

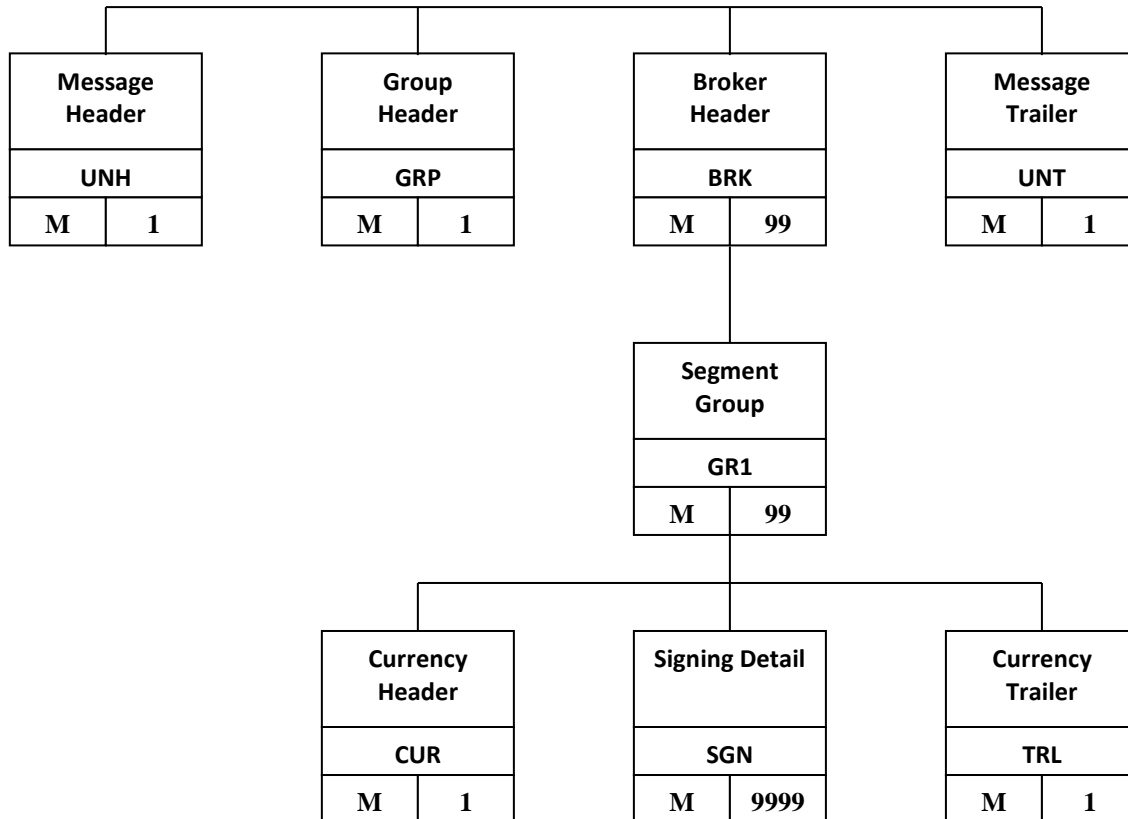
To the right of each box there is a number, shown in brackets, which uniquely locates the segment in the message structure.

Some segments are part of a 'segment group'. The diagram signifies the start of a group by the addition of an extra box describing the group (in this message there is only one group, GR1). All segments below the box are then part of the segment group

The notation for the segment group is the same as for individual segments is shown. However, the notation here applies to the whole group of segments. .

NB. The segment group is included for documentation purposes only. It is not actually output.

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3.2 Message Structure Example

UNB Interchange Header

UNH Message Header Message Reference 1

GRP Group Header ILU

BRK Broker Header Broker Number 1

CUR Currency Header Currency GBP

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 1

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 2

TRL Currency Trailer Item count and currency total for GBP

CUR Currency Header Currency USD

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 3

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 4

TRL Currency Trailer Item count and currency total for USD

BRK Broker Header Broker Number 2

CUR Currency Header Currency GBP

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 5

TRL Currency Trailer Item count and currency total for GBP

UNT Message Trailer Message Reference 1

UNH Message Header Message Reference 2

GRP Group Header LIRMA

BRK Broker Header Broker Number 1

CUR Currency Header Currency USD

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 6

SGN Signing Detail Signing No. 7

TRL Currency Trailer Item count and currency total for USD

UNT Message Trailer Message Reference 2

UNZ Interchange Trailer

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4 Segment Directory

4.1 Segment Descriptions

UNB Interchange Header

A mandatory segment which starts a communication interchange. It contains sender and recipient addresses and provides a sender's reference to identify the interchange.

