

# Inquiry (EMINQ) & Chargeback (EMCBK) Notifications Technical File Specification

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#### 1.0 Introduction

The scope of this specification encompasses Merchants and External Partners located in EMEA and Multi-Currency.

This document is written for programmers working on the behalf Merchants and External Partners in American Express EMEA Region, who wish to receive Inquiry/Dispute and Chargeback/Adjustment notifications electronically. These file layouts allow Merchants and External Partners to extract data for the creation of organizational reports, or for other uses within their internal systems.

Note that this file is a mandatory requirement for merchants who wish to send or receive imaging files:

Mandatory for 2 Way Imaging - Merchant has to be setup for Disputes Raw Data Notification (EMINQ / EMCBK) and Response (INTCB / INTRS) files.

Mandatory for 1 Way Imaging - Merchant has to be setup for Disputes Raw Data Notification (EMINQ / EMCBK) files.

#### 1.1 File Availability

American Express produces files seven days a week, however please note that production can be delayed for various reasons, and files may not be available for up to two to three hours afterwards.

#### Notes:

1. Files are retained on the SFT platform for up to 15 days. However, previous files (up to 180 days prior) can be recreated. Please direct requests for historical data to your local support group.

#### 1.2 Communication Requirements

The Merchant will retrieve the Data Files via Secure File Transfer (SFT) using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) security methods.

Note: Communications testing and certification is required.

An American Express Representative will act as the primary contact during the development and certification phases, until set up is completed and the Merchant is approved for production.

#### 1.3 Record Overview

This specification contains two distinct data types:

- Inquiry/Dispute usually initiated by a Card member and related to a specific transaction.
- Chargeback/Adjustment notification of debit/credit to a Merchant's account, with explanation.

Note: The above are individual files with different filenames, and they must be retrieved separately.

#### 1.4 General Field Design Guidelines

Unless otherwise specified:

- All files must be transmitted in ASCII.
- All alphanumeric fields must be left justified and character space filled. American Express recommends that all alphanumeric fields be upper case.
- All numeric fields must be right justified, unsigned and zero filled.

#### 1.5 Related Documents

- American Express Inbound Disputes Response Specification for Chargebacks (INTCB).
- American Express Inquiry Response Specification for Inquiries (INTRS).
- American Express 2 Way Imaging Specification.
- American Express Global Financial Settlement Codes & Information Guide.

#### 2.0 Inquiry/Dispute (EMINQ) File Specifications

This section contains technical file specifications for the following records:

- 2.1 EMINQ File Header Record
- 2.2 EMINQ Detail Record
- 2.3 EMINQ File Trailer Record

EMINQ records transport Inquiry/Dispute notifications from upstream Customer Service systems.

The Inquiry/Dispute Data File is composed of three record types:

- File Header Record The File Header is the first record in the file, and it contains basic file information, including the file creation date and time, Service Access ID (SAID), data type, etc.
- Detail Records the records between the File Header and File Trailer contain specific details for individual Inquiry/Dispute cases.
- File Trailer Record The File Trailer is the last record in the file, and it contains file summary information, including record counts, in addition to some data that also appear in the File Header (e.g., SAID and data type).

# 2.1 EMINQ File Header Record

Length of Record: 2100 bytes

Description: The EMINQ File Header Record contains basic file information.

# Fields in this Section:

Field	Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Field Position	Page
1	HDR_IND	1 byte	Alphanumeric	1	8
2	APPSYS_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	2-3	8
3	FILE_TYPE_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	4-5	8
4	HDR_DATE_YYYYMMDD	8 bytes	Alphanumeric	6-13	8
5	FILLER	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	14-19	9
6	DB_SEQ_NO	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	20-21	9
7	FILLER	80 bytes	Alphanumeric	22-101	9
8	SAID	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	102-107	9
9	DATATYPE	5 bytes	Alphanumeric	108-112	10
10	CCYYDDD	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	113-119	10
11	0HHMMSS	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	120-126	11
12	STARS_FILESEQ_NB	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	127-129	11
13	FILLER	1971 bytes	Alphanumeric	130-2100	11

Field 1 HDR\_IND

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1

Description: This field contains the constant literal "H", a record type code

That indicates this is an EMINQ file header record

Field 2 APPSYS\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2-3

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express Application System

Code.

Field 3 FILE\_TYPE\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 4-5

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express File Type Code

Field 4 HDR\_DATE\_YYYYMMDD (File Creation Date)

Length of Field: 8 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 6-13

Description: This field contains the *File Creation Date*, in format YYYYMMDD.

Field 5 FILLER

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 14-19

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 6 DB\_SEQ\_NO (File Sequence Number)

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 20-21

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, File Sequence Number, which is

an internal process control number. If unused, this field is zero filled.

Field 7 FILLER

Length of Field: 80 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 22-101

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 8 SAID

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 102-107

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, six-character, Service Access ID

(SAID).

