

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

Executive, Reminder

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DATE: January 29, 2002

TO: All Participants and Transfer Agents

CATEGORY: Executive Notices

FROM: John Weidman, Product Manager

ATTENTION: Managing Partner, Officers, Cashiers, Ops, Mgrs, IS Mgrs

SUBJECT: Enhancements to DWAC Function

Reminder:

In the Important Notice B# 2358, issued on October 02, 2001, DTC announced enhancements designed to facilitate and improve DWAC processing.

One of those enhancements was made to the DWAC CCF/CF2 file layouts. The following fields were added to aid in the comparison process for DWAC processing:

! **Manadatory data-fields for Participants Contact-Name and Phone Number** and an **optional** field for a reference number to the CCF/CF2 file, which can be submitted by participants. The Reference Number (26 characters in length) can be utilized between the participant, the issuer and the agent as a unique identification number for specific DWAC transactions. **The new function name for DWAC CCF files is DWAX and for CF2 is CF2DWX.** (For additional information and file formats please refer to the Important Notice referenced above.)

As previously stated in the Important Notice referenced above, participant will have until March 29, 2002 to make the required changes to convert to the new CCF/CF2 file formats. After March 29th DTC will no longer support or accommodate the old CCF/CF2 input file formats.

Participants should contact Ron Marsden of DTC's Participant Interface Planning Group at (212) 855-2697 to make the necessary arrangements for testing.

Participants may also direct questions regarding this Important Notice to their Participant Service Relationship Manager or the undersigned at (212) 855-5684.

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