



EDItX XML transaction document formats

BOOK TRADE CREDIT NOTE FORMAT

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This document describes the EDItX trade Credit Note transaction format. A complete specification of the format includes this document and the corresponding XML schema, which is available from the EDItEUR website at the address below. This document provides sufficient detail of the format to understand its overall structure, content and intended use. In some areas of fine detail the format is fully specified only in the schema.

Schema download address: [Credit Note Version 1.0 \(ZIP\)](#)

Version 1.0 of the EDItX Credit Note format is intended to be used by a publisher or publisher's distributor to send credit notes to a wholesaler or retailer, or by a wholesaler to send credit notes to a retailer, where delivery is made in bulk to a trade warehouse or retail store, or direct to a consumer on the retailer's behalf ("CDF" or consumer direct fulfilment).

Note that this format is not to be used for sending debit notes. A separate format for debit notes will be developed if required.

Correction made February 2014:

Page 2 Footnote 2 added, clarifying the meaning of 'R' (repeatable) in right-hand column.

We invite user comments on this specification and the associated XML schema, and suggestions for improvement for future releases. In the USA, please send comments by email to the [BISAC Supply Chain EDI Committee](#). In the UK and the rest of the world, please send comments by email to [EDItEUR](#).

BOOK TRADE CREDIT NOTE

Document name and version

Credit Note Version 1.0	<CreditNote version="1.0">
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Header

	Element	M ¹	CreditNote.Header.	
1	Credit note number	M	CreditNoteNumber	
2	Document date/time: the date/time when the report was generated. Permitted formats are: YYYYMMDD YYYYMMDDTHHMM YYYYMMDDTHHMMZ (universal time) YYYYMMDDTHHMM±HHMM (time zone) where "T" represents itself, ie letter T	M	IssueDateTime	
3	Document type Credit note (recognised as original for accounting and tax purposes) Copy credit note (for electronic processing only); the original (paper) invoice remains authoritative	D	DocumentType <i>CreditNote</i> <i>CopyCreditNote</i>	
3	Document references (repeatable) Reference type Invoice reference (when the whole credit note refers to a single invoice) Invoice tax point date Buyer's order reference (when the whole credit note refers to a single order) Seller's order reference (when the whole invoice refers to a single order) Ship notice / despatch advice reference Returns authorization reference Contract reference Promotion or deal reference Reference Reference date YYYYMMDD. A date or date-time may be included, but not both. Reference date-time YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS	D M D D D	ReferenceCoded. ReferenceTypeCode ³ <i>InvoiceReference</i> <i>InvoiceTaxPointDate</i> <i>BuyersOrderReference</i> <i>SellersOrderReference</i> <i>ASNReference</i> <i>ReturnsAuthorizationReference</i> <i>ContractReference</i> <i>PromotionOrDealReference</i> ReferenceNumber ReferenceDate ReferenceDateTime	R ²
4	Document function New document sent for the first time Copy of a document previously sent Document sent for test purposes only	M	PurposeCode <i>Original</i> <i>Duplicate</i> <i>Test</i>	
5	Invoice currency Values: ISO 4217 currency codes	D	CurrencyCode	
6	Country code: ISO 3166-1 country code. If the currency is legal tender in more than one country, used to indicate the price details are specific to that country	D	CountryCode	
7	Credit note dates (repeatable) Date YYYYMMDD Date qualifier code Tax point date (required in VAT credit notes even when the same as the Credit Note Date)	D M M	DateCoded. Date DateQualifierCode <i>TaxPointDate</i>	R

¹ In the third column "M" means mandatory and "D" means dependent.

² In the right-hand column "R" means that the element may be repeated.

³ Purchase order references do not appear in the header. They may be carried either at the start of the Detail element, or within each line item.