UNH Message Header

A mandatory segment which starts a message. It identifies the type of message and provides a message reference number.

GRP Group Header

This segment identifies the broker group to which the message is being sent, and the bureau from which the message originates.

This segment is mandatory and there will only be one per message.

BRK Broker Header

This segment identifies the individual broker number to which the following signings refer.

This segment is mandatory. There may be a number of broker header segments within a group header.

CUR Currency Header

This segment identifies the currency in which the following transactions are to be settled.

This segment is mandatory. There may be a number of currency header segments within a broker header.

SGN Signing Detail

This segment contains details of the individual signings for a particular settlement currency for a given broker number.

This segment is mandatory. There will be one per signing reference, except where the signing includes instalments. In that case there will be one segment for each instalment.

TRL Currency Trailer

This segment contains control information.

The segment is mandatory and there will be one for each settlement currency for each broker number.

UNT Message Trailer

A mandatory segment which ends a message. It repeats the message reference number given in the UNH segment and provides a count of the number of segments in the message (including the UNH and UNT segments).

UNZ Interchange Trailer

A mandatory segment which ends a communication interchange. It repeats the interchange control reference given in the UNB segment, and provides a count of the number of messages in the interchange.

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4.2 Segment Definitions

The following pages provide a list of all the segments that will be used in the message. Each segment element is identified, accompanied by the format of the element and an indication of its usage.

Data formats are described using the following conventions:

- 'X' denotes an alphanumeric field
- '9' denotes a numeric field
- (nn) indicates the number of characters permitted

Decimal points are explicitly shown, and amount fields have a leading sign, signified by 'S'.

The usage of the element is shown as:

- **MANDATORY** The element will always be present if the segment appears in the message.
- **CONDITIONAL** The element may be omitted, or the requirement for it is subject to specific conditions.

The standard Edifact segments UNB, UNH, UNT and UNZ are not detailed here as their use is not specific to this message. Please refer to section 5 of the LIMNET Information Manual for details of the contents of these segments.

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GRP Group Header	ILU and Lirma			Lloyd's		
SEGMENT TAG	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory
BUREAU IDENTIFIER	X (1)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (1)	Fixed	Mandatory
GROUP BROKER NUMBER	X (4)	Fixed	Mandatory	9 (4)	Fixed	Mandatory
PROCESSING DATE	9 (6)	Fixed	Mandatory	9 (6)	Fixed	Mandatory
MESSAGE SEQUENCE NUMBER	n/a	n/a	n/a	9 (8)	Fixed	Conditional

BRK Broker Header	ILU and Lirma			Lloyd's		
SEGMENT TAG	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory
BROKER NUMBER	X (4)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (4)	Fixed	Mandatory

CUR Currency Header	ILU and Lirma			Lloyd's		
SEGMENT TAG	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory
SETTLEMENT CURRENCY	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory

