

Support Will End After October 2023 for Interim Transaction Identifier Issued in EEA and UK for PSD2 Regulatory Requirements Relative to MITs

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Overview: Visa has extended the waivers provided to European Economic Area (EEA) and UK acquirers for the use of an Interim Transaction Identifier. These waivers will now expire effective 31 October 2022. Non-compliance assessments will begin to accrue as of August 2022, and will be applicable for any use of the Interim Transaction Identifier as of 1 November 2022. Effective 31 October 2023, Visa will stop accepting the Interim Transaction Identifier in transaction messages.

Under the second Payment Services Directive (PSD2), strong customer authentication (SCA) is required on transactions in the European Economic Area (EEA) and the UK. Merchant-initiated transactions (MITs), which are sent when the cardholder is not available, must use Visa's MIT framework to indicate they are out of scope of the PSD2 SCA regulation.

As they were preparing to comply with the PSD2 regulation, several merchants were not yet able to correctly flag transactions using the MIT framework. Visa provided European acquirers with an Interim Transaction Identifier (under a waiver) to allow additional time for merchants' outstanding integration changes.

The Interim Transaction Identifier provided to acquirers in the EEA and UK is a Europe regional value, i.e., it may only be used for transactions initiating from acquiring Business Identification (BID) numbers in the EEA and the UK.

Mark Your Calendar:

- NCAs will begin to accrue for EEA and UK acquirers that continue to use the interim transaction ID **(August 2022)**
- NCAs will be applicable to EEA and UK acquirers that continue to use the interim transaction ID **(1 November 2022)**
- Visa will terminate use of the interim transaction ID in MIT transactions **(31 October 2023)**

Expiration of Interim Transaction Identifier in the EEA and UK

All interim identifier waivers in the EEA and UK that expired in October 2021 have been automatically extended under existing conditions stated in the waiver and are now set to expire on **31 October 2022**. Use of the Interim Transaction Identifier after this date will incur non-compliance assessments (NCAs). Visa will cease acceptance of the Interim Transaction Identifier in transactions starting **1 November 2023**.

Transitioning to the use of a valid transaction identifier in MITs is critical to maintain the data quality of these transactions and allows issuers to make better processing decisions on transactions initiated by the merchant, as it references a previous successful transaction.

NCA's will start to accrue in **August 2022** in accordance with the Visa Rules (ID#: 0000482), and will be applicable if a client continues to submit the Interim Transaction Identifier after **31 October 2022**. NCA's will continue to be applied monthly until compliance is achieved. The use of the Interim Transaction Identifier will be technically disabled in the Visa authorization system **effective 31 October 2023**. Acquirers (and their merchants) that currently have a waiver to use the Interim Transaction Identifier must start migrating to a valid transaction ID as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary SCA declines.