#### Field 9 DATATYPE

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 108-112

Description: This field contains the constant literal "EMINQ", a Data Type code that indicates that

this file contains Inquiries from upstream systems.

#### Field 10 CCYYDDD (STARS Creation Date)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 113-119

Description: This field contains the STARS<sup>1</sup> Creation Date, which is the date that American

Express transmitted the file to the Merchant. If this file is a retransmission, this field

contains the original transmission date.

The format is: CCYYDDD

CC = Century YY = Year

DDD = Day (Julian date)

Note: See Julian Date Calendar in appendix.

For example, the date October 21, 2013 would appear as: 2013294

#### Field 11 OHHMMSS (File Creation Time)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 120-126

Description: This field contains the File Creation Time (24-hour format) when the file was prepared

for transmission.

The format is: 0HHMMSS

0= One-digit filler character (zero)

HH = Hour (24-hour clock)

MM = Minutes SS = Seconds

For example, 02:37:00 P.M. would appear as: 0143700

# Field 12 STARS\_FILESEQ\_NB

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 127-129

Description: This field contains the STARS¹ File Sequence Number, an American Express internal

identifier. If unused, this field is character space filled.

#### Field 13 FILLER

Length of Field: 1971 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 130-2100

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

#### 2.2 **EMINQ File Detail Record**

Length of Record: 2100 bytes

Description: the records between the File Header and File Trailer contain specific details for individual Inquiry/Dispute cases.

Fields in this Section:

Field	Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Field Position	Page Number
1	DTL_IND	1 byte	Alphanumeric	1	13
2	DTL_REC_TYPE	5 bytes	Alphanumeric	2-6	13
3	CARD_NO	19 bytes	Alphanumeric	7-25	13
4	CASE_NO	16 bytes	Alphanumeric	26-41	13
5	AIR_TKT_NO	24 bytes	Alphanumeric	42-65	14
6	TERMINAL_ID	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	66-75	14
7	CASE_UPD_TYP	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	76-77	14
8	CASE_UPD_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	78-87	14
9	SE_REPLY_BY_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	88-97	15
10	TRANS_DATE	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	98-107	15
11	SE_NO	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	108-117	15
12	TRANS_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	118-120	15
13	TRANS_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	121-140	16
14	FIRST_PRSNT_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	141-143	16
15	FIRST_PRSNT_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	144-163	16
16	SOC_REF_NO	15 bytes	Alphanumeric	164-178	17
17	SOC_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	179-188	17
18	SOC_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	189-208	17
19	ROC_REF_NO	15 bytes	Alphanumeric	209-223	17
20	SETTLE_SE_NO	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	224-233	18
21	SETTLE_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	234-236	18
22	SETTLE _AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	237-256	18
23	SETTLE_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	257-266	18
24	MICRO_SEQ_NO	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	267-276	19
25	DISP_REAS_CD	4 bytes	Alphanumeric	277-280	19
26	IND_TYP_CD	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	281-290	19
27	INTD_CHRCBK_CD	4 bytes	Alphanumeric	291-294	19
28	SOC_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	295-297	20
29	INQ_CASE_CNT	4 bytes	Alphanumeric	298-301	20
30	SRC_SYS_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	302-304	20
31	TRANS_ID	50 bytes	Alphanumeric	305-354	20
32	ACQ_REF_NO	23 bytes	Alphanumeric	355-377	21
33	ADD_INFO_TXT1	1130 bytes	Alphanumeric	378-1507	21
34	ROC_REF_NO_EXTENDED	30 bytes	Alphanumeric	1508-1537	21
35	ADD_INFO_TXT2	470 bytes	Alphanumeric	1538-2007	21
36	INQ_MKT_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	2008-2010	22
37	SELLER_ID	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	2011-2030	22
38	FILLER	70 bytes	Alphanumeric	2031-2100	22

Field 1 DTL IND

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1

Description: This field contains the constant literal "D", a Record Type code that indicates that this

is a Detail Record.

Field 2 DTL\_REC\_TYPE

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2-6

Description: This field contains the constant literal "EMINQ", a Record Type code that indicates

that this is an Inquiry Detail Record.

Field 3 CARD\_NO

Length of Field: 19 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 7-25

Description: This field contains the Cardmember Account Number that corresponds to this Inquiry.

Field 4 CASE\_NO

Length of Field: 16 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 26-41

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, Case Number for this transaction.

Field 5 AIR\_TKT\_NO

Length of Field: 24 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 42-65

Description: This field contains the Airline Ticket Number (Airline-related disputes only).

Field 6 TERMINAL\_ID

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 66-75

Description: This field contains the Terminal ID submitted in transaction data.