SGN Signing Detail	ILU and Lirma			Lloyd's		
SEGMENT TAG	X(3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X(3)	Fixed	Mandatory
UNIQUE MARKET REFERENCE	X (12)		Conditional	X (12)		Conditional
TRANSACTION REFERENCE	X (12)		Conditional	X (12)		Not used
BROKER REFERENCE 1	X (12)		Mandatory	X (12)		Mandatory
BROKER REFERENCE 2	X (12)		Conditional	X (12)		Conditional
BROKER CONTACT NAME	X (15)		Conditional	X (15)		Conditional
BROKER CONTACT PHONE	X (15)		Conditional	X (15)		Conditional
ENTRY TYPE	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X (3)	Fixed	Mandatory
CLOSING CURRENCY	X (3)	Fixed	Conditional	X (3)	Fixed	Conditional
EXCHANGE RATE	9 (7) 9 (8)		Conditional	9 (7) 9 (8)		Conditional
TABULATION NO	X (7)		Not used	X (7)		Conditional
BUREAU SIGNING REFERENCE*	X (15)		Mandatory	X (15)	see notes	Mandatory
BUREAU ORIGINAL REFERENCE**	X (15)		Conditional	X (15)	see notes	Conditional
INSURED/REINSURED	X (50)		Conditional	X (50)		Conditional
UNDERWRITING YEAR	9 (2)	Fixed	Conditional	9 (2)	Fixed	Conditional
CLOSING CURRENCY	X (1)	Fixed	Conditional	X (1)	Fixed	Conditional
NUMBER OF INSTALMENTS	9 (2)	Fixed	Conditional	9 (2)	Fixed	Conditional
INSTALMENT NUMBER	9 (2)	Fixed	Conditional	9 (2)	Fixed	Conditional
INSTALMENT DATE	9 (6)	Fixed	Conditional	9 (6)	Fixed	Conditional
SETTLEMENT DUE DATE	9 (6)	Fixed	Conditional	9 (6)	Fixed	Conditional
ACTUAL PAYMENT DATE	9 (6)		Not used	9 (6)	Fixed	Conditional
PLANNED SETTLEMENT DATE	9 (6)		Not used	9 (6)		Not used
NA CLOSING (Lloyd's only)	n/a			S9 (13)v99		Conditional

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NA SETT CCY (Lloyd's only)	n/a			S9 (13)v99		Conditional
BUREAU SHARE (CLOSING)	S9 (13)v99		Conditional	n/a		
BUREAU SHARE (SETTLEMENT)	S9 (13)v99		Conditional	n/a		
BUREAU TREATY NUMBER	9 (8)		Not used	9 (8)		Conditional
ACCOUNTING TYPE	X (1)	Fixed	Conditional	X (1)	Fixed	Conditional
TERMS OF TRADE LATENESS	9 (3)		Not used	n/a		
TERMS OF CREDIT LATENESS	9 (3)		Not used	n/a		
TERMS OF SETTLEMENT LATENESS ***			n/a	9(6)		Conditional

TRL Currency Trailer	ILU and Lirma			Lloyd's		
SEGMENT TAG	X(3)	Fixed	Mandatory	X(3)	Fixed	Mandatory
SIGNING ITEM COUNT	9 (5)		Mandatory	9 (5)		Mandatory
SIGNING BALANCE AMOUNT	S9 (13)v99		Mandatory	S9 (13)v99		Mandatory
SPLIT SIGNING ITEM COUNT	9 (5)		Not Used	9 (5)		Not Used
SPLIT SIGNING BALANCE	S9 (13)v99		Not Used	S9 (13)v99		Not Used

Notes:

***BUREAU SIGNING REFERENCE-** For Lloyds, instead of Bureau Signing Reference we have LPSO DATE, LPSO NUMBER, VERSION NUMBER and the remaining 2 characters are filled with total length of 15 characters , where:

LPSO DATE	9 (6)	Mandatory
LPSO NUMBER	9 (5)	
VERSION NUMBER	9 (2)	
FILLER	X (2)	

****BUREAU ORIGINAL REFERENCE-** For Lloyds, instead of Bureau Original Reference we have ORIGINAL LPSO DATE, LPSO NUMBER, and the remaining 4 characters are filled with total length of 15 characters , where:

ORIGINAL LPSO DATE	9 (6)	Conditional
ORIGINAL LPSO NUMBER	9 (5)	
FILLER	X (4)	

***** TERMS OF SETTLEMENT LATENESS** is populated based on the information in Days late and Months late

DAYS_LATE	9(3)		Conditional
MONTHS_LATE	9(3)		Conditional

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BROKER REFERENCE 2

The secondary reference allocated by the broker to the transaction.

