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	with other sections renumbered accordingly. Section 5.1 – Addition of 0624/0625 & 0634 messages. Changes to move to LIS5 2007-1: Section 1.7 – Updated to 2007-1. Section 4.1.2 – Addition of Card Acceptor Identification Code (bitmap ref. 042) as optional for Balance Enquiry (0100 & 0110). Section 4.1.2 – Point of Service Data (bitmap ref. 061), new subfield 13 (Area of Social Deprivation) set to 0, meaning Unknown. Sections 4.2.1 & 4.2.5 (Balance Enquiry) – Addition of optional Card Acceptor Identification Code (bitmap ref. 042). NBX will not generate this field. Other corrections, purely documentary: Section 3.4 – Sentence on Point of Service Condition Code (bitmap ref. 025) removed in line with change in 4.1.2 below. Section 4.1.2 – Point of Service Condition Code (bitmap ref. 025): Description amended to remove historic value 54 now that all NBX Counters have PIN Pads. Removed cross-references to this description as they are now irrelevant. Sections 4.1.2 & 4.2.9 – Removed the following unsupported (greyed-out) fields as they are not mentioned in any of the referenced LIS5 documents: Merchant Type (bitmap ref. 018); Acquiring Institution Country Code (bitmap ref. 019). Sections 4.2.1 – Bit Map Secondary: added missing condition “Required for ICC transactions”. Sections 4.2.1 & 4.2.5 (Balance Enquiry) – Removed erroneous inclusion of the following unsupported (greyed-out) fields: Amount, Cardholder Billing (bitmap ref. 006); Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing (bitmap ref. 010); Currency Code, Cardholder Billing (bitmap ref. 051). These should have been removed for LIS 2004-1 version 1.1. Sections 4.2.1 & 4.2.5 (Balance Enquiry) – Advice/Reversal Reason Code (bitmap ref. 060): added “and fallback” to align with Withdrawal/Deposit, as NBX behaviour is identical in all cases. AIS was previously inconsistent. Section 4.2.9 (Reversal Response) – Transmission Date and Time (bitmap ref. 007): Removed erroneous comment “Echoed from the 042x message”. Various sections – Card Acceptor Terminal Identification (bitmap ref. 041): corrected field name from ‘Identifier’. AIS was previously inconsistent. Miscellaneous: Changed Horizon Release to T40. Added new, temporary section on Issues.
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	Section 4.1.2 – Point of Service Data (bitmap ref. 061), subfield 12 (PIN capture capability): added value 0 if no PIN entry capability (i.e. for a deposit). Section 4.1.2 – Track 2 Data (bitmap ref. 035): added condition that it will not be present where card details have been manually entered.
2.1	Section 1.1 – Horizon Release updated to S80R. Section 1.7 – Updated to LIS5 2005-1. Sections 4.1.2, 4.2.1.2, 4.2.2.2, 4.2.3.2, 4.2.4.2, 4.2.5.2 and 4.2.6.2 – Application PAN Sequence Number (bitmap ref. 023): clarified that it is required for manually entered transactions only when the card's issue number has been captured. [FS Peak 110188, 110679] Sections 4.1.2 and 4.2.1.2 – Authorisation Data (bitmap ref 123): removed from 0100 message. [POL Incident 1153; FS Peak 108959] Section 4.1.2 – Point of Service Data (bitmap ref. 061), subfield 2 (Cardholder authentication capability): added value 0 (No electronic authentication) for deposits. [LINK MTPR 0292, 0295; POL Incident 1212; FS Peak 110150] Section 4.1.2 – Point of Service Data (bitmap ref. 061), subfield 3 (Card capture capability): changed to 0 (no capture) from 1 (capture). [LINK MTPR 0275; POL Incident 1159; FS Peak 108967] Section 4.2 – Corrected description of which bitmaps appear in the definitions. Section 4.2.4.2 (Balance Enquiry Response) – Clarified that, for a decline, the length of this field must be set to '000'. [POL Incident 1196] Section 4.2.7.2 (Reversal Request) – Added a note that NBX does not include any of the Optional fields.

Table 3: Changes in this Version

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Table 4: Key Contacts

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LIS5	2008-1 Vsn 1.7		LIS5 Switch Service Interchange Standard – LIS5 2008-1	LINK
	2004-1 Vsn 1.0		LINK Reconciliation File Specification (LREC) Standard Formats	LINK
SU/PLA/016	0.3		NB Volume Model Comparisons	Post Office
DES/NET/TIS/0008			VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION	Fujitsu
NB/IFS/033			Horizon – LINK Mapping	Post Office
	Vsn 5.6	Jan 2002	LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5 Security Standard)	LINK
NB/IFS/028			NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification	Post Office

Table 5: Associated Documents

Unless a specific version is referred to above, reference should be made to the current approved versions of the documents.


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2 Introduction

The purpose of this document is:

- To specify the interface between the NBS and LINK systems using LIS5.
- To provide the development teams with sufficient detail to develop the NBS - LINK interface.
- To provide a consistent communications vehicle amongst the development teams that have responsibility for developing the various components comprising the application.

2.1 Scope

This document applies to the interface between the NBS and LINK only. It includes only those financial transaction messages, network messages, reconciliation and settlement messages sufficient to support the financial services being delivered by Post Office Limited via the LINK systems.

2.2 Structure

This AIS document follows Post Office Limited's AIS standard.

Section 3 contains a high level overview of the NBS – LINK interface and its context.

Section 4 contains a detailed description of the messages to be exchanged, and the derivation and use of the exchanged data items. All data items exchanged are specified in LIS5.

Section 5 contains details of the data transfer.

Section 6 contains details of security of the exchanged data items. This section identifies the security needed for each data item (e.g. encryption) and details of the method to be used.

Section 7 contains any relevant details of operational procedures relating to the interface.

2.3 Terms and Abbreviations

Not used


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3 Overview of the Interface

3.1 Data Description

The following messages are exchanged over the NBS - LINK interface:

NBS Message Id	Description	Direction
[R3]	Authorisation / Financial Transaction Request: - balance enquiry (0100) - PIN change (0100) - withdrawal (0200) - deposit (0200) The only PIN management function supported by NBS is PIN Change (there is no support for PIN Unlock). Note: there is no separate message to LINK for withdrawal with balance. LINK will always return the balance to NBS if sent by the issuer.	NBS -> LINK
[A1]	Authorisation/Financial Transaction Request Response: - balance enquiry response (0110) - PIN change response (0110) - withdrawal response (0210) - deposit response (0210) Each of the above will have a response code that indicates approve or decline with reason and any required action (e.g. card retention).	LINK -> NBS
[E1]	Reversal Request: - reversal (0420) - reversal repeat (0421) - PIN management failure advice¹ (0624) - PIN management failure advice repeat (0625) Please note that the number of times the 0421 and 0625 message is sent is configurable within the NBS, up to a maximum of 9,999 times.	NBS -> LINK
[E2]	Reversal Request Response: - reversal response (0430) - PIN management failure advice response (0634)	LINK -> NBS

¹ Also referred to as 'PIN management failure notification' in LINK PIN Management Service (Ref [1]).


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0620	Administration Advice (0620) Administration advice messages (0620) are sent to/from LINK in order to initiate investigation of a problem by either LINK or the NBS	NBS	->	LINK
		LINK	->	NBS
0800	Network Management Request (0800): • Echo test (handshake) • Logon / Logoff • End of Day (cutover) • Security Key Change • Key Change Request • Online Key Verification	LINK	->	NBS
		NBS	->	LINK
0810	Network Management Request Response (0810)	NBS	->	LINK
		LINK	->	NBS
LREC	Reconciliation File (The Report/Standard file format will be used for the LREC file (Ref. [2]. The file transfer mechanism and conditions of transfer are described in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref. [4], which supersedes NBX – LINK Technical Interface Specification Ref [7]).	LINK	->	NBS


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3.2 Derivation and Use of Data

The messages listed above are generally exchanged as a result of a transaction initiated either by a clerk at a Post Office outlet or by LINK. The NBS acts as a message router, filtering messages based on business rules and transforming received messages into the appropriate format for forwarding to the next system in the message sequence.

