

Global Partner Management Notice

Subject: Interlink Eliminates Store and Forward Transactions

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Announcement:

Visa has announced that their Operating Rules have been updated to eliminate Store and Forward functionality for Interlink transactions, effective July 1, 2010. Currently, Visa / Interlink allow merchants to optionally use Store and Forward functionality. When a technical malfunction prevents the electronic initiation and completion of a transaction, the transaction is stored by the merchant's system and submitted as soon as the connection is up. Visa is eliminating the support of Store and Forward transactions to reduce the risk of card data compromise due to the storage of Track 2 and PIN data.

This change only impacts Interlink transaction processing for merchants that support Store and Forward transactions. Visa Credit Card transactions are not impacted. The elimination of Store and Forward will require merchants to:

- Discontinue this transaction type
- Request another form of payment when systems are down

Best Regards,

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