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NATIONAL FOREWORD

This standard was finalized by the Sectoral Committee on Information Technology and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1995-05-25.

This Sri Lanka Standard is identical with ISO 9362 : 1987 Banking - Banking Telecommunication messages - Bank identifiers codes Published by the International Organization for standardization (ISO).

Terminology and conventions

The text of the International standard has been accepted as suitable for publication, without deviation, as a Sri Lanka Standard. However, certain terminology and conventions are not identical with those used in Sri Lanka Standards, attention is therefore drawn to the following:

- a) Wherever the words 'International Standard/publication' appear, referring to this standard they should be interpreted as "Sri Lanka Standard".

Wherever page numbers are quoted, they are ISO/IEC page numbers.

CROSS - REFERENCES

International Standards

ISO 3166 : 1993 Codes for
the representation of names
countries

Corresponding Sri Lanka Standards

SLS 1009 : 1993, Codes for the
representation of names of -
countries.

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Banking — Banking telecommunication messages — Bank identifier codes

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the elements and structure of a universal Bank Identifier Code (BIC) for use in automated processing in banking and related financial environments.

2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provision of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3166:1993, *Codes for the representation of names of countries*.

3 Conventions

Conventions for data element representation:

Character representations

- n: digits (numeric characters 0 to 9 only)
- a: letters (alphabetical characters A to Z only)
- an: letters and digits (alpha/numeric without "special" characters such as blanks, separators, punctuation etc.)

Length indications

- n: fixed length

4 Structure

The Bank Identifier Code (BIC) shall consist of eight (8) or eleven (11) contiguous characters comprising the first three or all four of the following four components:

BANK CODE
COUNTRY CODE
LOCATION CODE
BRANCH CODE

The bank code, country code and location code shall be mandatory. The branch code shall be optional (see 4.4).

The format for BIC is:

4an 2a 2an 3an
BBBB CC LL AAA

4.1 Bank code

The bank code shall be assigned by the Registration Authority and shall unambiguously identify the institution in the financial services industry. Any branch of that institution shall also be represented by the same bank code independent of the geographic location.

Format: 4an

4.2 Country code

The appropriate two-letter country code specified in ISO 3166 shall be used to identify the country in which the institution in the financial services industry is located.

Format: 2a