Field 7 CASE\_UPD\_TYP

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 76-77

Description: Type of Case Update, it will always carry same value RR for Retrieval Request

Field 8 CASE\_UPD\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 78-87

Description: This field contains the Case Update Date which is the date the case was updated in

the Amex management system, in format YYYY-MM-DD

Field 9 SE\_REPLY\_BY\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 88-97

Description: This field contains the SE Reply by Date when the Merchant's response is due at

American Express, in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 10 TRANS\_DATE

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 98-107

Description: This field contains the Transaction Date, which is the date of the charge that

corresponds to this Inquiry, in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 11 SE\_NO

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 108-117

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, Service Establishment (SE)

Number (a.k.a. Merchant ID Number) applicable to this Inquiry.

Field 12 TRANS\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 118-120

Description: This field contains the Transaction Currency Code applicable to the Transaction

Amount in the field that follows. Alpha characters only. For a list of Currency Codes, see American Express Global Financial Settlement Codes & Information Guide.

Field 13 TRANS AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 121-140

Description: This field contains the Transaction Amount billed to the Card member for the charge

that corresponds to this Inquiry.

Field 14 FIRST\_PRSNT\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 141-143

Description: This field contains the First Presentment / Dispute Currency Code applicable to the

Dispute Amount in the field that follows. Alpha characters only. For a list of Currency Codes, see American Express Global Financial Settlement Codes & Information

Guide.

Field 15 FIRST\_PRSNT\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 144-163

Description: This field contains the First Presentment / Dispute Amount<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In most cases, the *Dispute Amount* (DSPT\_AMT) is equal to or less than the *Transaction Amount* (TRN\_AMT) for an inquiry. However, in some instances, the *Dispute Amount* may exceed the *Transaction Amount*. This occurs when an individual inquiry record contains multiple transactions being disputed. In this case, the *Dispute Amount* is the sum of all individual transactions involved in the case, while the *Transaction Amount* is the transaction total for only one of the transactions.

Field 16 SOC\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 15 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 164-178

Description: This field contains the Summary of Charge (SOC) Invoice Number that corresponds

to the batch in which this transaction was submitted to American Express. If unused,

this field is zero filled.

Field 17 SOC\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 179-188

Description: This field contains the date the Summary of Charge was created, in format YYYY-

MM-DD.

Field 18 SOC\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 189-208

Description: This field contains the Summary of Charge Amount that this charge is related to

Field 19 ROC\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 15 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 209-223

Description: The Reference Number assigned to the charge by the Merchant's computerized cash

register or order processing system.

If reference number is longer than 15 bytes use field 34 ROC\_REF\_NO\_EXTENDED.

Field 20 SETTLE\_SE\_NO

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 224-233

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, Service Establishment (SE)

Number (a.k.a. Merchant Number) under which this transaction was settled.

Field 21 SETTLE\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 234-236

Description: This field contains the Settlement Currency Code applicable to the SE Settlement

Amount Alpha characters only. For a list of Currency Codes, see American Express

Global Financial Settlement Codes & Information Guide.

Field 22 SETTLE\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 237-256

Description: This field contains the SE Settlement Amount, which is the total amount of the

settlement file in which the transaction was submitted. If unused, this field is zero

filled.

Field 23 SETTLE\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 257-266

Description: This field contains the Settlement Date, which is the date that the Merchant's

submission file was processed by American Express, in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 24 MICRO\_SEQ\_NO

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 267-276

Description: This field contains an American Express-assigned value that is for internal use only.

Field 25 DISP\_REAS\_CD

Length of Field: 4 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 277-280

Description: This field contains the Dispute Reason Code applicable to this Inquiry.

Note: See Inquiry & Chargeback Reason Codes in Appendix

Field 26 IND\_TYP\_CD

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 281-290

Description: This field contains the Industry Type code of the merchant for this case

Field 27 INTD\_CHRCBK\_CD

Length of Field: 4 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 291-294

Description: This field contains the chargeback code that maybe used.

Field 28 SOC\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 295-297

Description: This field contains the currency code for the Summary of Charge

Field 29 INQ\_CASE\_CNT

Length of Field: 4 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 298-301

Description: This field contains the Inquiry case count, starting from 0000-9999.

Field 30 SRC\_SYS\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 302-304

Description: This field contains an American Express-assigned value that is for internal use only.

Field 31 TRANS\_ID

Length of Field: 50 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 305-354

Description: This field contains the transaction identifier (TID)

Field 32 ACQ\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 23 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 355-377

Description: This field contains the Acquirer Reference Number

Field 33 ADD\_INFO\_TXT1

Length of Field: 1130 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 378-1507

Description: This field contains the additional information text / comments

Field 34 ROC\_REF\_NO\_EXTENDED

Length of Field: 30 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1508-1537

Description: The Reference Number assigned to the charge by the Merchant's computerized cash

register or order processing system.

Field 35 ADD\_INFO\_TXT2

Length of Field: 470 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1538-2007

Description: This field contains the additional information text / comments

Field 36 INQ\_MKT\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2008-2010

Description: This field contains market codes. Please refer to the American Express Global

Financial Settlement Codes & Information Guide. This is an optional field.

