

Wire Transfer migration to ISO20022

Important changes are on the horizon for Wire Transfers. Here's some information to get you started on what they are, what they mean, and when they will happen.

What is ISO20022?

Federal Reserve Banks currently use a proprietary wire format that is specific to the Fedwire Funds Service. This current FAIM format (Fedwire Application Interface Manual) is being replaced in favor of the ISO20022 (ISO) format, which is a global standard used by many financial institutions.

What does this mean?

All wires sent through the Federal Reserve will need to be in compliance with the ISO20022 standards before the deadline. There are significant wire format and field label changes associated with this migration.

When is this happening?

The Federal Reserve cutover to ISO20022 from FAIM is July 14, 2025. All wires sent on or after this date must be in the new ISO format.

Here are some key terminology changes that will take place:

FAIM format (current)	ISO20022 format (effective July 14, 2025)
Credit Account Name	Creditor
Originator	Debtor
Originating Bank/Sending Bank	Debtor AND Instructing Agent
Beneficiary Bank	Creditor Agent
Receiving Bank	Instructed Agent
International Intermediary Bank	Intermediary Agent
Routing Number	Agent ID
Reference Beneficiary	End to End ID
Credit Account Address (lines 1-3)*	Building Number, Street Name
City	Town Name
State	Country Sub Division
Zip Code	Post Code
Country	Country Code
Account Number	Account Number
Amount	Amount
Remarks	Remittance Information

*Additional address fields available for Creditor Account Address in ISO include:

Post Box, Department, Sub Department, Building Name, Floor, Room, Town Location Name, and District Name

Those address fields don't seem to line up. What should we expect on Day 1 (7/14/25)?

Good catch! You should plan to review your Creditors (Beneficiaries) on Day 1, especially those that are tied to any future-dated or recurring wires. You won't be able to make changes to Creditor information prior to July 14, so please ensure you plan to review in a timely manner.

For FAIM formatted future-dated and recurring wires:

- Any scheduled to be transmitted on or after 7/11/25 should be deleted and new ones created in ISO format when that format is available on 7/14/25
- Any FAIM formatted wires transmitted on or after 7/14/25 will be rejected by the Fed
- Existing wire templates will be deleted as of 7/14/2025. All existing wire templates will need to be recreated as of 7/14/2025.

Additionally, repetitive/template wires will NOT be converted from FAIM to ISO format. These will need to be recreated.

International USD Wires will also require special attention and will not process without manual intervention! The field of Town Name does not exist currently and will be an ISO-required field as of July 14, 2025.

What can I be doing now?

- Please review your existing wires and delete any that you no longer need or use.
- Be aware of the upcoming changes and review all information we'll be sharing with you up until the migration date.
- Mark your calendars for July 14, 2025! You'll want to log in early on this day and ensure you can create and transmit wires. Note that wires will need to be in the ISO format to ensure transmission and acceptance by the Fed.