

SIS WEBINAR #03 - 2023 MISC DATA QUALITY

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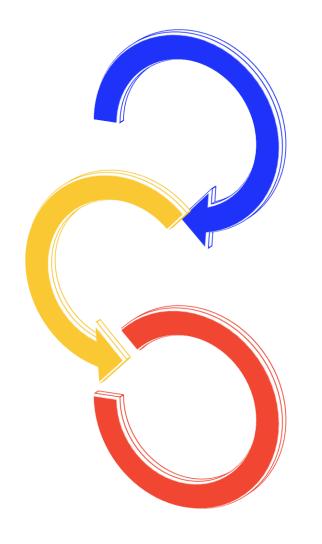
Agenda

- ✓ Why is it important to improve data quality?
- ✓ Common Data Quality Issues
- ✓ Reliance on Supporting Documents
- ✓ How SIS improve the data quality
- ✓ Airlines Perspective on MISC Data Quality (Lufthansa and Qantas)
- ✓ Key Points to Remember
- ✓ Best Practices
- ✓ Recommendation
- ✓ Tips & Reminders on ISPG Package
- ✓ Q&A





Why is it important to improve data quality?



The automated reconciliation process of the Billed Member may be affected and :

- □ Increased operating costs or workloads,
- ☐ Increased processing time, or delays in payments
- Reduced the satisfaction
- ☐ Undermine the intended purpose of automation





Common Data Quality Issues – \$IS Invoice

Inadequate Data

Invoice with only one Line Item.
Incomplete description at Line-Item or Line-Item
Detail level.

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Unclear Data

Enter the Charge Code as the description at Line-Item or Line-Item Detail.

Incorrect Data

Incorrect Charge Category, Charge Code or Charge Code Type.

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Substitution value

Using dummy or substitution value for Invoice Mandatory fields.





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Common Data Quality Issues - \$upporting Documents

Quality of Supporting Document

Unclear scanned Supporting Doc.

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Non-Alignment of items

Mismatch of number of line-Items or line-Item details between SIS invoice and Supporting Doc.

Non-Alignment of data

Mismatch of line-Item or line-Item details data (Quantity, Unit Price, etc.) between SIS invoice and attached Supporting Doc.

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Large size

Long supporting documents without specifying the relation of data to SIS invoice which increases the workload



How to Improve the Data Quality of your invoice

Address the issue at the source

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Data Standardization

- Define Master Data, Dictionary defined data,
- Mandatory/Recommended fields,
- Dependency among required fields

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Data Validation

- Perform data validation checks at different levels of (1) field checks, (2) Line- Item, Line-Item Detail checks, (3) Invoice checks, and (4) file checks,
- Define clear and concise Error/Warning message that leads to resolve the issue

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Acceptable Data Quality

- Specify industry data quality expectations,
- Define data descriptions and reference data,
- · Provide user guidelines, etc.





Airlines perspective on MISC Data Quality

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SIS invoice should reflect information from the Vendor invoice, however ...



Attachment (vendor invoice) contains more adequate information about service description, service period, ordering department etc. then Vendor SIS invoices.

Attachments are also sent separately via different channel e.g. e-mail, not only uploaded to SIS platform.







Common mistakes recognized on the SIS Vendor invoices – Airlines perspective

☐ Incorrect Billed Entity.

☐ Incorrect invoice service description.

☐ Inconsistent information on an invoice & attachments.