Net

For Lloyd's - One of these fields will always have a value on input, mostly reference 1. There are, however, some occasions when Brokers show a second reference only. In these circumstances, the reference will be shown on the message as reference 1, with the second reference blank.

LIMNET Ref: J005 Appears in: SGN segment

BUREAU IDENTIFIER

A code to identify the market for which the transaction has been signed.

Values: 'I' for ILU
 'L' for Lloyd's
 'P' for LIRMA

LIMNET Ref: None Appears in: GRP segment

BUREAU ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The bureau signing reference of the original premium/FDO to which this transaction relates. This element will only be sent where it is different from the bureau original signing reference (i.e. the transaction is not an original premium/FDO).

LIMNET Ref: J007 Appears in: SGN segment

BUREAU SHARE (CLOSING)

The nett absolute amount due to be paid to or by the bureau in respect of this transaction, in closing currency.

This element will only be provided where the closing currency code is different to the settlement currency code.

Used by ILU and LIRMA

LIMNET Ref: A135 Appears in: SGN segment

BUREAU SHARE (SETTLEMENT)

The nett absolute amount due to be paid to or by the bureau in respect of this transaction, in settlement currency.

Used by ILU and LIRMA

LIMNET Ref: A136 Appears in: SGN segment

BUREAU SIGNING REFERENCE

A unique reference allocated by the bureau to a broker transaction, for identification purposes.

The format of the ILU and LIRMA Signing Reference

Value: YY MM DD P Q NNNN C

Where:

YY - year of signing

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MM - month of signing
DD - day of signing
P - primary transaction type
Q - transaction type modifier
NNNN - sequence number of the transaction
C - check digit

Values for Primary Transaction Type and Transaction Type Modifier

Code	Primary Transaction Type (P)	Transaction Type Modifier (Q)
0		Premium closing
1		Treaty FDO
2		Additional premium
3		Treaty statement (CR)
4		Return premium
5		Treaty statement (DR)
6		Claim
7		Not used
8		Refund

For Lloyd's this will be the LPSO Signing Number and Date allocated to the transaction, suffixed by the version.

LPSO DATE	9 (6)	Mandatory
LPSO NUMBER	9 (5)	
VERSION NUMBER	9 (2)	
FILLER	X (2)	

Versions are incremented whenever a correction is made to the transaction, i.e.

Version 1 is a new business transaction

Version 2 would be generated, following a correction, to contra version 1

Version 3 would be the corrected transaction

Version 4 would contra Version 3, following another correction to the same transaction.

Version 5 would be the corrected transaction, etc.

LIMNET Ref: J001 Appears in: SGN segment

BUREAU TREATY NUMBER

A unique number allocated by the bureau to a proportional treaty, for identification purposes. This number remains constant through all years of account.

In use for Lloyd's only.

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LIMNET Ref: J009 Appears in: SGN segment

CLOSING CURRENCY

The ISO code for the currency in which the transaction was closed to the bureau.

This element will only be provided where it is different to the settlement currency code.

LIMNET Ref: B016 Appears in: SGN segment

ENTRY TYPE

The code to define the type of transaction.

LIMNET Ref: B004 Appears in: SGN segment

EXCHANGE RATE

The rate of exchange used to convert the transaction amount from closing currency to settlement currency.

This element will only be present if the closing currency is different to the settlement currency.

LIMNET Ref: H001 Appears in: SGN segment

GROUP BROKER NUMBER

A code which identifies a broking organisation.

Note- The same group number must be used for both ILU and LIRMA signings.

LIMNET Ref: B043 Appears in: GRP segment

INSTALMENT DATE

The date when an instalment is due, where payment of premium is subject to the deferred account scheme.

LIMNET Ref: K009 Appears in: SGN segment

INSTALMENT NUMBER

The sequence number of this instalment.

This element will not be provided if there is only one instalment (i.e. the transaction is a cash payment).

LIMNET Ref: H005 Appears in: SGN segment

INSTALMENT TYPE

The method of payment which will be applied to the premium, in accordance with the terms of the slip.

Values: 'C' is a cash payment

'D' is a deferred instalment

'R' is a premium reserve instalment

This element will not be provided if there is only one instalment (i.e. the transaction is a cash payment).