The following table shows the derivation and use of each message exchanged between the NBS and LINK in terms of the received message that causes each NBS - LINK message to be exchanged, and the transmitted message resulting from the NBS - LINK message exchange:

Message Sequence						
Horizon Online Outlet		Horizon Online Campus		NBS		LINK
	[R1] →		[R2] →		0100/0200 [R3] →	
	← [A3]		← [A2]		← 0110/0210 [A1]	
[C0] →			[C2] →		0420/0421/ 0624/0625 [E1] →	
					← 0430/0634 [E2]	

The messages exchanged over this interface relating to end of day, reconciliation and settlement are initiated by LINK, and are neither derived from received messages nor used to generate onward messages.

Security key exchange messages are initiated by LINK or NBS and acknowledged by the other party. Either LINK may send a new AWK or NBS may request that LINK sends a new AWK. After a Logon initiated by either party LINK will send a new AWK. The connection type is Acquirer only. The following table shows the derivation and use of each security message exchanged between LINK and the NBS. See Ref. [6].


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Message Sequence						
Horizon Online Outlet		Horizon Online Campus		NBS		LINK
					←	0800 (Logon 061)
				0810	→	
					←	0800 (Key Change - Acquirer zone code 161)
				0810	→	
				0800 (Logon 071)	→	
					←	0810
					←	0800 (Key Change - Acquirer zone code 161)
				0810	→	
					←	0800 (Key Change - Acquirer zone code 161)
				0810	→	
				0800 (Key Change Request - Acquirer zone 181)	→	
					←	0810
					←	0800 (Key Change - Acquirer zone code 161)
				0810	→	
					←	0800 (Online Key Verification Acquirer ZMK code 199)
				0810	→	

Other 0800 messages may be initiated by either LINK or NBS (with the exception of the End of Day message, which is LINK initiated), and are acknowledged by a 0810 response from the other side.

The use of Handshakes is described in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7])).

All 0100 and 0200 messages sent out by NBS prior to sending the 0810 approved key change will have used the current AWK to encrypt the PIN Block. As soon as the 0810 approved response is transmitted, the new AWK becomes active so that all messages generated after its receipt use the new AWK to encrypt the PIN Block.

In the event that the Key Check Value received by NBS (with the AWK in the 0800 Key Change message) does not match the one created when testing the new AWK, NBS will return a 0810 denied response. Under

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these circumstances the new AWK will NOT be implemented and any subsequent transactions will continue to have the PIN Block encrypted using the current AWK.

When a new AWK is sent, LINK sets a timer flag which inhibits further key exchanges. This flag is unset enabling further key exchanges, after a configurable period (currently 2 minutes), if a key exchange is not received.

3.3 Non Computer Data

All data being transported across this interface is originated/received from a connected computer system or from reference data (supplied by the Post Office Limited RDS or held internally within the NBS).

3.4 Clarifications to LINK Standard

Transaction Amounts are likely to contain pence - they will not be rounded to whole pounds or ten's of pounds.

4 Data Items

4.1 Data Item List

4.1.1 General Message Element Definitions and Abbreviations

The following section summarises the list of LINK Message Elements for each group of transactions, together with which message(s) they are present in. Each message is classified and identified using the RAC (Request / Authorise / Confirm) model. Each message element references the corresponding ISO 8583 bitmap position.

The ISO 8583 bit map reference has been included for ease of reference.

The abbreviations used to describe the format of each data element (DE) and Data Sub-elements are shown in the following table (taken from the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]):

Notation	Explanation
a	Alphabetic characters only (upper case)
n	Numeric Digits only
s	Special characters
an	Alphabetic (upper case) or Numeric characters
as	Alphabetic (upper case) or Special characters
ns	Numeric or Special characters
ans	Alphabetic (upper case), Numeric or Special characters only
DD	Day
MM	Month
YY	Year
hh	Hour
mm	Minutes
ss	Seconds
LL	Length of variable field that follows represented using two characters
LLL	Length of variable field that follows represented using three characters
VAR	Variable length field
3	Fixed length field (e.g. 3 characters in this example)
.. 10	Variable length field (e.g. up to a maximum of 10 characters in this example). LL or LLL to indicate the actual length of the field will prefix all variable length fields.
h	hexadecimal representation of the data
z	tracks 2 and 3 data as defined by ISO 7811 and ISO 7813

The Field Size column gives the number of characters (octets) required for the data item, as shown in the table below.

Abbreviation	Description
3	Fixed Length field. Numeric fixed length fields are right justified and zero padded. Fixed length string fields are left justified and space padded.
.. 10	Variable length field (up to a maximum of 10 characters in this example).

Notes:

- Fixed length numeric fields are unpacked, right justified and zero filled.
- Fixed length alphanumeric fields are left justified and space filled.

The “Required” column indicates whether the field is Mandatory or Conditional for the messages defined in this AIS. For conditional fields, the field description should indicate under what circumstances the data for the field should be populated or omitted from the message.

The “Description” column contains a brief description of the field, as used in the messages defined in this AIS together with any additional comments.

The LINK and NBS Servers both use the ASCII English character set (CCSID = 437).


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4.1.2 Messages Data Elements

The LIS5 Data Elements exchanged within messages over this interface are listed below. A fuller description is given in the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]). The ICC data elements are represented from the 3rd bitmap on this interface.

A greyed out row in the following tables means that the field is not required and may not be populated in messages from NBS to LINK. The NBS will log any such fields received from LINK but will not process them further.

The values for 'Required' in the columns relating to PIN Management messages specifically reflect the values for PIN Change transactions.

LIS5 Data Element	Bitmap Ref.	Format	Field Size	Source	Description	Required										0620	0800	0810
						[R3] 0100 BEnq	[R3] 0100 PIN	[R3] 0200	[A1] 0110 BEnq	[A1] 0110 PIN	[A1] 0210	[E1] 0420 /0421	[E1] 0624 /0625	[E2] 0430	[E2] 0634			
Account Identification 1	102	ans LLVAR	.. 28	Issuer	NBS does not pass Account Identification 1 field to the counter systems				M		M	M						
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	n LLVAR	.. 11	NBS from Ref Data	Code identifying the Acquirer (Post Office Limited). Set to 2200040000 preceded by a length indicator of 10.	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M			
Additional Amounts	054	an LLLVAR	.. 120	Bank	Identifies account balance value (included by LINK if provided by bank)				M		C							
Additional Response Data	044	ans LLVAR	.. 25	Bank	Not appropriate to messages passed on this interface.													