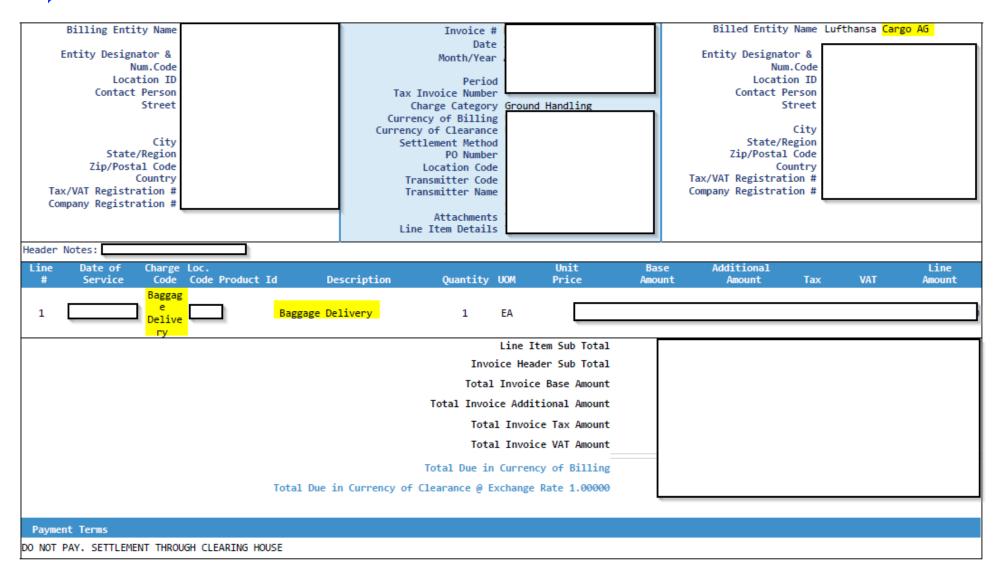








Incorrect Billed Member – sample from Ground handling/Baggage delivery





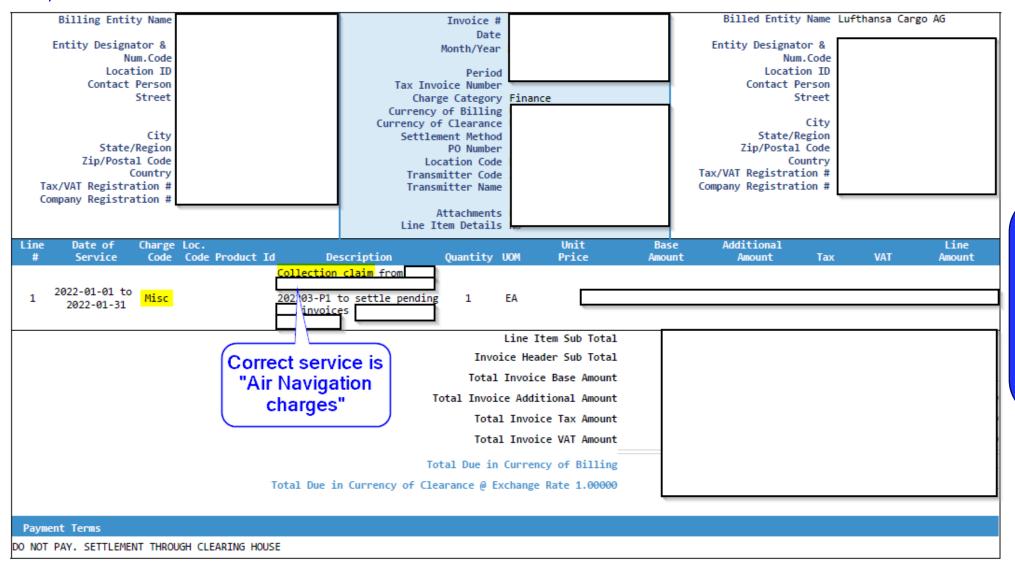
Baggage delivery doesn't belong to Cargo.







Incorrect service description – sample from Finance/MISC





Information about correct service description was delivered in attachment.

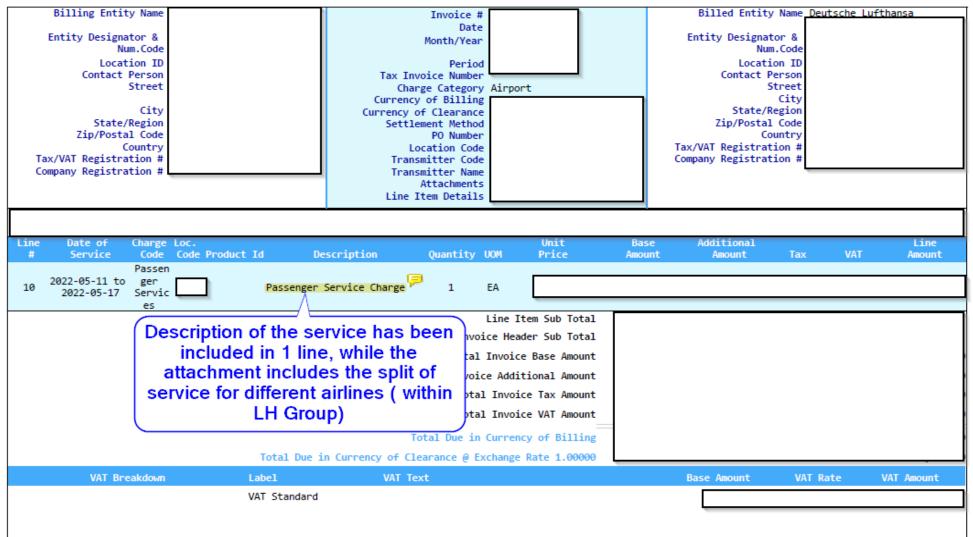








Inadequate data on SIS invoice: only 1 line item (sample for Airport/Passenger service)





Information
about service split
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in attachment.
It's required for
internal billing
process

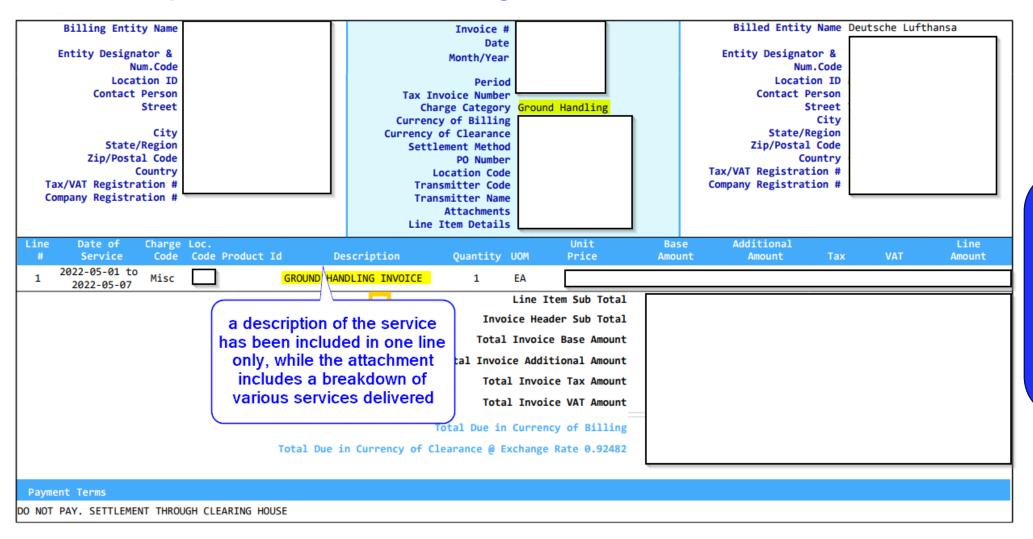




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Not alignment of items: too general service description on SIS invoice (sample for Ground Handling/MISC)





Multiply
attachments
included with split
of various
services delivered
e.g. utilization,
transport etc.