Field 37 SELLER\_ID

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2011-2030

Description: This field is for OptBlue use only. This field contains the 20-byte external, third

party Seller ID number populated in Data Field 60, Subfield 2 of the Authorization message (Global Credit Authorization Guide (GCAG) and Global Host Link Data

Capture (GHDC).

Field 38 FILLER

Length of Field: 70 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2031-2100

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

#### 2.3 **EMINQ File Trailer Record**

Length of Record: 2100 bytes

Trailer is the last record in the file, and it contains file summary information, including record counts, in addition to some data that also appear in the File Header (e.g., SAID Description:

and data type).

#### Fields in this Section:

Field	Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Field Position	Page Number
1	TRL_IND	1 byte	Alphanumeric	1	24
2	APPSYS_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	2-3	24
3	FILE_TYPE_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	4-5	24
4	TRL_DATE_YYYYMMDD	8 bytes	Alphanumeric	6-13	25
5	FILLER	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	14-19	25
6	DB_SEQ_NO	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	20-21	25
7	FILLER	5 bytes	Numeric	22-26	25
8	AMEX_TOT_RECS	9 bytes	Alphanumeric	27-35	26
9	SE_TOT_RECS	9 bytes	Alphanumeric	36-44	26
10	FILLER	57 bytes	Alphanumeric	45-101	26
11	SAID	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	102-107	27
12	DATATYPE	5 bytes	Alphanumeric	108-112	27
13	CCYYDDD	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	113-119	27
14	0HHMMSS	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	120-126	28
15	STARS_FILESEQ_NB	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	127-129	28
16	FILLER	1971 bytes	Alphanumeric	130-2100	28

Field 1 TRL\_IND

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1

Description: This field contains the constant literal "T", a Record Type code that indicates that this

is an EMINQ File Trailer Record.

Field 2 APPSYS\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2-3

Code.

Description:

This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express Application System

Field 3 FILE\_TYPE\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 4-5

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express *File Type Code*.

Field 4 TRL\_DATE\_YYYYMMDD (File Creation Date)

Length of Field: 8 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 6-13

Description: This field contains the File Creation Date, in format YYYYMMDD

Field 5 FILLER

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 14-19

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 6 DB\_SEQ\_NO

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 20-21

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, File Sequence Number, which is a

process control number. If unused, this field is zero filled.

Field 7 FILLER

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Numeric

Field Position: 22-26

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

#### Field 8 AMEX\_TOT\_RECS

Length of Field: 9 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 27-35

Description: This field contains a value that corresponds to the total number of records (including

header and trailer) forwarded to the Merchant by American Express.

#### Field 9 SE\_TOT\_RECS

Length of Field: 9 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 36-44

Description: This field contains a value that corresponds to the total number of records (including

header and trailer) received by the Merchant.

#### Field 10 FILLER

Length of Field: 57 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 45-101

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 11 SAID

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 102-107

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, six-character, Service Access ID

(SAID).

Field 12 DATATYPE

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 108-112

Description: This field contains the constant literal "EMINQ", a Data Type code that indicates that

this file contains Inquiries from upstream systems.

Field 13 CCYYDDD (STARS Creation Date)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 113-119

Description: This field contains the *STARS*<sup>2</sup> *Creation Date*, which is the date that American

Express transmitted the file to the Merchant.

If this file is a retransmission, this field contains the *original transmission date*.

The format is: CCYYDDD

CC = Century YY = Year

DDD = Day (Julian date)

Note: See Julian Date Calendar in appendix.

For example, the date October 21, 2013 would appear as: 2013294.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> STARS = Split, Transmit and Receive System. An American Express developed software utility that supports multiple transmission methods with which data can be exchanged between American Express and its external information trading partners.

#### Field 14 OHHMMSS(File Creation Time)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 120-126

Description: This field contains the *File Creation Time* (24-hour format) when the file was prepared

for transmission.

The format is: 0HHMMSS

0 = One-digit filler character (zero)

HH = Hour (24 hour clock)

MM = Minutes SS = Seconds

For example, 2:37:00 P.M. would appear as: 0143700

#### Field 15 STARS\_FILESEQ\_NB

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 127-129

**Description:** This field contains the *STARS*<sup>1</sup> file sequence number, an American Express internal

identifier. If unused, this field is character space filled.

#### Field 16 FILLER

Length of Field: 1971 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 130-2100

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

#### 3.0 Chargeback/Adjustment (EMCBK) File Specifications

This section contains technical file specifications for the following records:

- 3.1 EMCBK File Header Record
- 3.2 EMCBK Detail Record
- 3.3 EMCBK File Trailer Record

EMCBK records transport Chargeback/Adjustment notifications from upstream Customer Service systems.