LIMNET Ref: B020 Appears in: SGN segment

INSURED/REINSURED

The name of the insured, or the reinsured company.

LIMNET Ref: F002 Appears in: SGN segment

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NA Amount (closing)

The Net Absolute amount due to be paid to the Bureau in respect of this transaction in the Closing currency. In the case of PSAC non Central settlement this will be the amount to be paid to the individual Underwriter.

Used for Lloyd's only.

LIMNET Ref: A135

NA Amount (settlement)

As above but expressed in the currency of settlement.

Used for Lloyd's only

LIMNET Ref: A136

NUMBER OF INSTALMENTS

The number of instalments in which the transaction will be settled.

This element will not be provided if there is only one instalment (i.e. the transaction is a cash payment).

LIMNET Ref: H004 Appears in: SGN segment

PLANNED SETTLEMENT DUE DATE

The date agreed between the broker and the leading underwriter for the transaction to be settled.

Not used in this message.

LIMNET Ref: Appears in: SGN segment

PROCESSING DATE

For ILU and Lirma - The Bureau signing date. Format YYMMDD.

For Lloyd's - The day and month the transaction completed processing through LPSO or LCO.' Format YYMMDD.

LIMNET Ref: K024 Appears in: GRP segment

SETTLEMENT CURRENCY

The ISO code for the currency in which the transaction will be settled.

LIMNET Ref: B017 Appears in: CUR segment

SETTLEMENT DUE DATE

The date agreed between the broker and the leading underwriter for the expected settlement of this transaction. This date is used by the bureau for monitoring terms of trade performance.

LIMNET Ref: K005 Appears in: SGN segment

SIGNING ITEM COUNT

The total number of SGN segments for the particular broker and settlement currency.

LIMNET Ref: H006 Appears in: TRL segment

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SIGNING BALANCE AMOUNT

The total bureau share in SGN segments for the particular broker and settlement currency.

LIMNET Ref: A137 Appears in: TRL segment

SPLIT SIGNING ITEM COUNT

The total number of SPT segments for the particular broker and settlement currency.

Not used in this message

LIMNET Ref: H007 Appears in: TRL segment

SPLIT SIGNING BALANCE

The total bureau share in SPT segments for the particular broker and settlement currency.

Not used in this message

LIMNET Ref: A138 Appears in: TRL segment

TABULATION NUMBER

A group reference for a category of Lloyd's business signed within the processing day and month.

This element is unique to Lloyd's and will only be present for Lloyd's.

With effect from 1.1.95, the central accounting tabulation reference has been removed and replaced by a new business category and processing date as described below. The 'tabulation reference' field in the signing record (SGN) has been renamed and will be populated with the new business category and processing date, e.g. 'PRM0701' where 'PRM' denotes the business category 'premium', '07' denotes calendar 'day 7', and '01' denotes the month 'January'. Users wishing to derive the processing year should use the Processing Date field in the group details (GRP) record or other suitable means.

For ILU and Lirma it is not used, and it's populated as spaces.

LIMNET Ref: Appears in: SGN segment

TERMS OF CREDIT LATENESS

The number of days that the broker is deemed to be late in submitting this transaction to the bureau.

Not used in this message

LIMNET Ref: Appears in: SGN segment

TERMS OF TRADE LATENESS

The number of days that the broker is deemed to be late in submitting this transaction to the bureau.

Not used in this message

LIMNET Ref: Appears in: SGN segment

TRANSACTION REFERENCE

A reference allocated by the broker which uniquely identifies a transaction within a particular Unique Market Reference, or Unique Claim Reference.

Not used in this message for Lloyd's.

LIMNET Ref: Appears in: SGN segment

UNDERWRITING YEAR

The year nominated by the leading underwriter to be the year of account.

LIMNET Ref: K003 Appears in: SGN segment

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UNIQUE MARKET REFERENCE

A reference allocated by the broker which uniquely identifies a risk placed in the London Insurance Market. Only characters 6-17 of the UMR (i.e. the reference part) are used.

LIMNET Ref: J010 Appears in: SGN segment