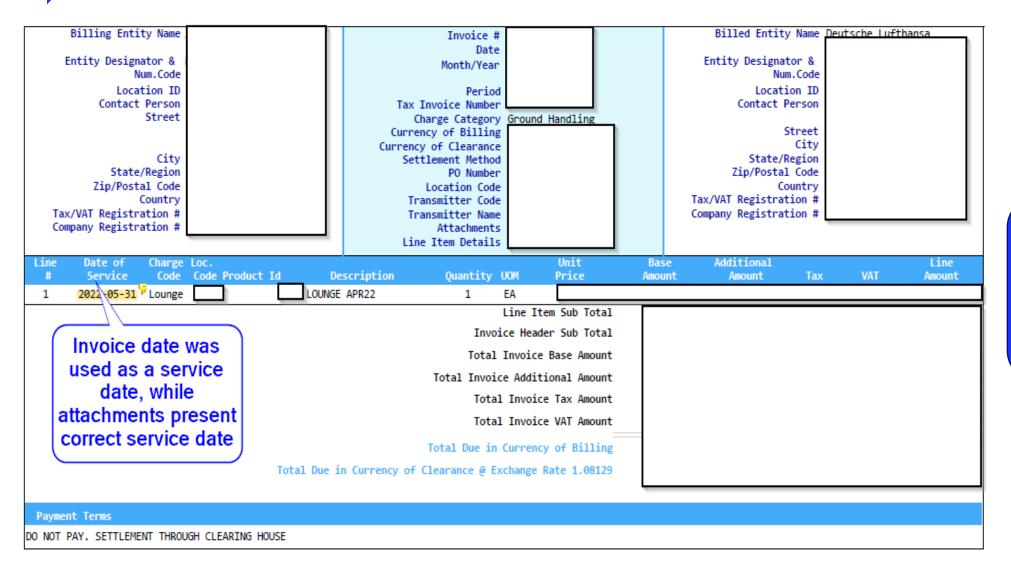








Inadequate data on SIS invoice: incorrect service date









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IATA xml potentials/benefits

Invoice structured data (IATA xml files) are created out of SIS invoice to enable automated process of transferring invoice information to Recipient ERP system.

If information is wrong or incomplete the Recipient cannot benefit from IATA process and may experience:

- > **Delays** in invoice processing; additional contact needed on both sides for clarification
- Manual effort: searching information on attachments
- Stop automated invoice processing process







Current initiative to increase SIS invoice quality

SIS invoices should reflect Supplier invoice from its ERP system,

How to achieve it?

- Do not ignore mistakes or incomplete information on the SIS invoice.
- Contact Vendor for education purposes
- Contact internal department to provide required information e.g. cost center etc.
- Regular monitoring of SIS invoice quality invoice during daily work.
- Inform IATA team







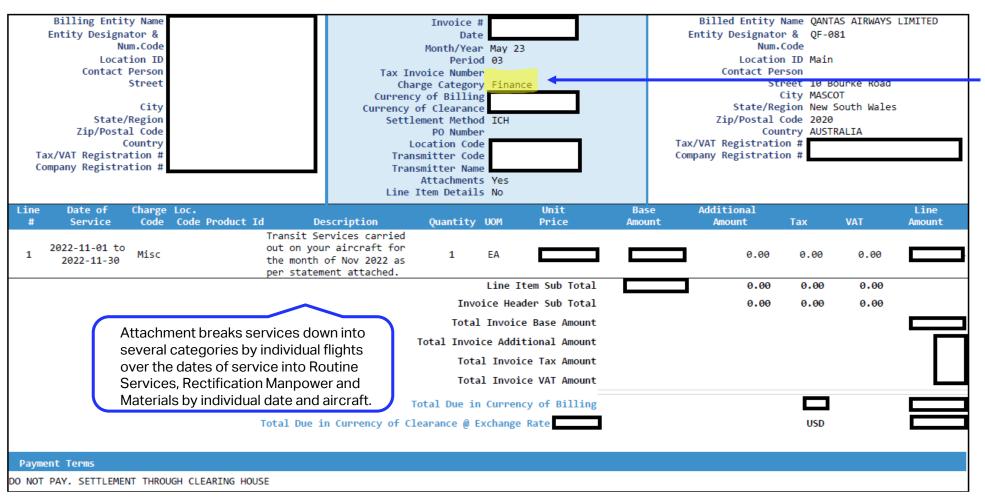
Airlines perspective on MISC Data Quality







Incorrect Charge Category: Invoice used 'Finance' Category when the actual billing was related to Aircraft Maintenance/Transit Services. Three schedules of details are only available in a document attachment.



Charge category is incorrectly shown as finance

Attachments had multiple schedules of rich data by date

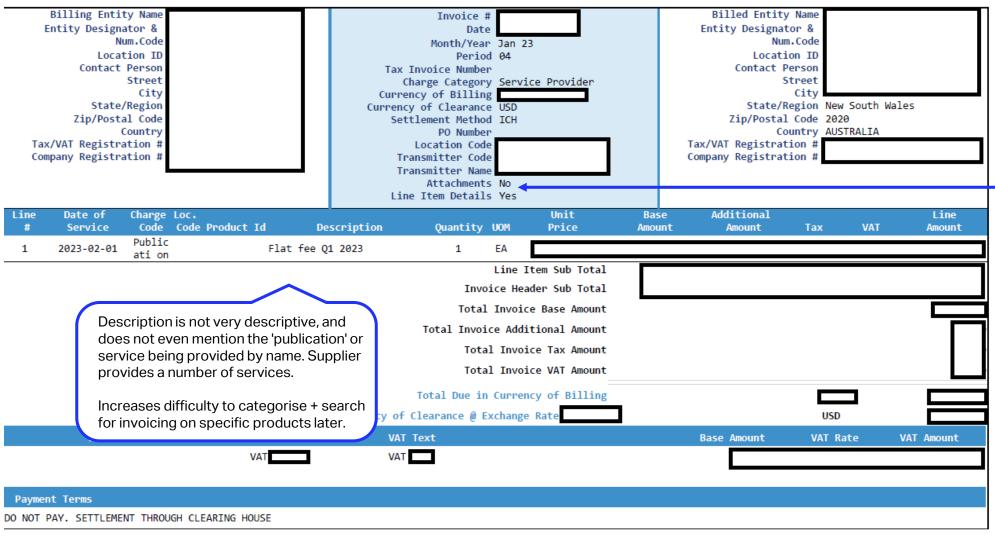
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Poorly described line description. Does not even name specific service or Publication being charged.



An attachment was provided although few additional details provided.

