

FATCA XML Schema Prohibited Characters and IDES Technical FAQs

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IRS notifies reporters of error in FATCA XML Schema Best Practices webpage and updates IDES FAQs

On June 9, 2015, the IRS published a notice warning FATCA reporters that there is an error in the **FATCA XML Schema Best Practices webpage**. The inclusion of entity references in FATCA XML files, seemingly permitted according to the best practices, has resulted in International Data Exchange Service (“IDES”) upload issues. To prevent these issues, please follow the updated instructions on the FATCA XML Schema Best Practices webpage and confirm none of the prohibited characters are contained in FATCA XML files.

IDES Technical FAQs updates

The IRS also updated the **IDES Technical FAQs**, adding five new FAQs and updating several others. Consult these FAQs for guidance and information on security requirements and data transmission through the IDES system.

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