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Eliminating TEs for Invalid Industry Code

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In an effort to reduce the percentage of transactions receiving TRs and TEs, DWC periodically issues training bulletins outlining some of the most common errors. An archive of the bulletins will be available on the WCIS website.

The most frequently occurring TE in FROI transactions is for an invalid Industry Code.

The California EDI Implementation Guide for FROI/SROI version 3.0 (Section K, page 55) requires that trading partners submit a valid industry code (DN25) on all FROI transactions. While WCIS prefers trading partners submit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, WCIS validates incoming FROI transactions against 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2012 NAICS codes and 1987 Standard Industry Classification (SIC) codes.

Per page 95 of the guide:

- All submitted industry codes must be six digit alpha-numeric code.

- If a trading partner is submitting a NAICS code, and does not know the industry code to a six-digit level, they may submit the industry code at a higher level of aggregation. WCIS will accept the two-digit, three-digit or four-digit NACIS code if the trading partner submits the higher level of aggregation code with zeros padded to the right.

For Example:

	NAICS	
6-digit code	111110	Soy Bean Farming
4-digit	111100	Oilseed and Grain Farming
3-digit	111000	Crop Production
2-digit	110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- If using SIC codes, validate that all SIC code submission are four digits and have a trailing SC. For example, for the SIC code "0116-Soybeans," submit "0116SC" to WCIS.

If a trading partner submits a FROI transaction without a valid industry code, it will cause a transaction error (TE), and the following acknowledgement will be sent to trading partners *"Error 015 (industry code invalid)."*

Currently, one out of every ten FROI transactions generates a TE for invalid industry code. For DWC, TEs for invalid industry code data muddles the dataset and curtails DWC's ability to use WCIS to reliably compare California incidence rates incidence rates across industries.

Best Practices for Trading Partners:

- Validate every industry code submission against the NAICS or SIC code lists prior to submitting to WCIS.

- Tables used to validate 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2012 NAICS codes are available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

- Table used to validate 1987 SIC codes are available from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Trading Partners who would like assistance with resolving TEs for invalid industry codes, or any other WCIS EDI question, may contact their designated trading partner contact.

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