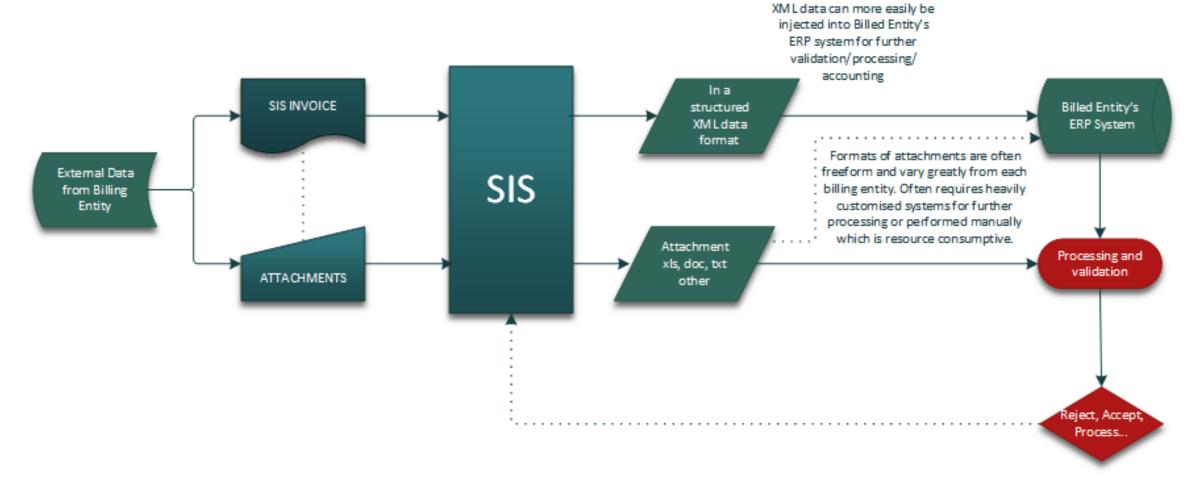
It describes the same one-line fee.







Fields used in SIS invoice are transmitted via XML data file which is a structured, consistent and more efficient way of populating the billed entity's ERP system for subsequent processing and analysis.









KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER







Impact of Poor-Quality Data on Billed Member

Incomplete or inadequate data entry may lead to discrepancies or errors in financial records, impacting the accuracy of financial transactions.

Missing or incorrect information can result in delayed or incorrect billing, affecting the accounting department.

Inadequate data entry may result in difficulties reconciling invoices with corresponding payments, leading to discrepancies in accounts receivable or payable.

Using attachments may lead to difficulties in tracking and making it challenging to monitor the data and, it adds to the workload, cost and dissatisfaction of the billed member.





Best Practices



Proper data entry at "Invoice" level ensures that all relevant financial information is captured, including invoice amounts, due dates, payment terms, and applicable taxes.



Proper data entry at "Line-Item" and "Line-Item Detail" level ensures that all details are captured for the service/product provided, including charge code, charge code type, mandatory/recommended fields.



Complete and accurate data entry in compliance with IS-XML standard requirements and billing member expectations reduces the risk of invoice rejection or dispute.



Add supporting documents as legal requirement or compliance, evidence or proof of certain transactions, supplementary information that cannot be entered into the system, for example, the formula on how the charge amount was calculated.



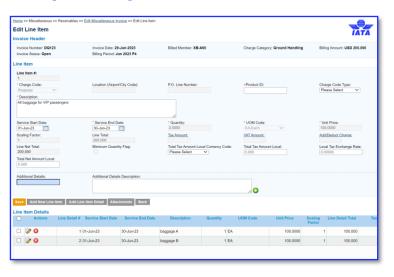


How can the billing member benefit of quality data?



Using Attachment:

- Convenience, Familiarity
- Complex data entry
- Large Data Volumes
- Unstructured Data



Using Data Entry:

- Accessibility
- Searchability
- Data integrity
- Efficiency





Recommendation

Utilizing IS-XML files for data entry of large volumes rather than relying heavily on attachments

