

SIS – Simplified Invoicing and Settlement

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Release 1.17 Deployment Schedule

The deployment of Release 1.17 is planned to be executed before the start of the Mar P1 2023 clearance.

The deployment is currently planned to occur after Feb. P4 2023 period closure on 7th March 2023 at 1700 EST. The final details regarding the downtime time for the deployment of this Release will be communicated by email at least seven (7) days prior to the deployment.

Please note there are no new validations introduced and no changes to the IS-IDEC and IS-XML record structures to the ISPG with this release.

Note: Changes included in this document are only those associated with Release 1.17.





Scope of Release 1.17

Change Requests (CR's) selected by the SIS Steering Group

The list of enhancements covered in this Release are explained in the table below.

Some changes may have an impact on SIS Users, it is recommended reviewing the below section in detail for evaluating any possible impact.

CR#	Subject	Affected Billing Categories	Affects Record Structure?	Changes in Validation?
<u>SIS-8</u>	Overdue invoices to be excluded from Purging	MISC	No	No
<u>SIS-9</u>	VAL_R2 Report Enhancement - Additional Error Information for Duplicate MISC Rejections	MISC	No	No
<u>SIS-13</u>	SIS GM 10 paper S2: Enable to select multiple periods when searching Interline Billing Summary	ALL	No	No
<u>SIS-42</u>	IBSOPS GM P12: New Correspondence Sub Status 'Finalized-SIS Suspension'	ALL	No	No



This change is applicable to members using the Miscellaneous 'Payment status' feature in SIS.

Currently, 'Payment Status Updates' feature in SIS allows the Billing Members to mark their Miscellaneous Bilateral Invoice/Credit Note as 'Payment Overdue'. In this case, the invoice PDF is kept in SIS and doesn't get purged. Once the billing member changes the Payment Status to a status other than 'Payment Overdue' that considered as payment was done, then the Invoice PDF will be purged as per the existing SIS purging process.

With this enhancement, all line-item details of such Miscellaneous Bilateral Invoice in 'Payment Overdue' status will not get purged as well and are visible in SIS for the members.

SIS-8 Overdue invoices to be excluded from Purging

Billing Categories:

This CMP is applicable Only to Miscellaneous Billing Category. (Miscellaneous Bilateral Invoices and not Credit Notes)

Changes IS-WEB: N/A

Changes - Input Files: N/A

Changes - Output Files: N/A

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In Billing Category Miscellaneous, an original invoice can only be rejected once. Currently, when a Miscellaneous Rejection Invoice submitted via an IS-XML file fails SIS validation due to the original invoice already being rejected, the error description within the validation report (R2) does not indicates the details of the previous rejection invoice. Therefore, it is a difficult and time-consuming process for the Billing Member to identify what was the rejection invoice previously submitted.

With this enhancement, when a Miscellaneous Rejection Invoice is submitted against an Original Invoice that has already been rejected, the Error Description in the validation report (R2) will provide additional information including Invoice number and Billing Period of the Rejection Invoice that has already been submitted against the Original Invoice.

Billing Categories:

This CMP is applicable Only to Miscellaneous Billing Category. (MISC Rejection Invoices, both Stage 1 and Stage 2)

SIS-9 VAL_R2 Report Enhancement
- Additional Error Information
for Duplicate MISC Rejections

Changes IS-WEB: N/A

Changes - Input Files: N/A

Changes - Output Files:

Change in R2 Validation Report's Error Description as follows. Below is an example of this new R2 Validation Error description:

"Invoice in the Rejection Invoice Detail section is already rejected by Invoice #<Exisitng Rejection Invoice that has already submitted> in Billing Period <Billing Period of the Rejection Invoice >.

Example:

"Invoice in the Rejection Invoice Detail section is already rejected by Invoice #86530790 in Billing Period 2023-Jun-P3.

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Currently, users are allowed to select only one billing period at a time in Search Criteria for the "Interline Billing Summary" report. When the results for multiple periods are needed, the users must search each period separately.

With this enhancement, it will be possible to select a range of Billing Periods (From / To) for the "Interline Billing Summary" report.

Billing Categories:

This CMP is applicable for All Billing Categories.

Changes IS-WEB:

- 'Reports' → 'Financial Controller' → 'Interline Billing Summary' → 'Search Criteria' section will display the following:
 - (a) 'From Billing Year'
 - (b) 'From Billing Month'
 - (c) 'From Billing Period'
 - (d) 'To Billing Year'
 - (e) 'To Billing Month'
 - (f) 'To Billing Period'

Changes - Input Files: N/A

Changes - Output Files:

Changes in "Report" Output:

- Two new fields / columns of 'Billing Month' and 'Period' will be added
- The rows will be sorted using the ascending order of the combination of 'Billing Month' and 'Period'.
- Search criteria used to generate the report are printed on top of the report will be changed to 'From Billing Year', 'From Billing Year', 'To Billing Month', 'From Billing Period', 'To Billing Year', 'To Billing Month' & 'To Billing Period'.

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SIS-13

SIS GM 10 paper S2:
Enable to select multiple
billing periods when
searching Interline Billing
Summary





This change comes from the paper proposal P12 "New Correspondence Sub Status 'Finalized-SIS Suspension'" that was passed at the IBSOPS General Meeting in September 2022.

For entities that have ceased operations and are under bankruptcy proceedings the ICH runs a special clearance where all claim by and to this suspended entity are processed. If the correspondence is resolved with an authority to bill to bill granted during the post-suspension claim submission period designated under IATA Clearing House Procedure 18, these transactions will be included in the Special Clearance.

The RAM (Chapters RAM A8 5.2.2.6, A10 5.2.2.6 and A13 4.4.7) specifies the deadline announcing the IATA Clearing House Special Clearance has passed, any open correspondence with the suspended carrier can no longer be considered for settlement via the IATA Clearing House. This means that IATA Revenue Accounting Manual time limit rules are no longer enforceable after the IATA Clearing House Special Clearance has completed. Any discussion, agreement, and settlement with the suspended carrier on these correspondence cases can only continue by a bilateral agreement on a bilateral level.". However, since the correspondences are still active in SIS the entities continue sending the correspondences back and forth as they are afraid that should they not reply then they would receive a debit for no reply in SIS.

SIS-42

IBSOPS GM P12: New Correspondence Sub Status 'Finalized-SIS Suspension'

With this enhancement, on closure of the 'Special clearance' by ICH, any open correspondences related to ICH billings (SMIs I, M or X) involving the suspended entity will be closed automatically by the system and the correspondence status will be changed to status 'Closed' and a newly introduced sub-status 'Finalized-SIS Suspension'.

As per existing SIS validation, users will not be allowed to respond to or settle correspondences via submission of Passenger and Cargo Billing Memo or Miscellaneous correspondence Invoice having Status 'Closed'.

Billing Categories:

This CMP is applicable for All Billing Categories Correspondence (SMIs I, M or X).

Changes IS-WEB:

This is applicable for all Passenger, Cargo, and Miscellaneous screens.

- 'Billing History and Correspondence' → 'Audit Trail' → The closure information will be shown at the top level of the Audit Trail.
- 'Billing History and Correspondence' → 'Correspondence Search Criteria' → 'Finalized-SIS Suspension' sub-states will be added in 'Correspondence Sub Status' dropdown.

Changes - Input Files: N/A

Changes - Output Files: N/A



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