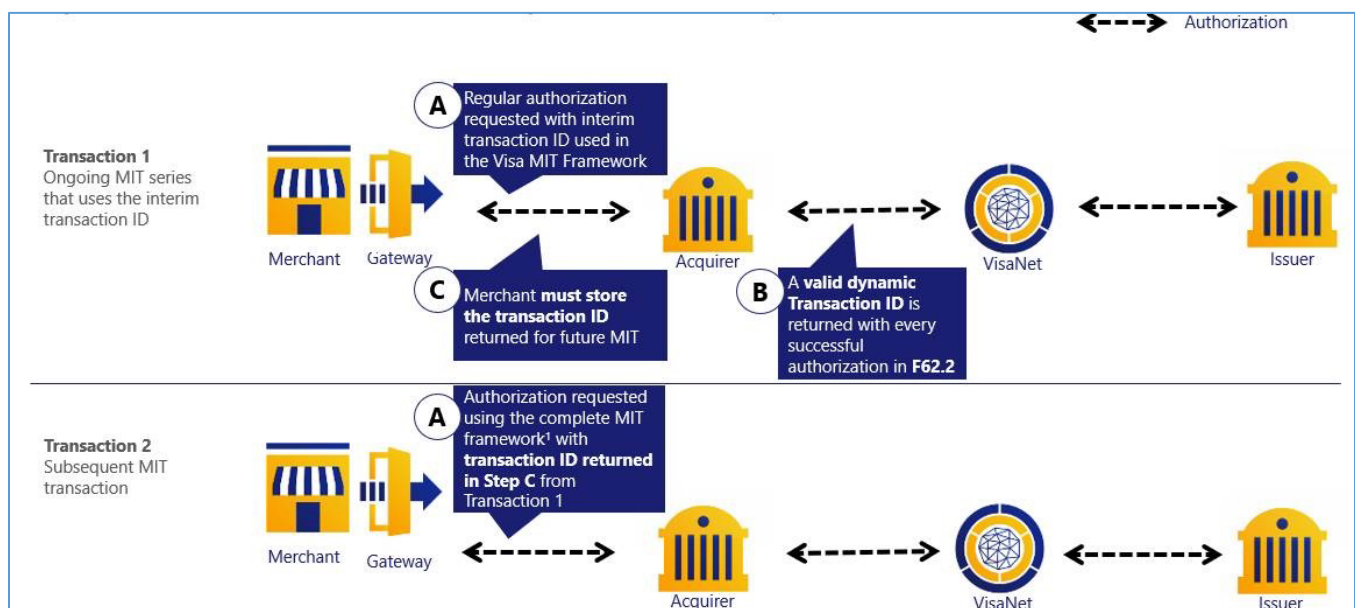
Acquirers must note that the EEA and UK-assigned values must not be used for transactions initiated from non-EEA and UK acquirer BIDs or in situations where the acquirer was not provided a waiver between 2019 and 2021.

MIT Framework and Migration from Interim Transaction Identifier

The Visa MIT framework defines eight distinct types of MITs and identifies each of these using two distinct identifiers:

- Transaction type: Depends on the transaction intent of the MIT
- Original Transaction Identifier (OTID) of the initial cardholder-initiated transaction (or previous MIT)

Below is guidance on how merchants can migrate from use of the Interim Transaction Identifier to a valid transaction ID. Merchants must work with their acquirers and gateways to capture a valid transaction ID returned in an authorization response so that it can be populated in the OTID¹ field for subsequent MITs. **Note:** Merchants must work with their acquirers (or gateways) to understand how the Visa MIT framework is made available through their implementation.



Issuers must continue to accept the Visa-assigned Interim Transaction Identifier at least until **October 2023** to ensure all acquirers / merchants have enough time to migrate to the use of a valid transaction ID.

¹ Acquirers may submit the OTID either in Field 62.2 or in Field 125 Usage 2 DS 03. Visa then forwards this OTID in Field 125 to the issuers that participate to receive Field 125.

Launch of the Network Merchant-Initiated Transaction Service

As previously announced, **effective 22 April 2022** Visa will launch the Visa Network Merchant-Initiated Transaction Service, which assists merchants and acquirers to manage the OTID requirements for processing MITs. Any merchant or acquirer still using an Interim Transaction Identifier to indicate transactions as MITs may consider the use of this service to enable their migration towards the use of valid transaction identifiers. Merchants that already follow the MIT framework may also consider this new service to optimize processing of MITs.

Notably for issuers, **effective 15 July 2022** Visa will implement changes to allow issuers to subscribe and receive value-added data associated with the OTID sent in MITs processed by the Network MIT Service. This value-added data can be used to specify the card validation and cardholder authentication result of the initial transaction associated with the OTID, if any validation or authentication was conducted with the associated transaction.

For more information about this service, clients should refer to "[Introduction of the Visa Network Merchant-Initiated Transaction Service](#)" in the 6 January 2022 edition of the *Visa Business News*, or contact their Visa representative. (Please note that this article excludes clients, processors and agents in India and Russia.)

Additional Resources

[Visa Rules Library](#) (Clients and processors only)

Refer to the following article in the [April 2022 and July 2022 VisaNet Business Enhancements Global Technical Letter and Implementation Guide, Effective: 16 December 2021](#):

- Article 4.3—Introduction of the New Visa Network Merchant-Initiated Transaction Service

Refer to the [Network MIT Service](#) section at Visa Online for more product information and related processing rules for Visa's MIT framework.

Note: For Visa Online resources, you will be prompted to log in.

For More Information

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