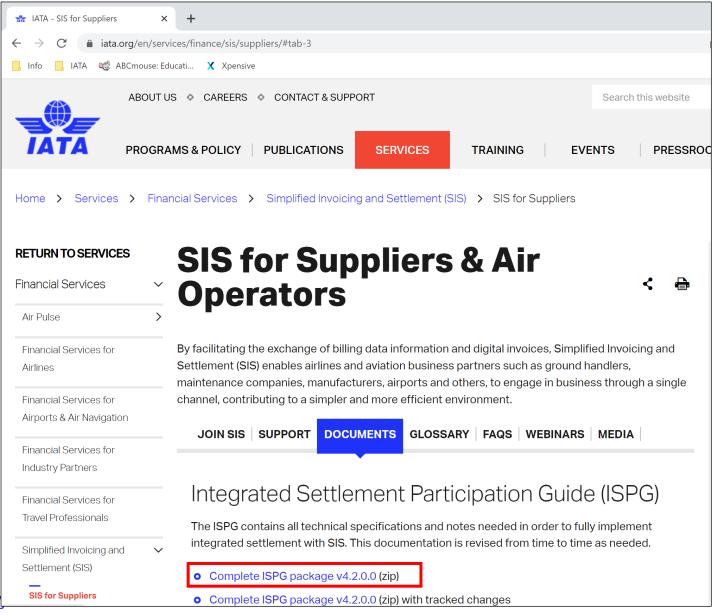




TIPS & REMINDERS ON ISPG PACKAGE

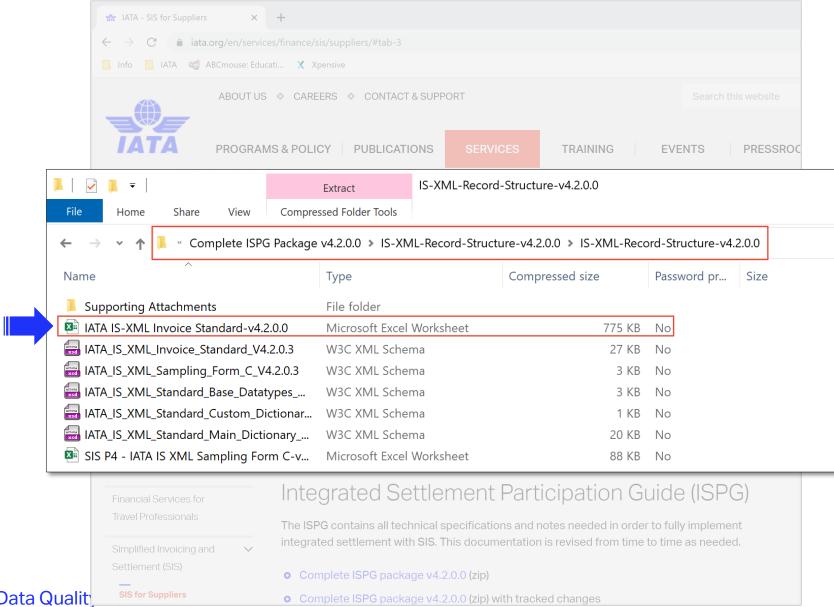


Complete ISPG Package



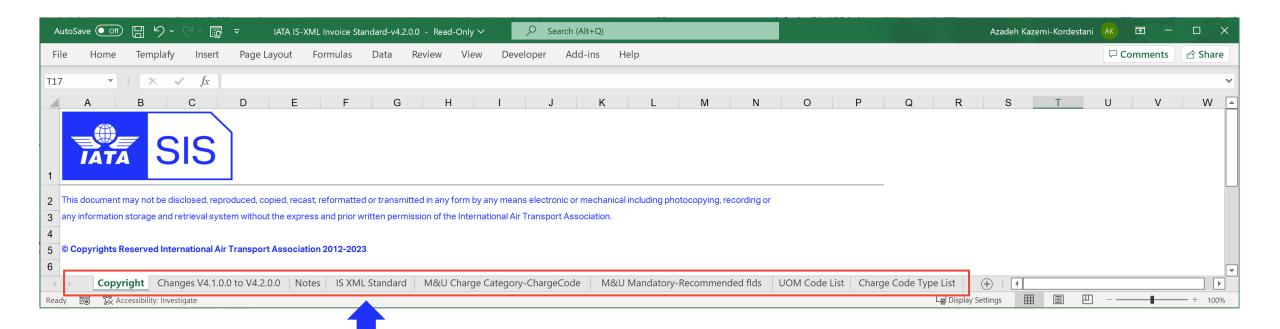


ISPG Package: IS-XML Invoice Standard



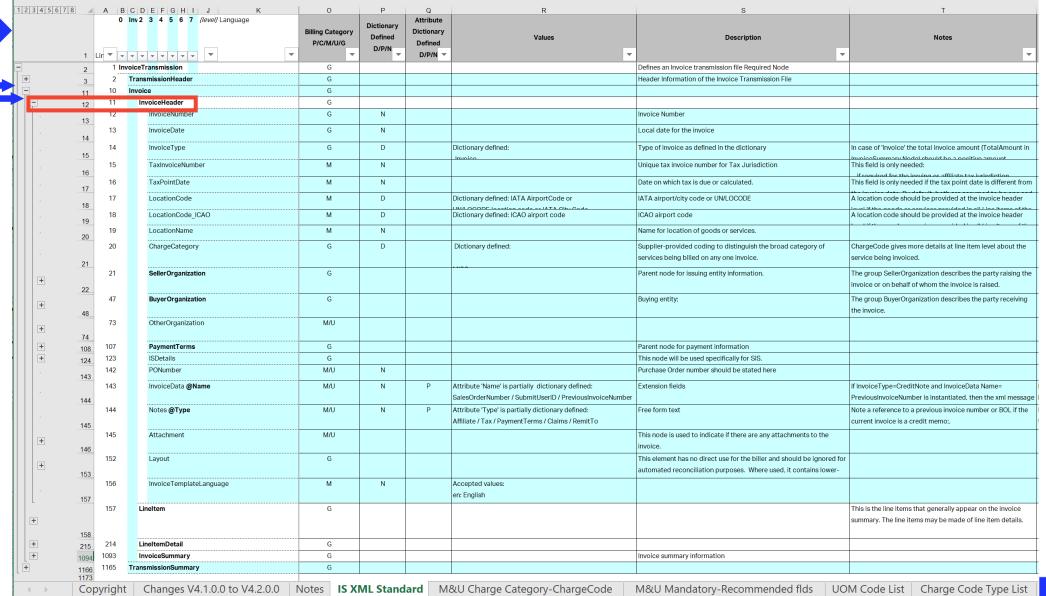






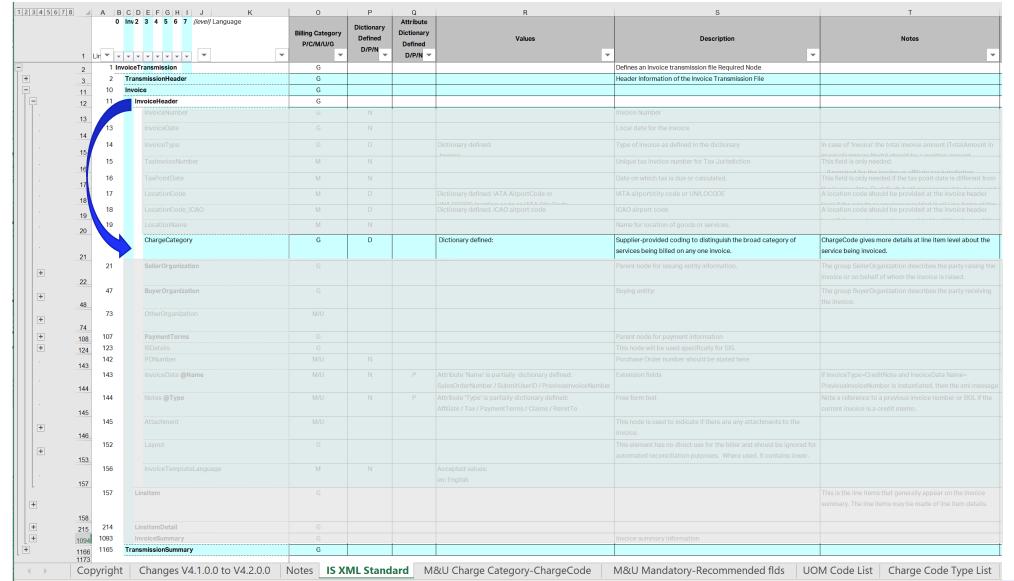