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Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	an LLLVAR	.. 9	NBS	Required for Advice, Reversal/PIN Failure and ICC transactions. Used in request messages from ICC capable terminals to indicate Status of Last Chip Read attempted and to provide Cryptogram Information Data Magnetic stripe cards <i>Reversal & PIN Failure Requests (0420/0421 & 0624/0625 messages):</i> Bytes 1-2 are set to 80 Bytes 3-4 give a reason for the reversal. Remaining bytes are not transmitted ICC cards <i>[R3] Requests (0100/0200 messages):</i> Bytes 1-2 are set to 30 Byte 3 is Status of Last Chip Attempt Bytes 4-5 is Cryptogram Information Data <i>Fallback [R3] Requests (0100/0200 messages):</i> Bytes 1-2 are set to 30 Byte 3 is Status of Last Chip Attempt (value 2) Bytes 4-5 is Cryptogram Information Data (value C0) <i>Reversal & PIN Failure Requests (0420/0421 & 0624/0625 messages):</i> Bytes 1-2 are set to B0 Bytes 3-4 give a reason for the reversal Byte 5 is Status of Last Chip Attempt Bytes 6-7 is Cryptogram Information Data See Appendix A for Reversal/PIN Failure Reasons	C	C	C				M	M					
Amount, Cardholder Billing	006	n	12		Not appropriate to messages passed on this interface – foreign currency transactions are not supported by NBS.													
Amount, Transaction	004	n	12	Clerk at Outlet	Decimal amount in smallest unit of the specified currency (e.g. GBP pence) Not required for balance enquiry.			M			M	M		M				
Amount, Transaction Fee	028	an	9		Post Office Limited will not apply Acquirer charges (format annnnnnnn)													
Amount, Transaction Processing Fee	030	an	9	Bank	Issuer charge. This field will not be returned by LINK in a LINK denied transaction (format annnnnnnn).						C							
Application Interchange Profile (AIP)	138	h	4	ICC	From ICC, indicating capability to support specific functions in application	C	C	C				O	O					



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Application PAN Sequence Number	023	n	3	Clerk at Outlet	Identifies and differentiates cards with the same PAN Required for ICC transactions, or if the card's issue number has been manually entered. Acquirer decision as to whether sent in the reversal message (0420/0421 & 0624/0625) – copied from original transaction. Required in 0430 if present in 0420/0421 & 0624/0625.	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	O	C	C			
Application Transaction Counter (ATC)	137	h	4	ICC	A sequence number (counter) calculated by the ICC and passed to the terminal application. Acquirer decision as to whether sent in the reversal message (0420/0421 & 0624/0625) – copied from original transaction. Required in 0430 & 0634 if present in 0420/0421 & 0624/0625.	C	C	C	C	C	C	O	O	C	C			
Authorisation Data	123	ans LLLVAR	.. 255	Clerk at Outlet	Sub-Fields 1-12, 15, 16, 19-37 do not apply. Sub-Field 13 contains the new PIN for a PIN Change, omitted otherwise. Format of Sub-Field 13 is: h 16 Sub-Field 14 contains the Issuer Script Result for a PIN Change Reversal, or 0000 if timed out waiting for the PIN Change Response. Otherwise omitted. Format of Sub-Field 14 is: h .. 12 Sub-Field 17 contains number and value of cheque deposit if applicable. Number of cheques will be set by NBS to 001. Format of sub field 17 is: n 15 Position 1-3 Number of cheques (001 for NBS) Position 4-15 Value of cheques (in the smallest unit of transaction currency) Sub-Field 18 Bilateral Discretionary Data must contain Start Date of card where one exists and the card details have been manually entered. Format of Sub-Field 18 is: ans .. 99		M	C				C	M					
Authorisation Identification Response	038	an	6		Not required for NBS transactions - POS Transactions Only													
Authorisation Response Data	121	ans LLLVAR	.. 255		Not required for NBS transactions - used for Cheque Clearance Date. This could be returned by an issuer to state when cheque funds will clear. NBS must be able to accept this, but will log only.													


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Authorising Agent Institution Id Code	113	n LLVAR	.. 11	Bank	Institution approving or declining the transaction				M	M	M							
Bit Map Secondary	001	h	16	NBS from system	Indicates presence of data elements in a message in range 065 to 128. This data element may be omitted if no elements in range 065 to 128 are contained in message	C	M	C	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Bit Map Tertiary	065	h	16	NBS from system	Required for ICC based transactions (i.e. data elements in range 129 to 192)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042	ans	15	NBS from system	Where required, NBS will populate with the Post Office Short Name (see Ref. [5] from Reference Data, left justified and space filled. NBS will omit it for Balance Enquiries		M	M				M	M					
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	ans	40	NBS from Ref Data	First 40 characters of outlet address in format: 01-23 first 23 characters of ADDRESS 1 24-38 first 15 characters of City (= first 15 characters of ADDRESS 4) 39-40 GB Note: this field can be sent to LINK in mixed case (except GB which must be in upper case)	M	M	M				M	M					
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	ans	8	Outlet from system	Comprises 6 digit outlet id (group_id) + 2 digit terminal id (node_id)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M					
Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing	010	n	8		Not required - foreign currency transactions are not supported by NBS.													
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	h	16	ICC	Computed by ICC for on-line application	C	C	C				O	O					
Cryptogram Amount	147	n	12	ICC	Transaction amount used by ICC in generating cryptogram	C	C	C				O	O					
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	n	3	ICC	Contains transaction currency code used by ICC in generating cryptogram for an ICC transaction	C	C	C				O	O					
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	n	2	ICC	Contains transaction type used by ICC in generating the cryptogram for an ICC transaction	C	C	C				O	O	O				
Currency Code, Cardholder Billing	051	an	3		Not required - foreign currency transactions are not supported by NBS													
Currency Code, Transaction	049	an	3	Clerk at outlet	Only 826 (GBP) will be accepted by LINK initially. NBS will translate GBP code received from Counters to 826 (using ISO 4217 standard) for LINK. Other values may be added to Currency Code CPF Table if required at a later date, and will be translated in the same way.	M		M	M		M	M		M				
Date, Expiration	014	YYMM	4	Clerk at Outlet	May be required where the card data is manually entered, determined by the reference data at the counter. This will only be for deposits	C		C				C						



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Date, Local Transaction	013	MMDD	4	Outlet from System	As printed on receipt, transaction request date in Local Time	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M			
Date, Settlement	015	MMDD	4	NBS, then LINK	NBS sets in request to Acquirer's settlement date, LINK sets in response to Switch settlement date. The reversal message will contain the original, NBS set Settlement Date.	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M			
File Name	101	ans	17		Not appropriate to messages passed on this interface.													
File Update Code	091	an	1		Not appropriate to messages passed on this interface.													
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033	n LLVAR	.. 11		Not required, since NBS is an Acquirer only													
Info Text	124	ans LLLVAR	.. 255	Sender	Contains up to first 255 bytes of the message rejected by the sender (either NBS or LINK)											M		
Issuer Application Data	134	h LLVAR	.. 64	ICC	Unique ICC related card data for card scheme (LINK)	C	C	C				O	O					
Issuer Authentication Data	139	h LLVAR	.. 32	Issuer	A value computed by the Issuer to allow the ICC to authenticate the issuer returning the response. Comprises two sub-fields: ■ Sub-field 1 - ARPC (format h16) – must be included in a response to a message where the ARQC has been verified successfully by the Issuer ■ Sub-field 2 - Optional Data (format .. h16)				C	C	C							
Issuer Script	142	h LLLVAR	.. 255	Issuer	Contains commands for transmission to ICC from Issuer				O	C	O							
Issuer Trace Id	126	ans LLLVAR	6	Issuer	Issuer specified transaction identifier. Note: The field is FIXED length 6 but with the var field header ie LLLnnnnnn				M	M	M	M	M	M	M			
Message Authentication Code	064	h	16		Not currently supported by LINK													
Message Authentication Code	128	h	16		Not appropriate to messages passed on this interface.													
Message Security Code	096	ans	8	Sender	Password to network management requests. Value set = 435TT (both directions)												C	


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Network Management Information	125	ans LLLVAR	.. 60	Sender	Additional information required for key change and key verification: ■ Positions 01-32 - 32 byte working key ■ Positions 33-38 - check value ■ Positions 39-60 - Spaces (optional)													C		
Network Management Information Code	070	n	3		Codes to be used for 0800/0810 messages are defined in section 4.2.14.													M	M	M
Original Data Elements	090	n	42	NBS	Positions 1-4 will be set to the message type identifier of the original transaction: • 0200 for 0420/0421/0430 • 0100 for 0624/0625/0634 Remaining positions are zero filled								M	M	M	M				
PIN Data	052	h	16	Outlet from customer	Customer PIN Entered by customer & encrypted using ISO 9564-1 Format 0 as defined in ANSI X9.8. Not supplied for verification by signature or deposit transactions (as no PIN authentication of the customer is undertaken).	C	M	C												
Point of Service Condition Code	025	n	2	Outlet	Will be set to 55 to indicate ICC Capable Branch ATM.	M	M	M					M	M						



