APPENDIX A. $\underline{\mathsf{SPECIAL}}$ CHARACTERS RECEIVED VIA THE BATCH TRANSFER MECHANISM

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A.1 Introduction

This section is intended to provide Users an understanding of the treatment of special characters' (i.e. those characters restricted to a domain or potentially used delimiters) received by the Transporter via the Batch Transfer Mechanism.

The following characters, delimited by a comma, are identified as being characters that may be domain restricted that Users may benefit from further guidance upon:

<u>x</u>	
Meaning:	Character
Exclamation mark	<u>!</u>
Double quotation mark	<u>"</u>
Pound Sterling sign	<u>£</u>
Dollar sign	<u>\$</u>
<u>Percentage</u>	<u>%</u>
Caret	^
<u>Ampersand</u>	<u>&</u>
<u>Asterisk</u>	*
Opening parenthesis	<u>(</u>
Closing parenthesis	<u>)</u>
Logical not sign	_
Accent	•
Equals sign	<u>=</u>
Hyphen / Minus sign	_
Plus sign	<u>+</u>
<u>Underscore</u>	
Semi colon	
<u>Colon</u>	
Apostrophe / single quotation mark	<mark>€</mark>
At sign	<u>@</u>
Hash / pound sign	<u>#</u>
Tilde operator	~
Less than	<u><</u>
Greater than	<u>></u>
Question mark	?
Solidus / oblique / slash	<u>/</u>
<u>Comma</u>	-
Full stop / period	_
Vertical bar	
Back slash	<u>\</u>

A.2 Treatment within Date Fields

Where these characters are provided within a date field any of the above characters will cause a file failure. The error CSV00021 (Invalid Date/Time) will be passed to Users within the ERR file.

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A.3 Treatment within Text Fields

Provided that the text field follows the convention of being contained within speech marks, the above characters are accepted, with the exception of '"'(speech mark). The error CSV00018 (Invalid field) will be passed to Users within the ERR file.

A.3 Treatment within Numeric Fields

Where these data items are provided within a numeric field any of the above characters will cause a file failure. The error CSV00012 (Invalid numeric field) will be passed to Users within the ERR file.

Where the numeric field is not configured for negative values provision of ' – ' (negative sign) will generate it generated an FRJ with rejection code FIL00011 (Record contains incorrectly formatted data). This same outcome will be observed with provision of ' + ' (positive sign),

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