Line item detail

	Element	M	CreditNote.ItemDetail.	R
1	Line item number: a sequence number starting at 1 in each document.	M	LineNumber	
2	Product identifier (repeatable). Mandatory unless the line item relates to an additional charge or additional allowance at the order or invoice level. Product ID type – values <i>ISBN (10-digit)</i> , <i>EAN13 (use also for ISBN-13)</i> , <i>UPC</i> , <i>ISMN</i> , <i>GTIN14</i> , <i>SKU</i> , <i>Seller</i> (use for a supplier-defined product ID), <i>Buyer</i> (use for a customer-defined product ID), <i>Proprietary</i> (use for a third-party proprietary scheme, which must be named in the element IDTypeName). Name of proprietary product ID scheme. Mandatory if the scheme is 'Proprietary'. Product number	D M D M	ProductID. ProductIDType IDTypeName Identifier	R
3	Item description (not usually sent in trade orders) Author/title etc as a single element	D M	ItemDescription. TitleDetail	
4	Item Related Party; used where the ordered item can only be fully identified with reference to some third party, e.g. an importer or bankrupt stock owner Related party role (code list to be defined) Main identifier (<i>SAN</i> , <i>EAN</i> , <i>VKNR</i> , <i>NBSN</i>) Additional identifiers, eg VAT number Party name Address Communication details (phone, fax etc) Contacts Country where located. Must be specified when needed for tax purposes.	D D M D D D D D D	ItemRelatedParty. PartyRole PartyID AdditionalPartyID PartyName PostalAddress CommunicationDetails ContactPerson CountryCode	R R R R
5	Quantity credited. Mandatory unless the line item relates to an additional charge or additional allowance at the invoice level	D	CreditedQuantity	
6	Line item references (repeatable) Reference type Invoice reference Invoice tax point date Invoice order line reference (when invoice items are grouped by buyer's order) Invoice line reference (when invoice items are not grouped by buyer's order) Buyer's order reference (when the invoice includes line items from different orders) Buyer's unique order line reference Seller's order reference End customer order reference (if item is required by the buyer to meet a specific customer order) Seller's representative order reference Ship notice / despatch advice reference Returns authorization reference Contract reference Promotion or deal reference Reference Reference date YYYYMMDD A date or date-time may be included, but not both. Reference date-time YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS	D M D	ReferenceCoded. ReferenceTypeCode <i>InvoiceReference</i> <i>InvoiceTaxPointDate</i> <i>InvoiceOrderLineReference</i> <i>InvoiceLineReference</i> <i>BuyersOrderReference</i> <i>BuyersOrderLineReference</i> <i>SellersOrderReference</i> <i>CustomerOrderReference</i> <i>RepOrderReference</i> <i>ASNReference</i> <i>ReturnsAuthorizationReference</i> <i>ContractReference</i> <i>PromotionOrDealReference</i> ReferenceNumber ReferenceDate ReferenceDateTime	R

Line item detail (continued)

	Element	D	CreditNote.ItemDetail.	R
7	Credit value details for each unit Unit credit amount after discounts, excluding tax Currency: ISO 4217 currency codes Country code: ISO 3166-1 country code. If the currency is legal tender in more than one country, used to indicate the price details are specific to that country Tax (in countries where tax must be accounted for; repeatable for mixed-rate items) Tax type – values <i>GST, VAT</i> Tax rate code Tax rate percent Taxable amount of line total (for mixed-rate items only) Tax amount	D M D D D M D D D D	CreditDetail. MonetaryAmount CurrencyCode CountryCode Tax. TaxTypeCode TaxRateCode Percent AmountTaxable TaxAmount	R
8	Additional charge made in association with this item, as invoiced previously, to be credited Charge type: Shipping charge Gift wrapping charge Other charge – see description Charge type description Charge reference (repeatable composite) Charge amount excluding tax (required only if tax must be accounted for) Tax on additional charge (in countries where tax must be accounted for) (non-repeating) Tax type – values <i>GST, VAT</i> Tax rate code Tax rate percent Tax amount Charge amount Currency: ISO 4217 currency codes Country code: ISO 3166-1 country code. If the currency is legal tender in more than one country, used to indicate the charge details are specific to that country	D M D D D D M D D D M D D	AdditionalCharge. ChargeTypeCode <i>Shipping</i> <i>GiftWrapping</i> <i>Other</i> ChargeTypeDescription ReferenceCoded ChargeAmountExcludingTax Tax. TaxTypeCode TaxRateCode Percent TaxAmount ChargeAmount CurrencyCode CountryCode	R