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Point of Service Data	061	ans	40	NBS	Subfield 1 will be set to: 8 – Mag. stripe & key entry (counter not ICC enabled) 9 – Mag. stripe, ICC & key entry (counter ICC enabled) Subfield 2 will be set to: 1 – PIN, 0 – No electronic authentication (<i>assumed for deposit</i>) Subfield 3 will be set to 0 – No capture Subfield 4 will be set to 1 – On premises of card acceptor, attended, Subfields 5 and 6 will be set to 01 – Cardholder present, card present, Subfield 7 will be set to: 2 – Magnetic stripe, 5 – ICC, 6 – Manual Entry Subfield 8 will be set to 1 – PIN, 0 – No PIN (if deposit transaction) Subfield 9 will be set to 3 (Authorising agent = issuer) for PIN, 0 (No authentication) if not PIN (i.e. for a deposit) Subfield 10 = 1 (none) or 3 (ICC) Subfield 11 = 0 (unknown – mixed print & display capability, over time) Subfield 12 = C (pin capture length is up to 12 – h/w capability, usage is likely to be 4 digits only) if PIN entry capability, 0 if no PIN entry capability (i.e. for a deposit). Subfield 13 = 0 (unknown / not located in an area of social deprivation) Subfield 14 is set to 7 spaces (reserved for future use) Subfield 15 is the postal code from the outlet details, padded to 10 characters. If not supplied by the counter, then space filled Subfield 16 is set to 10 spaces (reserved for future use)	M	M	M					M	M								
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Point of Service Entry Mode	022	n	3	Outlet from system	Digits 1-2 will be: 01 (Manual entry) 05 (ICC) 90 (Mag Stripe, Track 2 read and fully transmitted, includes downgraded ICC cards) Digit 3 will be: 1 (PIN entry capability) 2 (No PIN entry capability) - <i>assumed for deposit</i>	M	M	M				M	M					
Point of Service PIN Capture Code	026	n	2		Not appropriate to messages passed on this interface - POS Transactions Only													
Primary Account Number	002	n LLVAR	.. 19	Outlet from card/Clerk at Outlet	Read from ICC for an ICC transaction, read from Track 2 data if card swiped, entered by the clerk when card details manually entered. [Identifies particular card, customer account or relationship]	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M					
Processing Code	003	n	6	NBS	NBS will set digits 1 and 2 to 01 for Withdrawal 31 for Balance Enquiry 21 for cash deposit 24 for cheque deposit 90 for PIN Change. Digits 3 to 6 will be set to zero (default). All 6 digits passed by NBS and LINK.	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M				
Replacement Amounts	095	an	42		Not required - partial reversals not supported by NBS													
Response Code	039	an	2		Code indicating transaction step outcome. Source dependent on transaction type.				M	M	M	M		M	M			M
Retrieval Reference Number ²	037	an	12	NBS	Additional transaction identifier, assigned by NBS. It will be unique for a terminal ID, at least within 10 years. Digits 01-04 set to date (YDDD) Digits 05-06 set to 00 Digits 07-12 set to a 6 digit cycling number generated at each counter	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M				

² Fields Systems Trace Audit Number (011), Time Local Transaction (012), Retrieval Reference Number (037) and Card Acceptor Terminal Identification (041) are used to uniquely identify transactions


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Systems Trace Audit Number	011	n	6	NBS	Transaction identifier, assigned by NBS within the request, and included in all subsequent messages relating to that transaction ([A1] response and [E1] / [E2] reversal messages).	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Terminal Capability Profile	130	h	6	Outlet	Required for ICC transactions - indicates card data input, CVM and security capabilities of terminal	C	C	C				O	O					
Terminal Country Code	145	n	3	Outlet	Country Code (ISO value) of terminal carrying out ICC transaction – value = 826	C	C	C				O	O					
Terminal Serial Number	133	an	8	Outlet	Unique and permanent identification number of chip terminal	O	O	O				O	O					
Terminal Transaction Date	146	n	6	Outlet	Contains transaction date in format YYMMDD used by ICC in generating the cryptogram for ICC transaction	C	C	C				O	O					
Terminal Verification Results (TVR)	131	h	10	Outlet	Status of different ICC functions as seen from terminal	C	C	C				O	O					
Time, Local Transaction	012	n	6	Outlet from System	As printed on receipt, transaction request time in Local Time in format hhmmss	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M			
Track 2 Data	035	z LLVAR	.. 37	Outlet from card	Track 2 image. Will not be present where card details have been manually entered.	C	C	C				³	C					
Transmission Date and Time	007	n	10	Sender	Date and time of transmission of the message (not carried forward from previous messages), expressed in GMT or BST as appropriate. Format MMDDhhmmss	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Unpredictable Number	132	h	8	Generated by terminal	Value providing variability and uniqueness to generation of the application cryptogram for an ICC transaction	C	C	C				O	O					

³ Field Track 2 Data (035) is no longer to be sent in [E1] messages (0420/0421)

4.2 Data Interpretations

This section contains the definition of each message type to be sent over this interface. The Message Element column lists those elements required for the message by Horizon Online name, and relates to list in Section 4.1.

The Required column in the message definition tables within this section contain the following codes:

Code	Meaning
M	The element is mandatory and must be present in this message
C	The element is conditional for this message, and the condition to be applied is stated in the Conditions column. If the condition is true, the element must be present in the message, otherwise the element must not be present in the message. It should be noted that the receiving system may not be able to assess whether the condition has been met, in which case it must be able to interpret the presence or non-presence of the element according to appropriate business rules.
O	Optional (see Message Definitions below for specific rules)

The Conditions column lists the conditions for inclusion of a conditional message element; inclusion of the element may depend on details of the transaction type, or simply whether the data is available to the sending system.

The message definitions given in the sections below do not include primary bitmaps. Primary, secondary and tertiary bitmaps will be used as required by the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]).

It is essential that developers of this interface also refer to the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]) and the Horizon Online - LINK Mapping document, (Ref. [5]) for further details of data derivation and use.

A greyed out row in the following tables means that the field is not required and may not be populated in messages from NBS to LINK. The NBS will log any such fields received from LINK but will not process them further.


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4.2.1 [R3] - Balance Enquiry

4.2.1.1 Overview

This message is sent by the NBS to LINK. The message requests a balance enquiry transaction.

The [R3] Balance Enquiry message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0100 - Balance Enquiry

4.2.1.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	C	Required for ICC transactions
Primary Account Number	002	M	
Processing Code	003	M	310000 for Balance Enquiry
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	
Date, Expiration	014	C	Required for manually key entered balance enquiry transaction
Date, Settlement	015	M	Acquirer's settlement date
Point of Service Entry Mode	022	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Application PAN Sequence Number	023	C	Required for ICC transactions, or if the card's issue number has been manually entered
Point of Service Condition Code	025	M	
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required
Track 2 Data	035	C	Will not be present where card details manually entered.
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for contents of the field
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042		Not sent to LINK by NBS
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	M	
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	
PIN Data	052	C	Required if PIN used
Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	C	Required for ICC and fallback transactions
Point of Service Data	061	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Message Authentication Code	064		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation.
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Capability Profile	130	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Verification Results	131	C	Required for ICC transactions
Unpredictable Number	132	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Serial Number	133	O	Optional for ICC transaction - to be inserted if available
Issuer Application Data	134	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Interchange Profile	138	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Country Code	145	C	Req'd for ICC transactions – see 4.1.2 for value
Terminal Transaction Date	146	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Amount	147	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	C	Required for ICC transactions
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.2 [R3] - PIN Change Request

4.2.2.1 Overview

This message is sent by the NBS to LINK. The message requests a PIN Change transaction.