These records are used to send chargeback/adjustment notifications from upstream systems, through STARS<sup>3</sup> and third party software that can be used to access the data supplied by American Express

The Chargeback/Adjustment Data File is composed of three record types:

- File Header Record The File Header is the first record in the file, and it contains basic file information, including the file creation date and time, Service Access ID (SAID), data type, etc.
- Detail Records the records between the File Header and File Trailer contain specific details for individual Chargeback/Adjustment cases.
- File Trailer Record The File Trailer is the last record in the file, and it contains file summary information, including record counts, in addition to some data that also appear in the File Header (e.g., SAID and data type).

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# 3.1 EMCBK File Header Record

Length of Record: 2100 bytes

Description: The EMCBK File Header Record contains basic file information.

# Fields in this Section:

Field	Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Field Position	Page
1	HDR_IND	1 byte	Alphanumeric	1	31
2	APPSYS_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	2-3	31
3	FILE_TYPE_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	4-5	31
4	HDR_DATE_YYYYMMDD	8 bytes	Alphanumeric	6-13	31
5	FILLER	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	14-19	32
6	DB_SEQ_NO	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	20-21	32
7	FILLER	80 bytes	Alphanumeric	22-101	32
8	SAID	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	102-107	32
9	DATATYPE	5 bytes	Alphanumeric	108-112	33
10	CCYYDDD	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	113-119	33
11	0HHMMSS	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	120-126	34
12	STARS_FILESEQ_NB	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	127-129	34
13	FILLER	1971	Alphanumeric	130-2100	34

Field 1 HDR\_IND

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1

Description: This field contains the constant literal "H", a *Record Type* code that indicates that this

is an EMCBK File Header Record.

Field 2 APPSYS\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2-3

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express Application System

Code.

Field 3 FILE\_TYPE\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 4-5

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express *File Type Code*.

Field 4 HDR\_DATE\_YYYYMMDD (file creation date)

Length of Field: 8 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 6-13

Description: This field contains the *File Creation Date*, in format YYYYMMDD.

Field 5 FILLER

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 14-19

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 6 DB\_SEQ\_NO

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 20-21

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, File Sequence Number, which is

an internal process control number. If unused, this field is zero filled.

Field 7 FILLER

Length of Field: 80 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 22-101

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 8 SAID

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 102-107

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, six-character, Service Access ID

(SAID).

Field 9 DATATYPE

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 108-112

Description: This field contains the constant literal "EMCBK", a Data Type code that indicates that

this file contains Inquiries from upstream systems.

Field 10 CCYYDDD(STARS Creation Date)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 113-119

Description: This field contains the STARS<sup>4</sup> Creation Date, which is the date that American

Express transmitted the file to the Merchant. If this file is a retransmission, this field

contains the original transmission date.

The format is: CCYYDDD

CC = Century YY = Year

DDD = Day (Julian date)

Note: See Julian Date Calendar in appendix

For example, the date October 21, 2013 would appear as: 2013294

STARS<sup>4</sup> = Split, Transmit and Receive System. An American Express developed software utility that supports multiple transmission methods with which data can be exchanged between American Express and its external information trading partners.

Field 11 OHHMMSS (File Creation Time)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 120-126

Description: This field contains the File Creation Time (24-hour format) when the file was prepared

for transmission.

The format is: 0HHMMSS 0= One-digit filler character (zero)

HH = Hour (24-hour clock)

MM = Minutes SS = Seconds

For example, 2:37:00 P.M. would appear as: 0143700

Field 12 STARS\_FILESEQ\_NB

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 127-129

Description: This field contains the STARS¹ File Sequence Number, an American Express internal

identifier. If unused, this field is character space filled.

Field 13 FILLER

Length of Field: 1971 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 130-2100

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

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#### 3.2 **EMCBK File Detail Record**

2100 bytes Length of Record:

Description: the records between the File Header and File Trailer contain specific details for individual Chargeback/Adjustment cases.

Fields in this Section:

Field	Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Field Position	Page
1	DTL_IND	1 byte	Alphanumeric	1	36
2	REC_TYPE	5 bytes	Alphanumeric	2-6	36
3	SE_NO	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	7-16	36
4	CARD_NO	19 bytes	Alphanumeric	17-35	36
5	CASE_NO	16 bytes	Alphanumeric	36-51	37
6	CHRGBK_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	52-61	37
7	CHRGBK_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	62-81	37
8	CHRGBK_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	82-84	37
9	CHRGBK_RSN_CD	4 bytes	Alphanumeric	85-88	38
10	ADJ_REF_NO	15 bytes	Alphanumeric	89-103	38
11	SOC_REF_NO	15 bytes	Alphanumeric	104-118	38
12	ROC_REF_NO	15 bytes	Alphanumeric	119-133	38
13	TRANS_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	134-143	39
14	TRANS_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	144-163	39
15	TRANS_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	164-166	39
16	SOC_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	167-176	39
17	SOC_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	177-196	40
18	AIR_TKT_NO	24 bytes	Alphanumeric	197-220	40
19	MICRO_SEQ_NO	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	221-230	40
20	SETTLE_SE_NO	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	231-240	40
21	SETTLE_SE_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	241-260	41
22	SETTLE_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	261-263	41
23	SETTLE_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	264-273	41
24	CASE_UPD_FLAG	1 byte	Alphanumeric	274	41
25	CAS_UPD_TYPE	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	275-276	42
26	CASE_UPD_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	277-286	42
27	SE_REPLY_BY_DT	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	287-296	42
28	IND_TYP_CD	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	297-306	42
29	TERMINAL_ID	10 bytes	Alphanumeric	307-316	43
30	SUBMM_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	317-319	43
31	FIRST_PRSNT_AMT	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	320-339	43
32	FIRST_PRSNT_CURR_CD	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	340-342	43
33	TRANS_ID	50 bytes	Alphanumeric	343-392	44
34	ACQ_REF_NO	23 bytes	Alphanumeric	393-415	44
35	ADD_INFO_TXT1	1130 bytes	Alphanumeric	416-1545	44
36	ROC_REF_NO_EXTENDED	30 bytes	Alphanumeric	1546-1575	45
37	CARD_MEMBER_NAME	30 bytes	Alphanumeric	1576-1606	45
38	ADD_INFO_TXT2	438 bytes	Alphanumeric	1607-2045	45
39	SELLER_ID	20 bytes	Alphanumeric	2046-2065	46
40	FILLER	35 bytes	Alphanumeric	2066-2100	46

Field 1 DTL\_IND

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1

Description: This field contains the constant literal "D", a Record Type code that indicates that this

is a Detail Record.

Field 2 REC\_TYPE

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2-6

Description: This field contains the constant literal "EMCBK", a Record Type code that indicates

that this is a Chargeback Detail Record.

Field 3 SE\_NO

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 7-16

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, Service Es-tab-lishment (SE)

Number (a.k.a. Merchant ID Number) to which this Charge-back/Adjustment is

applied.

Field 4 CARD NO

Length of Field: 19 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 17-35

Description: This field contains the Card member Account Number that corresponds to this

Chargeback/Adjustment.

Field 5 CASE\_NO

Length of Field: 16 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 36-51

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned case number for this transaction,

which matches the case number of the original inquiry.

Field 6 CHRGBK DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 52-61

Description: This field contains the date that American Express generated the

Chargeback/Adjustment record, in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 7 CHRGBK\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 62-81

Description: This field contains the Chargeback (or Adjustment) Amount applied to the Merchant

account.

Field 8 CHRGBK CURR CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 82-84

Description: This field contains the Chargeback Currency Code applicable to the Chargeback

Amount in the preceding field. Alpha characters only. For a list of Currency Codes, see American Express Global Financial Settlement Codes & Information Guide.

Field 9 CHRGBK\_RSN\_CD

Length of Field: 4 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 85-88

Description: This field contains the Chargeback Reason Code applicable to this

Chargeback/Adjustment. See Inquiry & Chargeback Reason Codes in appendix.

Field 10 ADJ\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 15 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 89-103

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, Adjustment Reference Number for

this Chargeback/Adjustment.

Field 11 SOC\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 15 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 104-118

Description: This field contains the Summary of Charge (SOC) Invoice Number that corresponds

to the batch in which this transaction was sub-mitted to American Express. If unused,

this field is zero filled.

Field 12 ROC\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 15 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 119-133

Description: The Reference Number assigned to the charge by the Merchant's computerized cash

register or order processing system.

If reference number is longer than 15 bytes use field 36 ROC\_REF\_NO\_EXTENDED.

Field 13 TRANS\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 134-143

Description: This field contains the original Transaction Date that corresponds to this chargeback,

in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 14 TRANS\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 144-163

Description: This field contains the Transaction Amount billed to the Card member for the charge

that corresponds to this Adjustment/Chargeback.

Field 15 TRANS\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 164-166

Description: This field contains the Transaction Currency Code applicable to Transaction Amount

in the preceding field. Alpha characters only. For list of Currency Codes, see American Express Global Finan-cial Settlement Codes & Information Guide.

Field 16 SOC DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 167-176

Description: This field contains the date the Summary of Charge was created,

In format YYYY-MM-DD

Field 17 SOC AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 177-196

Description: This field contains the Summary of Charge Amount that this charge is related to

Field 18 AIR\_TKT\_NO

Length of Field: 24 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 197-220

Description: This field contains the Airline Ticket Number

Field 19 MICRO\_SEQ\_NO

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 221-230

Description: This field contains an American Express-assigned value that is for internal use only.

Field 20 SETTLE\_SE\_NO

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 231-240

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, Service Establishment (SE)

Number (a.k.a. Merchant Number) under which this transaction was settled.