Line item detail (continued)

	Element	D	CreditNote.ItemDetail.	R
9	Allowance made in association with this item, as invoiced previously, to be deducted	D	AdditionalAllowance.	R
	Allowance type:	M	AllowanceTypeCode	
	Other allowance – see description		Other	
	Allowance type description	D	AllowanceTypeDescription	
	Allowance reference (repeatable composite)	D	ReferenceCoded	R
	Allowance amount excluding tax (required only if tax must be accounted for)	D	AllowanceAmountExcludingTax	
	Tax on additional allowance (in countries where tax must be accounted for) (non-repeating)	D	Tax.	
	Tax type – values GST, VAT	M	TaxTypeCode	
	Tax rate code	D	TaxRateCode	
	Tax rate percent	D	Percent	
	Tax amount	D	TaxAmount	
	Allowance amount	M	AllowanceAmount	
	Currency: ISO 4217 currency codes	D	CurrencyCode	
	Country code: ISO 3166-1 country code.	D	CountryCode	
	If the currency is legal tender in more than one country, used to indicate the charge details are specific to that country			
8	Reason for credit – see Table 1 for list of code values	M	CreditReason	
9	Total credit amount after discounts, excluding tax	D	LineTotalExcludingTax	
10	Message required at line item level (absence of this element means “no message required”) (repeatable). The specified message is to be included in all documents relating to the credit note line.	D	Message	R
	Message type: code string values defined by trading partner agreement	M	MessageType	
	Message content (repeatable)	M	MessageLine	R

Trailer

	Element	M	CreditNote.Summary.	R
1	Number of line items	M	NumberOfLines	
2	Sum of credited quantities – all lines	D	UnitsCredited	
3	Credit Note total excluding tax (in countries where tax must be accounted for)	D	TotalExcludingTax	
4	Credit Note total tax (in countries where tax must be accounted for)	D	TotalTax	
5	Credit Note total	M	TotalCredited	
4	Credit Note tax summary (repeatable for each tax type and rate occurring in the invoice, in countries where tax must be accounted for)	D	Tax.	R
	Tax type	M	TaxTypeCode	
	Tax rate code	D	TaxRateCode	
	Tax rate percent	D	Percent	
	Total amount taxable at this rate	D	AmountTaxable	
	Total amount of tax at this rate	D	TaxAmount	

Table 1: Reason for credit code values

The code values in this list are derived from the existing Tradacoms code list used in the UK.

Code value	Notes
<i>OrderDuplicatedByBuyer</i>	TRADACOMS ANA List 13 code 02
<i>OrderDuplicatedBySupplier</i>	02
<i>IncorrectISBNQuotedBySupplier</i>	03
<i>RepOrderError</i>	03
<i>SubstituteNotAccepted</i>	05
<i>DamagedInTransit</i>	08
<i>LostInTransit</i>	09
<i>DiscountAdjustment</i>	16
<i>PriceAdjustment</i>	17
<i>InspectionCopyRetainedFreeOfCharge</i>	27
<i>DiscountAppliedRetrospectively</i>	29
<i>PromotionalCouponsReturned</i>	30
<i>ReturnableContainers</i>	31
<i>ChargedInError</i>	33
<i>ShortDelivery</i>	38
<i>SuppliedInError</i>	39
<i>NotDelivered</i>	40
<i>OrderCancelledByBuyer</i>	42
<i>CreditForDeliveryCharge</i>	43
<i>CreditForImperfectCopies</i>	44
<i>RecalledByPublisher</i>	46
<i>OrderCanceledDueToCardPaymentCheck</i>	47
<i>StockUnavailable</i>	48
<i>AuthorizedReturn</i>	49