Invoice Header - ChargeCategory





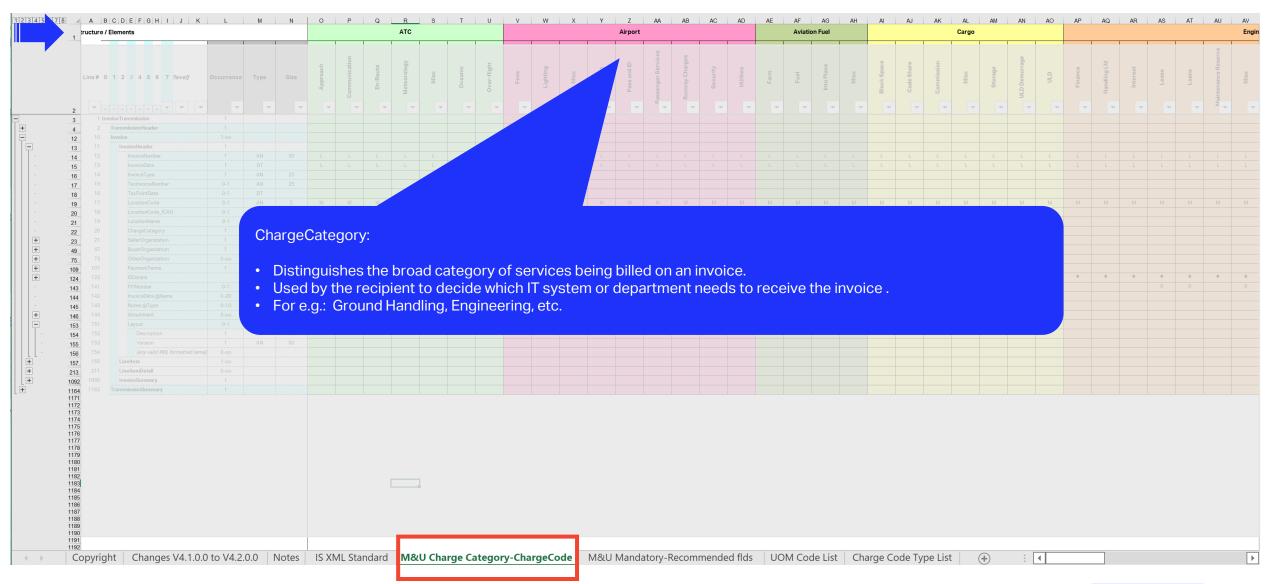
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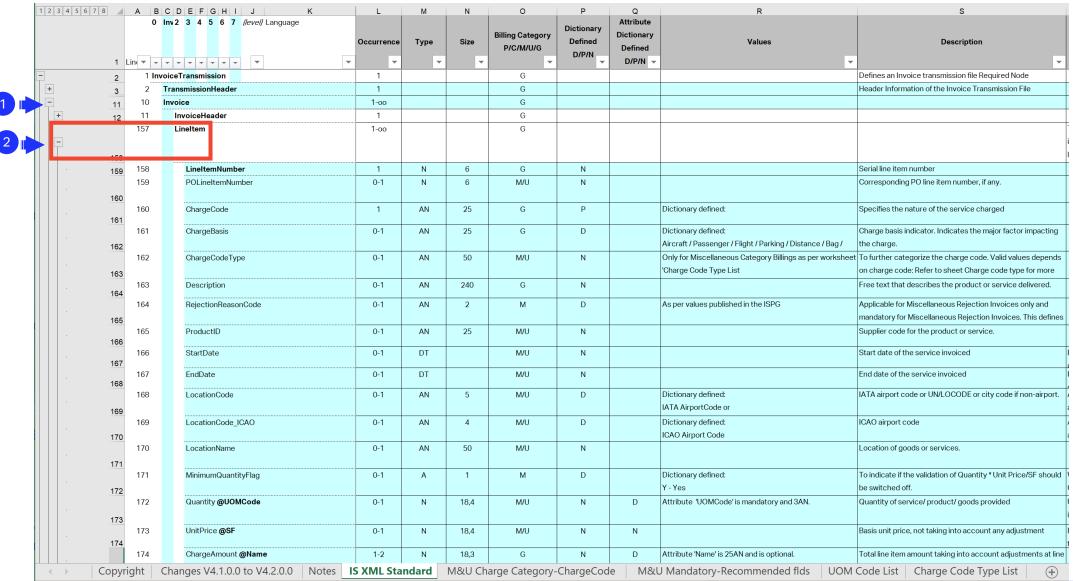


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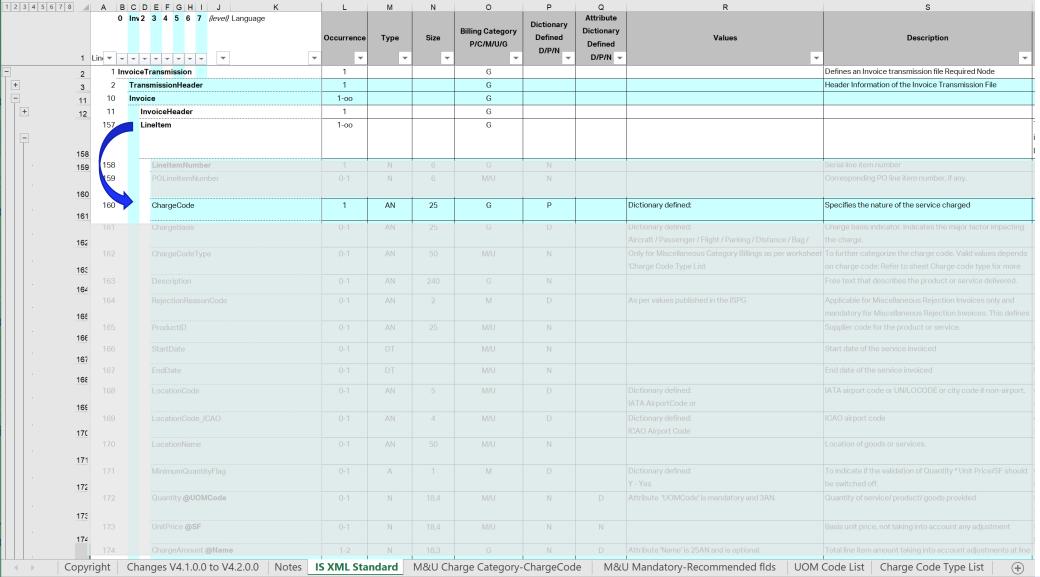
Line Item- ChargeCode





