

ISA15 in 997 5010X230

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REFERENCED X12 STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

The following X12 Standards were reviewed in developing this interpretation:

X12.1 Transaction Sets, 997 - Functional Acknowledgment, Purpose and Scope:

This X12 Transaction Set contains the format and establishes the data contents of the Functional Acknowledgment Transaction Set (997) for use within the context of an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) environment. The transaction set can be used to define the control structures for a set of acknowledgments to indicate the results of the syntactical analysis of the electronically encoded documents. The encoded documents are the transaction sets, which are grouped in functional groups, used in defining transactions for business data interchange. This standard does not cover the semantic meaning of the information encoded in the transaction sets.

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Formal Interpretation

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The stated "I" is for informational purposes. The intent when using the code 'I', in effect is to send a carbon copy of the interchange. When sent the informational interchange processing is at the receiver's discretion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

While creating the formal interpretation, the following historical information was used. The X12C Subcommittee members are including the historical notes. *In October 1996, Jim Muenz (Uniform Code Council) submitted a work request to add code "C" to DE I14 as "Carbon Copy" with a reason for change as follows: "To allow for the carbon copy function and allow sending and receiving parties the notification of whether a transaction is a carbon copy so they may take the appropriate action. This is an interim solution until X12C resolves this functionality in the ISA."*

Jim's DM also changed the name and purpose of DE I14. The DM 081197 was reviewed by TAS in December 1996 and referred to X12C with the following recommendation: "Consider changing the proposed code to "Copy Indicator", or perhaps another code could be added to I13 instead of I14." In February 1997, X12C reported back to TAS that the DM was modified as follows:: Add code "I" (Information) to DE I14 The DM was approved for ballot. In June 1997, DM 081197 was approved for publication. Therefore, the first annual release to include code "I" was 4010 (December 1997). X12C will include in the next version of the Acknowledgement Reference Model information concerning the use of this code.