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Request For Clarification Or Interpretation

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Clarification or interpretation request:

Standard 1.4.1 (the nomination dataset) has a data element called “Nominator’s Tracking Number”. In relevant part, its definition reads as follows: “This is created by the originator of the process. It is line item specific and is used by the originator of the process to tie quick response and scheduled volumes to nominations. It is not validated by the receiver of the process nor is it a key in the receiver of the process’ database”. The definition goes on to state that the receiver does not track this item “but merely echo[es] it back in the response document”. And finally, the definition goes on to state that this item is not to be added to the EBB’s.

The EDI dataset and the field chosen for the nominator’s tracking number is an 11 character Alphanumeric field.

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:

Part one: Can an originator place any character string up to 11 characters long into this field? And if so, shouldn’t the field name be more appropriately named Nominator’s Tracking ID?

It is our expectation that this field is for the sole use of the originator, is not validated or edited by the service provider, is only for EDI, is defined as an alphanumeric field in the EDI guide and therefore it is appropriate for an originator to place any character string, up to 11 characters in length into this field so that they may “tie quick response and scheduled volumes to nominations.”

If this is the finding of the interpretation subcommittee, we believe it would be more accurate to name the field “Nominator’s Tracking ID” in order to remove any ambiguity.