



**Agency Questionnaire 2007 on
Treasury Account Symbol-Business Event Type Code (TAS-BETC)
For Secure Payment System (SPS)**

BACKGROUND:

Individual Payment – Information about an individual payment (check or electronic), such as payee name, SSN/TIN, address (or bank routing number and account), payment amount.

Schedule/Certification– A document (almost always via the FMS Secure Payment System (SPS)) in which a duly designated Certifying Officer (CO) at the Federal Program Agency certifies that a related set of payments is proper for payment. Certification data includes, but may not be limited to, the CO name, Agency Location Code (ALC), total dollar amount, total number of payments and Treasury Account Symbol (TAS). Under SPS, a Data Entry Operator creates the schedule and the CO certifies the schedule.

Type A Schedules – Regular Check, Manual Check, Automated Clearing House (ACH)/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Same Day Payment Schedules are Type A schedules where up to 60 individual payments and the summary information are on the certified schedule itself that you submit to FMS through SPS.

Type B Schedules – A Summary Schedule is a certification in which only the summary-level information such as is listed under “Schedule/Certification”, above, is on the certified schedule itself. Individual check and/or ACH payment information is transmitted to the Financial Management Service (FMS) in a bulk file over a separate computer-to-computer connection.

Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) – An 8-component, 24-position unique alphanumeric code assigned by the Department of Treasury and entered on the certification by the certifying agency to indicate receipt, appropriation and other fund account symbols. (The TAS format is published on the Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) website under the Common Governmentwide Accounting Classification Structure (CGAC) http://www.fsio.gov/fsio/download/cgac/CGAC_Structure_Report_07-31-07.doc and on the Government-wide Accounting (GWA) website under the GWA TAS factsheet Attachment B – Component-based GWA TAS for Payment and Collection systems - http://www.fms.treas.gov/gwa/factsheet_tas.html. Each TAS must be accompanied by the BETC. (See Figure 1 – TAS Showing Eight Components)

TAS Showing Eight Components				
Field Name (Abbreviation)	Size	Format	Description	Format/Validations
Sub-level Prefix Code (SP)	2	CC	The Sub-level Prefix (if populated) is a programmatic breakdown of the account for Treasury publication purposes.	If Sub-level Prefix does not apply, it shall be blank/spaces/empty. If Sub-level Prefix applies, it shall be 00-99.
Allocation Transfer Agency Identifier (ATA)	3	CCC	The Agency Identifier of the agency receiving funds through an allocation transfer.	If Allocation Transfer Agency Identifier does not apply, it shall be blank/spaces/empty. If Allocation Transfer Agency Identifier does apply, it shall be 000-999. Current 2 Allocation Transfer Agency Identifier shall be right justified and zero filled. (ex. Allocation Transfer Agency Identifier 75 = 075)
Agency Identifier (AID)	3	CCC	Agency Identifier of account owner. Used in conjunction with the main account code, the Agency Identifier represents the department, agency or establishment of the U.S. Government that is responsible for the TAS.	Value Required. Shall be 000-999. Current 2 digit Agency Identifier will be right justified and zero filled. (ex. Agency Identifier 20 = 020)
Beginning Period of Availability (BPOA)	4	CCCC	In annual and multi-year funds, identifies the first year of availability under law that an appropriation account may incur new obligations.	4 digit year shall be (0000-9999). If single/annual year account, it shall be the same value as the Ending Period of Availability. Value not applicable for no-year "X" accounts, clearing/suspense "F" accounts, merged surplus "M" accounts, central summary general ledger "A" accounts, and unavailable receipt accounts, it shall be blank/spaces/empty.
Ending Period of Availability (EPOA)	4	CCCC	In annual and multi-year funds, identifies the last year of funds availability under law that an appropriation account may incur new obligations.	4 digit year shall be (0000-9999). Value not applicable for no-year "X" accounts, clearing/suspense "F" accounts, merged surplus "M" accounts, central summary general ledger "A" accounts, and unavailable receipt accounts, it shall be blank/spaces/empty.
Availability Type Code (A)	1	C	Identifies no-year accounts "X", clearing/suspense accounts "F", Treasury's central summary general ledger accounts "A", and merged-surplus accounts "M".	Value not applicable for single/annual year accounts, multiyear accounts, or unavailable receipt accounts – it shall be blank/space/empty.
Main Account Code (MAIN)	4	CCCC	Identifies the type and purpose of the fund.	Value Required. Shall be "0000-9999".
Sub-Account Code (SUB)	3	CCC	Identifies and available receipt or other Treasury-defined subdivision of the main account.	Value Required. Shall be "000-999".

Format of "C" indicates Character – From FMS GWA Website for Component Based GWA TAS for Payments & Collections
Figure 1 – TAS Showing Eight Components

Business Event Type Code (BETC) – A 1 to 8-character code to indicate the type of activity being reported, such as payments, collections, borrowings, etc. This code must accompany the TAS and the dollar amounts in order to classify the transaction against the fund balance with Treasury. (Ex. DISB = disbursement)

The account symbol string used today will not be valid when entering GWA Component TAS-BETCs for Treasury disbursed payments; therefore, please see GWA and Shared Accounting Module (SAM) websites for a better understanding of what valid payment GWA Component TAS-BETCs are.

BEFORE GWA COMPONENT TAS-BETC:

Example of a current account symbol string format
12-164/70174
(01)20-11X0074

Figure 2 - Example of a Current Account Symbol String Format (Before GWA Component TAS-BETC)

AFTER GWA COMPONENT TAS-BETC:

Examples of GWA TAS Components and BETC in Payment and Collection Systems								
TAS								BETC
SP	ATA	AID	BPOA	EPOA	A	MAIN	SUB	
	012	016	2004	2007		0174	000	DISB
01	020	011			X	0074	000	DISB

Figure 3 - Examples of GWA TAS Components and BETC in Payment and Collection Systems – From GWA Website

The user will be guided in SPS through the process of selecting only valid payment GWA component TAS-BETCs.

WEBSITES:

Government-wide Accounting (GWA) – www.fms.treas.gov/gwa

Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) Website – www.fsio.gov

Shared Accounting Module (SAM) – www.sam.gov/SAMPublic and www.fms.treas.gov/sam

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