The [R3] PIN Change message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0100 - PIN Management Authorisation Request

4.2.2.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	
Processing Code	003	M	900000 for PIN Change
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	
Date, Settlement	015	M	Acquirer's settlement date
Point of Service Entry Mode	022	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Application PAN Sequence Number	023	C	Required for ICC transactions, or if the card's issue number has been manually entered
Point of Service Condition Code	025	M	
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required
Track 2 Data	035	C	Will not be present where card details manually entered
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for contents of the field
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042	M	
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	M	
PIN Data	052	M	Contains the old PIN
Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	C	Required for ICC and fallback transactions
Point of Service Data	061	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Message Authentication Code	064		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Authorisation Data	123	M	
Sub-field 13: New PIN		M	
Sub-field 14: Issuer Script Result			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 17: Cheque Deposit Details			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 18: Bilateral Discretionary Data		C	
Terminal Capability Profile	130	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Verification Results	131	C	Required for ICC transactions
Unpredictable Number	132	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Serial Number	133	O	Optional for ICC transaction - to be inserted if available
Issuer Application Data	134	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Interchange Profile	138	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Country Code	145	C	Req'd for ICC transactions – see 4.1.2 for value
Terminal Transaction Date	146	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Amount	147	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	C	Required for ICC transactions
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.3 [R3] - Financial Transaction Request - Withdrawal

4.2.3.1 Overview

This message is sent by the NBS to LINK. The message requests a withdrawal transaction.

The [R3] Financial Transaction Request message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0200 - Financial Transaction Request.

4.2.3.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	C	Required for ICC transactions
Primary Account Number	002	M	
Processing Code	003	M	010000 for Financial Transaction
Amount, Transaction	004	M	
Amount, Cardholder Billing	006		Not required
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing	010		Not required
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	
Date, Expiration	014	C	Not required
Date, Settlement	015	M	Acquirer's settlement date
Point of Service Entry Mode	022	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Required for ICC transactions, or if the card's issue number has been manually entered
Point of Service Condition Code	025	M	
Amount, Transaction Fee	028		Not required - acquirer charge will not be used
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required.
Track 2 Data	035	C	Will not be present where card details manually entered.
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Please refer to 4.1.2. for contents of the field
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042	M	
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	M	
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	
Currency Code, Cardholder Billing	051		Not required
PIN Data	052	C	Required if PIN used
Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	C	Required for ICC and fallback transactions
Point of Service Data	061	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Message Authentication Code	064		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation.
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Authorisation Data	123	C	Required if any sub-field present
Sub-field 13: New PIN			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 14: Issuer Script Result			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 17: Cheque Deposit Details			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 18: Bilateral Discretionary Data		C	Required if start date of card exists and card details are manually entered
Terminal Capability Profile	130	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Verification Results	131	C	Required for ICC transactions
Unpredictable Number	132	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Serial Number	133	O	Optional for ICC transaction
Issuer Application Data	134	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Interchange Profile	138	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	C	Required for ICC transactions

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Terminal Country Code	145	C	Req'd for ICC transactions – see 4.1.2 for value
Terminal Transaction Date	146	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Amount	147	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	C	Required for ICC transactions
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.4 [R3] - Financial Transaction Request - Deposit

4.2.4.1 Overview

This message is sent by the NBS to LINK. The message details a cash deposit or cheque deposit request. Mixed deposits ie cash and cheque in one transaction will not be supported on this interface.

The [R3] Financial Transaction Request message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0200 - Financial Transaction Request

4.2.4.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	C	Required for ICC transactions
Primary Account Number	002	M	
Processing Code	003	M	210000 for cash deposit 240000 for cheque deposit
Amount, Transaction	004	M	
Amount, Cardholder Billing	006		Not required
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing	010		Not required
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	
Date, Expiration	014	C	Required for manually key entered deposit transaction
Date, Settlement	015	M	Acquirer's settlement date
Point of Service Entry Mode	022	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Application PAN Sequence Number	023	C	Required for ICC transactions, or if the card's issue number has been manually entered
Point of Service Condition Code	025	M	
Amount, Transaction Fee	028		Not required - acquirer charge will not be used
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required.
Track 2 Data	035	C	Will not be present where card details manually entered.
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for contents of the field
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042	M	
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	M	
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	
Currency Code, Cardholder Billing	051		Not required
PIN Data	052		Not required for deposit transactions
Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	C	Required for ICC transactions and fallback transactions
Point of Service Data	061	M	Please refer to 4.1.2 for values
Message Authentication Code	064		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation.
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Authorisation Data	123	C	Required if any sub-field present
Sub-field 13: New PIN			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 14: Issuer Script Result			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 17: Cheque Deposit Details		C	Required for cheque deposit. Contains 1 for cheque deposit (number of cheques) and value of transaction inserted
Sub-field 18: Bilateral Discretionary Data		C	Required if start date of card exists and card details are manually entered
Terminal Capability Profile	130	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Verification Results	131	C	Required for ICC transactions
Unpredictable Number	132	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Serial Number	133	O	Optional for ICC transaction – to be inserted if available

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Issuer Application Data	134	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Application Interchange Profile	138	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	C	Required for ICC transactions
Terminal Country Code	145	C	Req'd for ICC transactions – see 4.1.2 for value
Terminal Transaction Date	146	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Amount	147	C	Required for ICC transactions
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	C	Required for ICC transactions
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.5 [A1] - Balance Enquiry Response

4.2.5.1 Overview

This message is sent by LINK to the NBS. The message contains a balance enquiry response.

The [A1] Balance Enquiry Response message maps to the following LINK messages:

- 0110 - Balance Enquiry Response

4.2.5.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	Echoed from the request message
Processing Code	003	M	Echoed from the request message
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the request message
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Settlement	015	M	Switch settlement date
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Echoed from the request message if present
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Echoed from the request message
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required because not in request.
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Echoed from the request message
Response Code	039	M	
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	Echoed from the request message
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042		Not required because omitted in request message
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	Echoed from the request message
Additional Amounts	054	M	For a decline, the length of this field must be set to '000'
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Account Identification 1	102	M	Not used by NBS
Authorising Agent Institution Id Code	113	M	
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	
Message Authentication Code	128		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation.
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Issuer Authentication Data	139	C	Required for ICC transactions (omitted if cannot be generated)
Issuer Script	142	O	At Issuer's discretion
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.6 [A1] - PIN Change Response

4.2.6.1 Overview

This message is sent by LINK to the NBS. The message contains the response for a PIN Change Request.

The [A1] PIN Change Response message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0110 - PIN Management Authorisation Response

4.2.6.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	Echoed from the request message
Processing Code	003	M	Echoed from the request message
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the request message
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Settlement	015	M	Switch settlement date
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Echoed from the request message if present
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Echoed from the request message
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required because not in request
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Echoed from the request message
Response Code	039	M	
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	Echoed from the request message
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Authorising Agent Institution Id Code	113	M	
Authorisation Response Data	121		Not required in NBS implementation
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	
Message Authentication Code	128		Not to be sent by LINK for this implementation
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Issuer Authentication Data	139	C	Required for ICC transactions (omitted if cannot be generated)
Issuer Script	142	C	Required for approved PIN Change if appropriate for the IC card (e.g. card with offline PIN). May be present for denied transactions
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.7 [A1] - Financial Transaction Request Response - Withdrawal

4.2.7.1 Overview

This message is sent by LINK to the NBS. The message contains a withdrawal request response.