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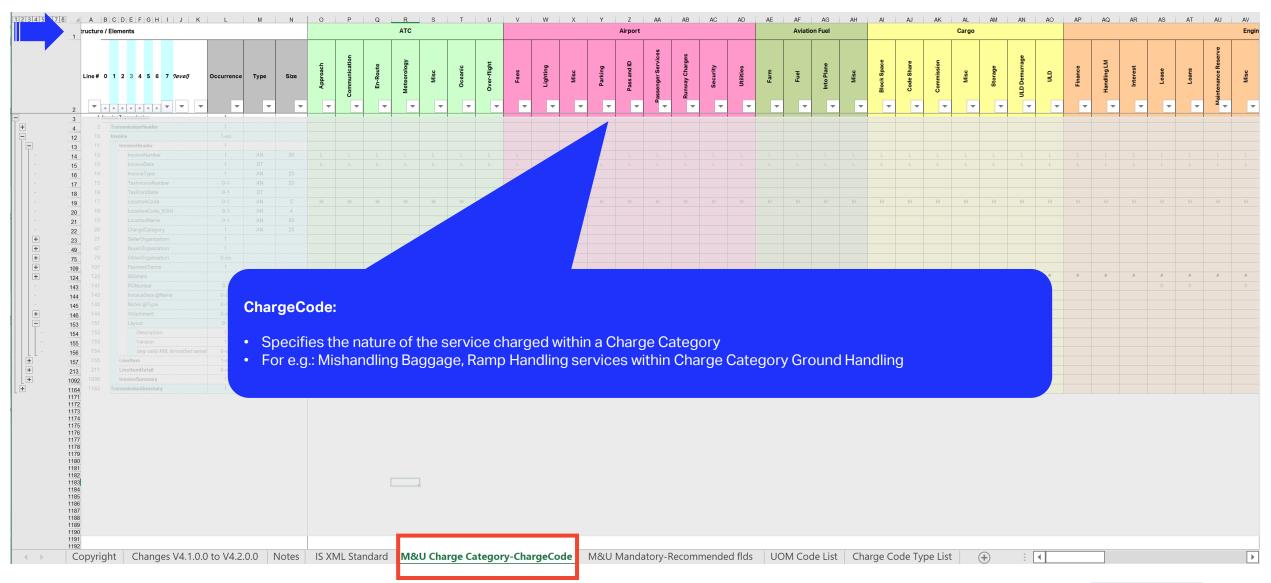
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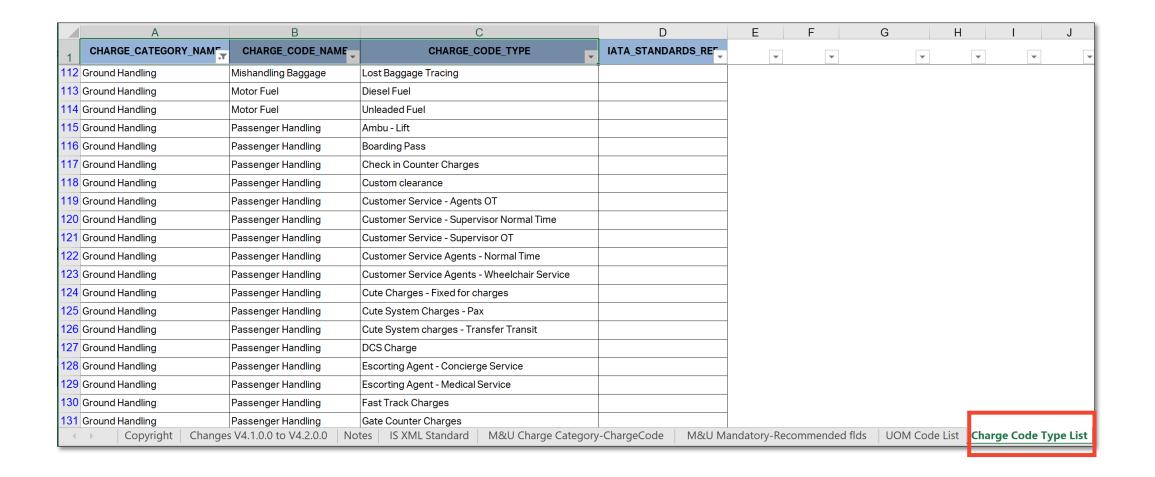
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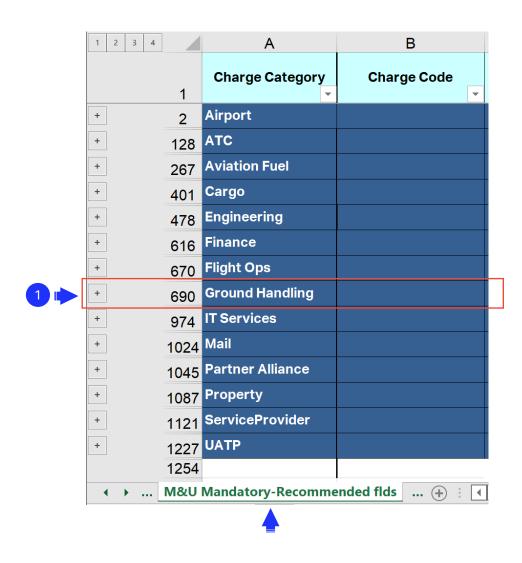