Field 21 SETTLE\_SE\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 241-260

Description: This field contains the SE Settlement Amount, which is the total amount of the

settlement file in which the transaction was submitted. If un-used, this field is zero

filled.

Field 22 SETTLE\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 261-263

Description: This field contains the Settlement Currency Code applicable to the SE Settlement

Amount in the preceding field. Alpha characters only

Field 23 SETTLE\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 264-273

Description: This field contains the Settlement Date, which is the date that the Merchant's

submission file was processed by American Express, in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 24 CASE\_UPD\_FLAG

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 274

Description: This field contains the values for the Case Update Flag – F=First, L=Last. These

represent the First or Last Chargeback.

Field 25 CASE\_UPD\_TYPE

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 275-276

Description: This field contains the Case Update Type This field contains the Case Update Type

CR = Credit back CA = Credit Adjustment CB = Chargeback CS = Chargeback

stands DB = Debit balance DA = Debit Adjustment.

Field 26 CASE\_UPD\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 277-286

Description: This field contains the Case Update Date in format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 27 SE\_REPLY\_BY\_DT

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 287-296

Description: This field contains the Service Establishment (SE) (a.k.a. Merchant) Reply by Date in

format YYYY-MM-DD.

Field 28 IND TYPE CD

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 297-306

Description: This field contains the Industry Type code of the merchant for this case

Field 29 TERMINAL\_ID

Length of Field: 10 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 307-316

Description: This field contains the Terminal ID submitted in transaction data.

Field 30 SUBMM\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 317-319

Description: This field contains the Submission Currency Code. Alpha characters only.

Field 31 FIRST\_PRSNT\_AMT

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 320-339

Description: This field contains the First Presentment / Dispute Amount.

Field 32 FIRST\_PRSNT\_CURR\_CD

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 340-342

Description: This field contains the First Presentment / Dispute Currency Code applicable to the

Dispute Amount in the field that precedes it. Alpha characters only.

Field 33 TRANS\_ID

Length of Field: 50 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 343-392

Description: This field contains the transaction identifier (TID)

Field 34 ACQ\_REF\_NO

Length of Field: 23 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 393-415

Description: This field contains the Acquirer Reference Number

Field 35 ADD\_INFO\_TXT1

Length of Field: 1130 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 416-1545

Description: This field contains the additional information text / comments

Field 36 ROC\_REF\_NO\_EXTENDED

Length of Field: 30 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1546-1575

Description: The Reference Number assigned to the charge by the Merchant's computerized cash

register or order processing system.

Field 37 CM\_MEMBER\_NAME

Length of Field: 30 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1576-1605

Description: This field contains the Card Member Name, for Airline merchants only. For all other

merchants this field will not be populated.

Field 38 ADD\_INFO\_TXT2

Length of Field: 440 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1606-2045

Description: This field contains the additional information text / comments

Field 39 SELLER\_ID

Length of Field: 20 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2046-2065

Description: This field is for OptBlue use only. This field contains the 20-byte external, third

party Seller ID number populated in Data Field 60, Subfield 2 of the Authorization message (Global Credit Authorization Guide (GCAG) and Global Host Link Data

Capture (GHDC).

Field 40 FILLER

Length of Field: 35 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2066-2100

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

### 3.3 EMCBK File Trailer Record

Length of Record: 2100 bytes

Description: The File Trailer is the last record in the file, and it contains file summary information, including

record counts, in addition to some data that also appear in the File Header (e.g., SAID and

data type).

Fields in Section:

Field	Field Name	Field Length	Field Type	Field Position	Page
1	TRL_IND	1 byte	Alphanumeric	1	47
2	APPSYS_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	2-3	47
3	FILE_TYPE_CD	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	4-5	47
4	TRL_DATE_YYYYMMDD	8 bytes	Alphanumeric	6-13	47
5	FILLER	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	14-19	48
6	DB_SEQ_NO	2 bytes	Alphanumeric	20-21	48
7	FILLER	5 bytes	Numeric	22-26	48
8	AMEX_TOT_RECS	9 bytes	Alphanumeric	27-35	49
9	SE_TOT_RECS	9 bytes	Alphanumeric	36-44	49
10	FILLER	57 bytes	Alphanumeric	45-101	49
11	SAID	6 bytes	Alphanumeric	102-107	50
12	DATATYPE	5 bytes	Alphanumeric	108-112	50
13	CCYYDDD	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	113-119	50
14	0HHMMSS	7 bytes	Alphanumeric	120-126	51
15	STARS_FILESEQ_NB	3 bytes	Alphanumeric	127-129	51
16	FILLER	1971 bytes	Alphanumeric	130-2100	51

Field 1 TRL\_IND

Length of Field: 1 byte

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 1

Description: This field contains the constant literal "T", a Record Type code that indicates that this

is an EMCBK File Trailer Record.