The [A1] Financial Transaction Request Response message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0210 - Financial Transaction Request Response.

Note that LINK will never return a partial authorisation.

4.2.7.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	Echoed from the request message
Processing Code	003	M	Echoed from the request message
Amount, Transaction	004	M	Echoed from the request message
Amount, Cardholder Billing	006		Not required
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing	010		Not required
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the request message
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Settlement	015	M	Switch settlement date
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Echoed from the request message if present
Amount, Transaction Processing Fee	030	C	Field will not be returned by LINK in a LINK denied transaction.
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Echoed from the request message
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required because not in request.
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Echoed from the request message
Response Code	039	M	
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	Echoed from the request message
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	Echoed from the request message
Currency Code, Cardholder Billing	051		Not required
Additional Amounts	054	C	Required if available from issuer
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Account Identification 1	102	M	Not used by NBS
Authorising Agent Institution Id Code	113	M	
Authorisation Response Data	121		Not required in NBS implementation
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	
Message Authentication Code	128		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation.
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Issuer Authentication Data	139	C	Required for ICC transactions (omitted if cannot be generated)
Issuer Script	142	O	At Issuer's discretion
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.8 [A1] - Financial Transaction Request Response - Deposit

4.2.8.1 Overview

This message is sent by LINK to the NBS. The message contains a deposit request response.

The [A1] Financial Transaction Request Response message maps to the following LINK message:

- 0210 - Financial Transaction Request Response.

Note that LINK will never return a partial authorisation.

4.2.8.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	Echoed from the request message
Processing Code	003	M	Echoed from the request message
Amount, Transaction	004	M	Echoed from the request message
Amount, Cardholder Billing	006		Not required
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing	010		Not required
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the request message
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Echoed from the request message
Date, Settlement	015	M	Switch settlement date
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Echoed from the request message if present
Amount, Transaction Processing Fee	030	C	Field will not be returned by LINK in a LINK denied transaction.
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Echoed from the request message
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required because not in request.
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Echoed from the request message
Response Code	039	M	
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	Echoed from the request message
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	Echoed from the request message
Currency Code, Cardholder Billing	051		Not required
Additional Amounts	054	C	Required if available from issuer
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Account Identification 1	102	M	Not used by NBS
Authorising Agent Institution Id Code	113	M	
Authorisation Response Data	121		Not used in the NBS implementation
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	
Message Authentication Code	128		Not to be sent to LINK for this implementation.
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions
Issuer Authentication Data	139	C	Required for ICC transactions (omitted if cannot be generated)
Issuer Script	142	O	At Issuer's discretion
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.9 [E1] - Reversal Request – Financial Transaction

4.2.9.1 Overview

This message is sent by the NBS to LINK when a financial transaction that has been processed by the issuer needs to be reversed.

The [E1] message maps to the following LINK messages:

- 0420 - Reversal Request
- 0421 - Reversal Repeat.

A Reversal Request [E1] can only be generated when the [A1] message to be reversed can be mapped against a [R3] request.

Reversal Requests may be sent up to a (configurable) period, initially set to 5 days, after the original transaction to which it refers.

Note that partial reversals are not supported over this interface.

4.2.9.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	
Processing Code	003	M	Copied from the [A1]
Amount, Transaction	004	M	
Amount, Cardholder Billing	006		Not required
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing	010		Not required
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	
Date, Expiration	014	C	Required if present on original transaction. Copied from original transaction
Date, Settlement	015	M	Copied from the [R3]
Point of Service Entry Mode	022	M	
Application PAN Sequence Number	023	C	Required if present on original transaction
Point of Service Condition Code	025	M	
Amount, Transaction Fee	028		Not required - acquirer charge will not be used
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required
Track 2 Data	035		Not required
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	
Authorisation Identification Response	038		Not required
Response Code	039	M	Copied from the [A1]
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042	M	
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	M	
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	
Currency Code, Cardholder Billing	051		Not required
Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	M	
Point of Service Data	061	M	
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions if any of the optional fields included
Original Data Elements	090	M	
Replacement Amounts	095		Not required
Account Identification 1	102	M	


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Authorisation Response Data	121		Not used in the NBS implementation
Authorisation Data	123	C	Required if present on original transaction. Copied from original transaction
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	
Terminal Capability Profile	130	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Verification Results	131	O	Optional for ICC transactions. This should contain the latest TVR which may be different to that in the original request. If the latest TVR is unavailable, the value in the original request should be used
Unpredictable Number	132	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Serial Number	133	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Issuer Application Data	134	O	Optional for ICC transactions. This should contain the latest IAD which may be different to that in the original request. If the latest IAD is unavailable, the value in the original request should be used
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	O	Optional for ICC transactions. This should contain the ARQC from the 2 nd Gen. AC command or if unavailable, the ARQC from the 1 st Gen. AC command
Application Transaction Counter	137	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Application Interchange Profile	138	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Country Code	145	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Transaction Date	146	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Cryptogram Amount	147	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation

Note: NBS does not include any of the Optional fields.

Note: Track 2 is no longer to be sent on 0420 and 0421 messages.


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4.2.10 [E1] - Reversal Request - PIN Change

4.2.10.1 Overview

This message is sent by the NBS to LINK when a PIN Change that has been processed by the issuer needs to be reversed due to:

- NBS timing out waiting for the response to the original [R3] PIN Change Authorisation Request
- Counter has failed to successfully change the offline PIN

The [E1] message for a PIN Change reversal maps to the following LINK messages:

- 0624 - PIN Management Failure Advice
- 0625 - PIN Management Failure Advice Repeat.

Reversal Requests may be sent up to a (configurable) period, initially set to 5 days, after the original transaction to which it refers.

Note that partial reversals are not supported over this interface.

4.2.10.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Primary Account Number	002	M	Copied from original transaction, i.e. the [R3]
Processing Code	003	M	Copied from original transaction
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Copied from original transaction
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Copied from original transaction
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Copied from original transaction
Date, Settlement	015	M	Copied from original transaction
Point of Service Entry Mode	022	M	Copied from original transaction
Application PAN Sequence Number	023	O	Optional. NBS will generate it if present on original transaction
Point of Service Condition Code	025	M	Copied from original transaction
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Copied from original transaction
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required
Track 2 Data	035	C	Required if present on original transaction
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Copied from original transaction
Card Acceptor Terminal Identification	041	M	Copied from original transaction
Card Acceptor Identification Code	042	M	Copied from original transaction
Card Acceptor Name / Location	043	M	Copied from original transaction
Advice / Reversal Reason Code	060	M	
Point of Service Data	061	M	Copied from original transaction
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions if any of the optional fields included
Original Data Elements	090	M	
Authorisation Data	123	M	
Sub-field 13: New PIN			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 14: Issuer Script Result		M	Please refer to 4.1.2. for contents of the sub-field
Sub-field 17: Cheque Deposit Details			Omitted, not for this transaction type
Sub-field 18: Bilateral Discretionary Data		C	Required if present on original transaction. Copied from original transaction
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	Copied from the [A1], or 000000 if timed out waiting for the [A1]


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Terminal Capability Profile	130	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Verification Results	131	O	Optional for ICC transactions. This should contain the latest TVR which may be different to that in the original request. If the latest TVR is unavailable, the value in the original request should be used
Unpredictable Number	132	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Serial Number	133	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Issuer Application Data	134	O	Optional for ICC transactions. This should contain the latest IAD which may be different to that in the original request. If the latest IAD is unavailable, the value in the original request should be used
Cryptogram (ARQC)	136	O	Optional for ICC transactions. This should contain the ARQC from the 2 nd Gen. AC command or if unavailable, the ARQC from the 1 st Gen. AC command
Application Transaction Counter	137	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Application Interchange Profile	138	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Country Code	145	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Terminal Transaction Date	146	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Cryptogram Amount	147	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Cryptogram Currency Code	148	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation

Note: NBS does not include any of the Optional fields.


