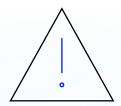
# REGULATORY REPORTING

# How can lessons learned from EU EMIR Refit help firms prepare for the UK go-live?

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As the UK gears up for the implementation of the UK EMIR Refit in September, there are valuable lessons to be drawn from recent experience with the EU EMIR Refit, which went live on 29 April 2024.



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In the first few weeks following the implementation, some firms seemed to face technical difficulties in adhering to the new ISO 20022 XML standard. This included Regulatory Reporting clients who did not have access to tools to convert derivative and margin messages, with data revealing that nearly a quarter (24%) received rejections due to schema errors.

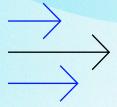
Of particular note was also the high rate of reconciliation breaks associated with numerical fields, such as prices and quantities. These issues highlighted the significant challenge firms face in ensuring the accuracy and consistency of reported values in derivatives transactions.

As the UK prepares for its own EMIR Refit in September, the transition to ISO 20022 XML standards will be a major challenge for firms, which need to be proactive in addressing this to avoid the schema errors and rejections following the EU implementation.

## How our XML Converter tool can help

To help firms navigate these challenges effectively, our XML Converter tool is designed to facilitate seamless compliance with the new regulations by converting derivative and margin messages from Excel or CSV formats into the required ISO 20022 XML format. By leveraging this tool, firms can avoid rejections.





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#### The XML Converter enables:



**Error reduction:** The tool mitigates schema-related errors by ensuring all submissions meet the ISO 20022 XML standards. This leads to a substantial decrease in rejections due to invalid schemas.



**Manual corrections:** In instances where derivative or margin messages contain exceptions, the XML Converter allows for manual corrections within Excel or CSV formats. This flexibility helps in managing reconciliation breaks and ensures smoother reporting processes.



**Streamlined reporting:** The tool directly sends reports to the LSEG or DTCC EMIR trade repositories, simplifying the reporting process and reducing the complexity associated with multiple submission formats.



**Cost efficiency:** By lowering the build and maintenance costs associated with XML reporting, firms can manage their compliance budgets more effectively.



**End-of-day reports:** The XML Converter supports the consumption of regulator-mandated end-of-day reports in the correct format, making it easier to manage and analyse data.

### Our XML Converter tool offers several strategic advantages:



#### **UPI Enrichment service:**

Easy access to our Unique Product Identifier (UPI) enrichment service for all OTC derivative trades helps maintain consistent and accurate trade data.



#### **Reduced rejection rates:**

By addressing the technical challenges upfront, firms can cut the rejection rate for invalid schemas to zero, ensuring a smoother regulatory reporting experience.



By taking these proactive steps, firms can navigate the complexities of the UK EMIR Refit with confidence.

# Ensure your firm is ready for UK EMIR Refit

The upcoming UK EMIR Refit presents both challenges and opportunities. By learning from the EU's experience and leveraging advanced tools such as our XML Converter, firms can not only meet compliance requirements but also optimise their reporting processes for greater efficiency and accuracy.

By taking these proactive steps, firms can navigate the complexities of the UK EMIR Refit with confidence, ensuring they are well-prepared for the regulatory changes ahead.

#### Contact us

To learn more about how you can prepare for the UK EMIR Refit and avoid the schema errors and rejections, contact us at <a href="mailto:regreportingsales@lseg.com">regreportingsales@lseg.com</a> or visit our <a href="mailto:website">website</a>. Our team is ready to assist you in achieving seamless compliance and enhancing your regulatory reporting capabilities.



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