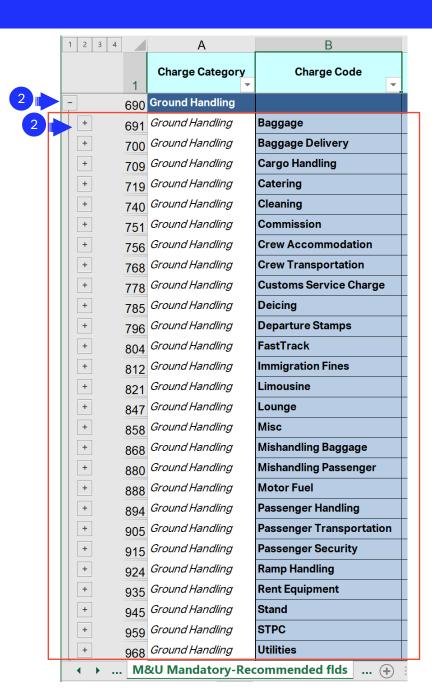
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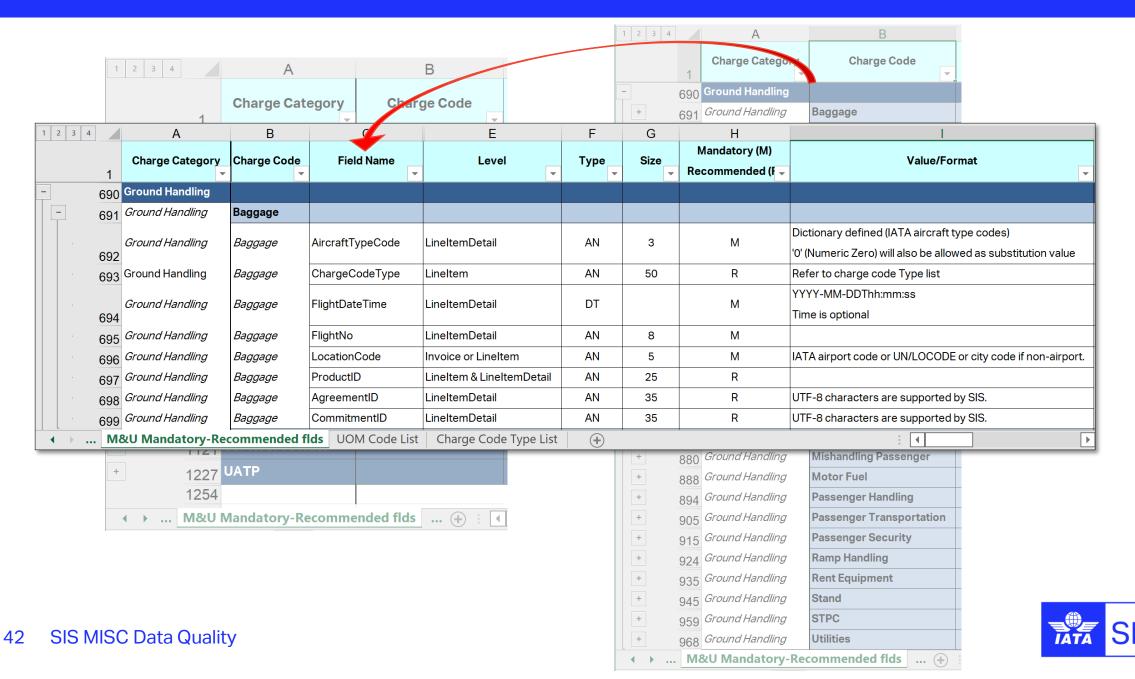
Mandatory-Recommended Fields



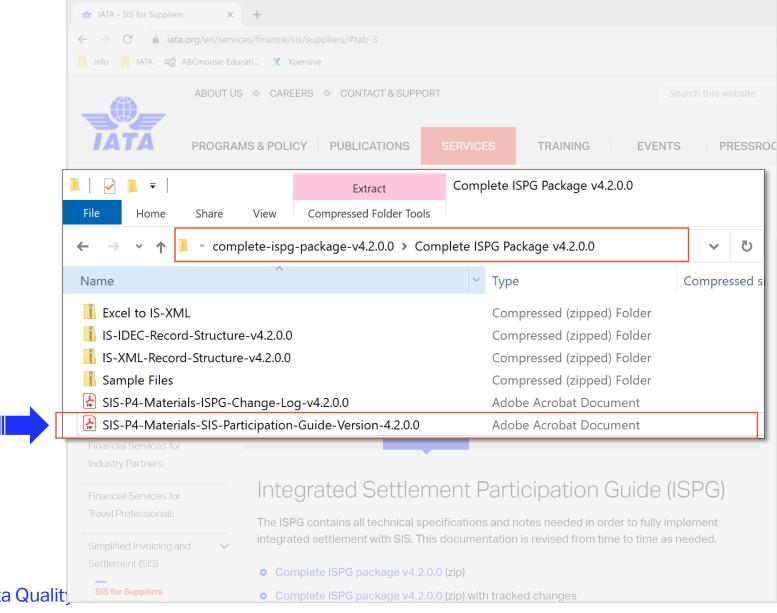




Mandatory-Recommended Fields



ISPG Package: SIS Participant Guide







SIS – Simplified Invoicing and Settlement

SIS Participation Guide



5.2.10 Charge Category - Ground Handling

Services provided to an aircraft while it is on ground primarily those when parked on stand. The various charge codes in this category are:

5.2.10.1 Charge Code: Baggage

For transportation, loading, unloading or storage of baggage when charged separately from other handling. Covered by Section 3.1 of IATA Standard Ground Handling Agreement (SGHA).

Required Fields

Mandatory Fields:

- Aircraft Type Code
- Flight Number
- Location Code (Airport Code where the baggage handling happens)
- Flight Date

Recommended Fields:

- Charge Code Type
- ProductID
- AgreementID
- CommitmentID





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Q&A

Thank you