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4.2.11 [E2] - Reversal Request Response – Financial Transaction

4.2.11.1 Overview

This message is sent by LINK to the NBS in response to an 0420/0421 reversal request from the NBS.

The [E2] message maps to the LINK message 0430.

4.2.11.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Processing Code	003	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Amount, Transaction	004	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Date, Settlement	015	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Required if present on original transaction
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Response Code	039	M	
Currency Code, Transaction	049	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required for ICC transactions
Original Data Elements	090	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Replacement Amounts	095		Not required
Authorisation Response Data	121		Not required
Authorisation Data	123		Not required
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	Echoed from the 042x message.
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions if present in reversal request. Copied from request
Cryptogram Transaction Type	144	O	Optional for ICC transactions. Copied from original transaction
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation


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4.2.12 [E2] - Reversal Request Response – PIN Change

4.2.12.1 Overview

This message is sent by LINK to the NBS in response to an 0624/0625 PIN Management Failure Advice request from the NBS.

The [E2] message for a PIN Change reversal maps to the following LINK message:

- 0634 - PIN Management Failure Advice Response

4.2.12.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Processing Code	003	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Time, Local Transaction	012	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Date, Local Transaction	013	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Date, Settlement	015	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Application PAN Sequence	023	C	Required if present on 0624/0625 message. Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Acquiring Institution Identification Code	032	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Forwarding Institution Identification Code	033		Not required
Retrieval Reference Number	037	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Response Code	039	M	
Bit Map Tertiary	065	C	Required if ICC fields present
Original Data Elements	090	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Issuer Trace Id	126	M	Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Application Transaction Counter	137	C	Required for ICC transactions if present in reversal request. Echoed from the 0624/0625 message
Message Authentication Code	192		Not required in this implementation

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4.2.13 Administration Advice (0620)

4.2.13.1 Overview

Administration advice messages are sent to/from LINK in order to initiate investigation of a problem by either LINK or the NBS.

The Administration advice message maps to LINK message 0620.

4.2.13.2 Message Definition

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	
Network Management Information Code	070	M	Set to be 900
Info Text	124	M	


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4.2.14 Network Management Messages (0800 / 0810)

The following Network Management Messages will be exchanged between LINK and the NBS:

- 0800 - Network Management Request Message
- 0810 - Network Management Response Message

They are used for the following purposes (followed by associated Network Management Information Code):

- Sign On, acquirer, LINK initiated (061)
- Sign On, acquirer, NBS initiated (071)
- Sign Off, acquirer, LINK initiated (062)
- Sign Off, acquirer, NBS initiated (072)
- End of Day, Acquirer from LINK (261)
- Handshake, Acquirer from LINK (361)
- Handshake, Acquirer from NBS (371)
- Key Change - Acquirer Zone from LINK (161)
- Key Change Request - Acquirer Zone from NBS (181)
- Online Key Verification Acquirer ZMK from LINK (199)

The usage, sequence and inter-relation between these and other message is defined in the body of the document "LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5)"(Ref. [1]) and in Appendix C1 of the "LIS5 Security Standard" section of that document under Network Management Option 2 (Ref. [6]).

4.2.14.1 Network Management Request (0800)

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Set for this transaction – a new STAN is used when a 0800 message is repeated
Network Management Information Code	070	M	Values will depend on message purpose, as described above.
Message Security Code	096	C	Required for key change, key verification, logon and logoff
Network Management Information	125	C	Required for key change and key verification

4.2.14.2 Network Management Request Response (0810)

Message Element	Bitmap Reference	Required	Notes / Conditions
Bit Map Secondary	001	M	
Transmission Date and Time	007	M	
Systems Trace Audit Number	011	M	Echoed from the 0800
Response Code	039	M	
Network Management Information Code	070	M	This is echoed from the 0800 received message.



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4.2.15 LREC – Reconciliation File

The LREC reconciliation file which is sent from LINK to the NBS is in accordance with the LINK Reconciliation File Specification (LREC) Standard Formats, (Ref. [2]). The file transfer mechanism and conditions of transfer are described in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7])).

5 Transfer Structure

5.1 Transfer Grouping

The following figure shows the end to end message sequences, using the RACE (Request / Authorise / Confirm / Exception) model, for all application messages between the NBS and the LINK Switch. No knowledge is assumed of the interface between LINK and its member financial institutions.

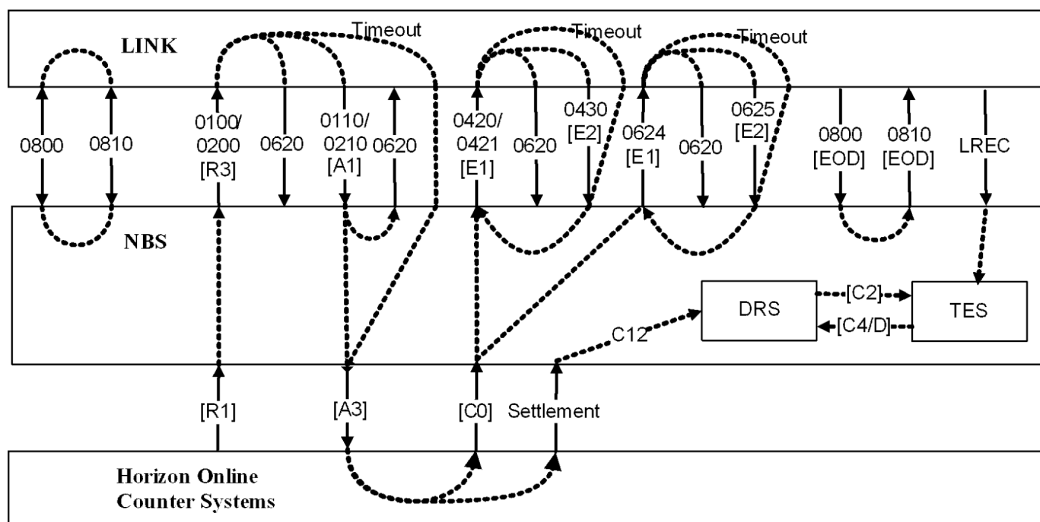


Figure 1 - LINK Message Flows in the Network Banking Environment

A 0620 message may be issued by the NBS in response to all messages from LINK (for simplicity, only one such flow is shown on the diagrams).

Reversals for Financial Transactions (0420 messages) are not sent from NBS to LINK unless and until an approved response (0210 message) has been received from LINK. Repeat Reversals (0421) are only sent in the event that the prior 0420 (or 0421) reversal messages have not had a response processed at the NBS.

Reversals for PIN Change Transactions (0624 messages) sent from NBS to LINK need not wait for the receipt of a response (0110 message) from LINK. An 0624 is sent when NBS times out the receipt of the 0110 from LINK. Repeat Reversals (0625) are only sent in the event that the prior 0624 (or 0625) reversal messages have not had a response processed at the NBS.

Each incoming request is time-stamped as it is received by LINK. The settlement day in which the transaction will be processed will depend on whether the transaction was time-stamped before or after LINK transmitted the 0800 cut-over message (irrespective of whether a subsequent 0810 message was received).

The interface should be resilient to the transfer of duplicate messages; in practice, however, this should only happen after failure and recovery of either end of the interface.

LINK will not validate transmission date and time in messages against the date and time that messages are received.

The interface details are also described in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7]))



5.2 Transfer Structure

The messages defined in this AIS will be exchanged in accordance with Section 3 of the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]), which describes the use of Message Type Identifier, Bit Map and Data Elements in the message structure. Note that the messages exchanged over this interface use the third bit map for the ICC data elements.