Field 2 APPSYS\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 2-3

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express Application System

Code.

Field 3 FILE\_TYPE\_CD

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 4-5

Description: This field contains the constant literal "01", an American Express *File Type Code*.

Field 4 TRL\_DATE\_YYYYMMDD (file creation date)

Length of Field: 8 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 6-13

Description: This field contains *file creation date*, in format YYYYMMDD.

Field 5 FILLER

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 14-19

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 6 DB\_SEQ\_NO

Length of Field: 2 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 20-21

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, File Sequence Number, which is a

process control number. If unused, this field is zero filled.

Field 7 FILLER

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Numeric

Field Position: 22-26

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 8 AMEX\_TOT\_RECS

Length of Field: 9 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 27-35

Description: This field contains a value that corresponds to the total number of records (including

header and trailer) forwarded to the Merchant by American Express.

Field 9 SE\_TOT\_RECS

Length of Field: 9 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 36-44

Description: This field contains a value that corresponds to the total number of records (including

header and trailer) received by the Merchant.

Field 10 FILLER

Length of Field: 57 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 45-101

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

Field 11 SAID

Length of Field: 6 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 102-107

Description: This field contains the American Express-assigned, six-character, Service Access ID

(SAID).

Field 12 DATATYPE

Length of Field: 5 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 108-112

Description: This field contains the constant literal "EMCBK", a Data Type code that indicates that

this file contains Inquiries from upstream systems.

Field 13 CCYYDD (STARS Creation Date)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 113-119

Description: This field contains the *STARS*<sup>5</sup> *Creation Date*, which is the date that American

Express transmitted the file to the Merchant.

If this file is a retransmission, this field contains the *original transmission date*.

The format is: CCYYDDD

CC = Century YY = Year

DDD = Day (Julian date)

Note: See Julian Date Calendar in appendix.

For example, the date October 21, 2013 would appear as: 2013294.

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#### Field 14 OHHMMSS(File Creation Time)

Length of Field: 7 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 120-126

Description: This field contains the *File Creation Time* (24-hour format) when the file was prepared

for transmission.

The format is: 0HHMMSS

0 = One-digit filler character (zero)

HH = Hour (24 hour clock)

MM = Minutes SS = Seconds

For example, 02:37:00 P.M. would appear as: 0143700.

#### Field 15 STARS\_FILESEQ\_NB

Length of Field: 3 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 127-129

**Description:** This field contains the *STARS*<sup>1</sup> file sequence number, an American Express internal

identifier. If unused, this field is character space filled.

#### Field 16 FILLER

Length of Field: 1971 bytes

Field Type: Alphanumeric

Field Position: 130-2100

Description: This data field is restricted for future use and character space filled. Please refrain

from coding into your application as AXP reserves the right to make changes. Hard-

Coding to this field may result in file failures.

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# 4.0 Appendix

This section is composed of the following:

- 4.1 Inquiry & Chargeback Reason Codes
- 4.2 Julian Date Calendar Standard Year
- 4.3 Julian Date Calendar Leap Year (2012, 2016, 2020, etc.)

# 4.1 Inquiry & Chargeback Reason Codes

Code	Description
4507	Incorrect Transaction Amount or Account Number Presented
4512	Multiple Processing
4513	Credit Not Presented
4515	Paid through Other Means
4516	Request for Support Not Fulfilled
4517	Request for Support Illegible/Incomplete
4521	Invalid Authorization
4523	Unassigned C/M Account Number
4526	Missing Signature
4527	Missing Imprint
4530	Currency Discrepancy
4534	Multiple ROCs
4536	Late Presentment
4540	Card Not Present
4544	Cancellation of Recurring Goods/Services services
4553	Not as Described or defective merchandise
4554	Goods and Services Not Received
4750	Car Rental Charge in Dispute
4752	Credit/Debit Presentment Error
4754	Local Regulatory/Legal Dispute
4755	No Valid Authorization
4758	Expired/Not Yet valid card
4763	Fraud Full Recourse
4798	Fraud Liability Shift – Counterfeit
4799	Fraud Liability Shift – Lost / Stolen
6003	Chargeback Documentation
6006	Legal Request or Fraud Analysis
6008	C/M Requests Copy Bearing Signature (signed support)
6013	Repeat Documentation Request
6014	C/M Does not recognize Transaction or Transaction Amount
6016	C/M needs for personal records
6304	ATM Journal Roll/Audit Tape Request

Good Faith Codes	Description
6306	Outside Dispute Timeframes
6307	Pre-Compliance Request
6308	Processing Error
6309	Resubmit GF Request
6310	PSD Dispute – EU/EEA Only
6311	Other (Requires Comments)
6320	Duplicate Credit Processed
6321	Duplicate Debit Processed
6322	Promotional Program
6324	Bonus Plan

# 4.2 Julian Date Calendar — Standard Year

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