Messages for one transaction may be interleaved with messages for any other transaction.

5.3 Record Structure

The record structure for the messages defined in this AIS is as described in the LIS5 Interchange Standard, Reference (Ref. [1]). The details are not repeated here.

The record structure for the LREC file passed over this interface is described in LINK Reconciliation File Specification (LREC) Standard Format, (Ref. [2]). The details are not repeated here.

5.4 Sequences

Figure 1 above (see Section 5.1) shows the end to end message sequences of all the messages supported by this AIS, from the PO Outlet to the issuing financial institution. Further detail relating specifically to the NBS - LINK connection can be found in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7])). The interface must be resilient to the disconnection or loss of any part of the total network banking environment for short or extended periods.

5.5 Data Volumes

Data Rates and Volumes over this interface are addressed through the NB Volume Model Comparisons, (Ref. [3]).

5.6 Data Authentication

For this implementation, Message Authentication Codes (MACs) will not be included in the messages sent between the NBS and LINK.

5.7 Data Dictionary

The Data Elements used on this interface are defined and described within Appendix G of the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]).



6 Security of Transmitted Data

The security standards for the LINK-NBS interface are described in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7])).

6.1 Protected Data

PIN blocks that pass across the interface from NBS to LINK are encrypted under an Acquirer Working Key (AWK). This key is used in the LINK – NBS shared security zone. PIN Block encryption is translated from internal keys to protection under this shared key using a hardware encryption module. The PIN blocks are never rendered in clear outside the hardware module.

Acquirer Working Keys are exchanged electronically under a Acquirer Zone Master Key (AZMK) shared between NBS and LINK. The AZMK is generated and owned by the NBS. The AWK is owned and generated by LINK.

6.2 Encryption and Decryption Methods

PIN Block and Acquirer Working Key transmission is protected by Triple DES double length keys, 112bit plus key check data.

All data transmitted on communication lines between the NBS and LINK is encrypted using Line Encryption Units. LINK is responsible for the Line Encryption Units at both ends of the communication line.

6.3 Session Establishment

Sessions Establishment can be initiated by LINK or NBS. Initial Logon messages exchanges are followed by transmission by LINK to NBS of a new AWK with a key check value protected by encryption under the shared current AZMK.

NBS verifies the key and acknowledges it to LINK. All PIN Block data is protected by this AWK until the session ends or the AWK is renewed.

6.4 Key Management

Key ownership is described in section 5.3 of the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7])). LINK - NBS Zone Management Keys are managed by the Horizon Online Key Management System with manual processes.

According to local manual processes the NBS staff will:

- Generate three new AZMK components
- Transfer the AZMK components onto secure stationery
- Key components will contain
 - A key identifier (visible)
 - A key generation date (visible)
 - A component number (visible)

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- 32 hex characters in eight groups of four characters – component plus check data (hidden)
- Provide a Key Manager Key Check value
- Load the keys into the Horizon Online Key Management System

The Key Management System:

- Activates keys for use by Horizon Online Agents, which manage the TCP/IP connections to LINK.

Keys component documents must be stored and transported separately and securely.

The LINK – NBS AZMK is renewed every six months by this manual procedure. The AZMK, having been produced as described above, is securely transported, manually, to LINK. It is expected that the resulting online key verification message sequence would be preceded by telephone co-ordination. If this online key verification procedure is successful, it is followed by the manual promotion of the AZMK, where the Next AZMK becomes the Current AZMK. It is recommended that after promotion of the keys, an Operator issue a command to drive an AWK Key change request sequence, in order to test that the verified AZMK has been promoted by both parties.

LINK requires more than one Processor Interface (PI) to support the transaction throughput for the NBS. For this configuration each PI will be configured to support one TCP/IP socket connection. A logical session will be initiated by a logon, and data for that session will flow over the socket connection belonging to that PI (see Ref. [5] for further details). Each PI generates a LINK-NBS Acquirer Working Key (AWK) which it sends to NBS for validation. This AWK, if validated by the NBS, is used by both socket connections between NBS and the PI that generated it. Logical sessions for a different PI will use the AWK generated by that PI. All LINK PIs will protect their AWK in transit to NBS by encryption using the same AZMK, during its six months of currency.

The AWKs are changed under the following conditions (note that it is not necessary to change the AWKs as soon as the AZMK is changed).

- Every 24 hours where the session remains active (an AWK may be changed at a set (configurable) clock time and will remain valid until it is changed)
- At session initiation by either party
- On receipt by LINK of a 6th consecutive invalid PIN block on a session
- When either a NBS or LINK operator requests a key change.

Load balancing between the PIs will be performed by the NBS ensuring that the appropriate AWK for the PI is used for PIN block translation.

There may be a short outage at the FI (typically up to 90 seconds) while the manual process for changing the AZMK is under way.

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7 Operational Procedures

7.1 Processing Cycles

This interface relates to online message exchange to support real time financial transactions, and to the daily transmission from LINK of the LREC file.

A transaction, which is subsequently discarded, must be logged after receipt, prior to being discarded

7.2 Transfer Initiation

All transfers defined in this AIS are automatic.

7.3 Security Procedures

Manual Procedures are required to support the above key management protocol, as described in Section 6 above.

7.4 Fallback Procedures

Fallback procedures are described in the VocaLink - HNG-X TECHNICAL INTERFACE SPECIFICATION (Ref [4] which supersedes NBS – LINK Technical Interface Specification (Ref. [7])).

Each system is responsible for its own recovery after failure. Restoration of the interface and the disposal of stale messages (other than “must deliver” messages) is expected to be automatic. 0100, 0200, 0110 and 0210 ([R] and [A]), 0620 and 0800 messages awaiting transmission at the time of failure can safely be discarded, as the integrity of the transaction is protected by timeouts.

The only messages categorised as “must deliver” are Network Management (0800) and Reversal Request (0420/0421) messages - see Section 6 of the LINK Switch Service Interchange Standard (LIS5), (Ref. [1]). Sign On, Sign Off, Key Change, Key Change Request and Online Key Verification 0800 messages are “must deliver” but do not have to survive across processes when moving from active to standby sites.

Handshake 0800 messages are sent every few minutes anyway (which is sufficient).

End of Day 0800 messages are “must deliver” but note that LINK will send the message just once. Whether or not LINK receives a response, LINK will cut over to the next Settlement Day and create LREC files accordingly. LINK will not send another End of Day message on a PI for which no response was received.

Reversal Request 0420/0421 messages are “must deliver” messages and do have to survive when moving from active to standby sites.

7.5 Downgrade Transactions

A ‘Downgrade’ transaction is one where an IC Card has been used at an ICC enabled terminal, but the card issuer has advised, via POL reference data (dependent upon IIN), that the card must not be processed as ICC. The on-line message will be formatted as a standard magnetic stripe transaction.

Nothing, apart from the Track 2 Service Code in the on-line LIS5 Message sent to LINK, will indicate that an IC Card was used.

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Note that in the case of a Downgrade transaction, data must not be used from the IC, but that normal procedures must be followed as for magnetic stripe cards.

7.6 Control

The interface must be resilient to duplicate messages, which may occur after recovery of any element in the system, but are not otherwise expected to occur.

Lost or discarded messages are handled by timeout processing at every stage of the message sequence, to ensure that incomplete transactions are declined if unauthorised or reversed if authorised.

The NBS will log events affecting this interface (e.g. response indicating receipt by LINK of an invalid PIN block) to an Event Log. These events will be managed by Tivoli for escalation to the relevant Help Desk, as appropriate to the code associated with the event.



8 Appendix A

8.1 Response Codes and Reversal Codes

These are defined in the document Horizon – LINK Mapping (Ref. [5]).

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