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Connect API

Full details of updates scheduled for 1st & 8th October 2020

Data Changes 1st October

Change to Null French Negative Information (1st October)

French companies that do not have *any* Negative Information in the Credit Report should not return an empty Negative Information section; the section should not be in the JSON report at all when null – this conforms to usual API standards seen in other countries.

Note – If the company does have Negative Information, the section will continue to output as per usual.

You will be able to see this on the Sandbox now.

Upcoming Change: French Companies without Negative Information will no longer generate the "**negativeInformation":{}** section.

Current Structure:

```
report:
{
  financialStatements:{…
  },
  negativeInformation":{},"
  additionalInformation":{…
..
  }
}
```

Planned Structure:

```
report:
{
  financialStatements:{…
  },
  additionalInformation":{…
..
  }
}
```

United Kingdom (GB) Search by VAT Number (Tax id)

We have added the ability to search GB Companies via VAT number using the parameter vatNo. The response is an array named vatNo to keep in line with other countries.

```
search:
{
     "id": "GB-0-04083193",
     "country": "GB",
     "regNo": "04083193",
     "vatNo": [
       "GB569953277"
     ],
     "safeNo": "UK03734440",
     "name": "******
     …
}
```

Netherlands (NL) – Removal of AdditionalInformation data items (Connect and GGS)

The following JSON paths have been removed from the NL Company Report for brevity, as the field values are no longer maintained at source.

 AdditionalInformation.IndustryQuartileAnalysis
AdditionalInformation.IndustryComparison
AdditionalInformation.PaymentExpectationsSummary

AdditionalInformation.LettersOfLiablilityInformation403 (to correct a JSON path spelling mistake) and replaced with the section *AdditionalInformation.LettersOfLiabilityInformation403*

Ireland (IE) – Removal of unnecessary data items (Connect and GGS)

The following JSON paths have been removed from the IE company report. The property locations are:

negativeInformation.ccjSummary.extactRegistered
negativeInformation.ccjSummary.possibleRegistered

Ireland (IE) – Directorships Template

IE Directorships are to be removed from the full/default Company Credit Report and only returned via the *directorships* template (to keep in line with other country Directorships).

If you require access to Directorships, please make a request to your account manager at Creditsafe to be granted access to the template.

Ireland (IE) – Additional of Business Names reports (Non-Limited/Sole Traders)

Creditsafe will be adding Irish Business Name Reports (IE Non-limited Credit Reports) to the Connect API to live in September 2020.

Japan (JP) – Capping of Branch Office Data

Japanese Branch Office Information in the Company Report has been limited to 1000 entries. This is due to the performance degradation experienced with large volumes of Branches, at the expense of the diminishing return in informational value gained from outputting many thousands of Branches.

Branch Offices are found in the JSON path *additionalInformation.branchOffices*

Templates now available for:

Germany (DE), Switzerland (CH), Liechtenstein (LI), Iceland (IS), Lithuania (LI), Malta (MT), Poland (PL)

Global Gateway Service (GGS 1.3 only) Change only (October 1st)

United Kingdom (GB), Norway (NO), Germant (DE) – ExtendedGroupStructure, change to data structure

Current path *extendedGroupStructure/GroupStructure/CompanyInGroup* will be changed to *extendedGroupStructure/CompanyInGroup*. The *GroupStructure* child *element will be removed.*

Data Changes 8th October

Canadian Connect Id changes (8ˢᵗ October) (Connect and GGS)

The structure of the identifier **connectId** is changing specifically for Canadian Companies due to an upgrade to our data feed.

What does this mean? The Connect Id field on each Canadian Company will change value. This will be reflected in the Company Search, Company Report, and Monitoring Portfolio endpoints.

(You will not need to make any changes to your Creditsafe Global Monitoring Portfolios. CA companies that are monitored will be automatically converted and continue to be monitored after the change)

What is changing and why? The structure of the ID is changing from:

Connect: CA-X-0123456789 to CA-X-CA00001111
GGS 1.3: CA021/X/0123456789 to CA021/X/CA00001111

The Canadian id will now contain the Creditsafe Safe Number, replacing the 10 digit internal id that is in place now.

By changing format, it enables us to link our Canadian data internally and use Canadian data more thoroughly in our product suite. For example: improvements to Group Structure, introducing Director Search and Possible Links capabilities.

When is the change planned? The change date of the CA Connect Id format is scheduled for **1ˢᵗ October 2020**. If this date changes we will send prior notification informing you.

Do you need to do anything? We can help. If you store Canadian Connect Ids locally (such as in a CRM, or in your own database) then these identifiers will no longer be valid and will need to be updated. Please get in touch with your account manager at Creditsafe with a list of Canadian Connect Ids you have stored and we will convert and return the provided Ids to you.

If you want to do this yourself – You can do this by taking the suffix of the connect Id you have stored (CA-X-*suffix*), searching for the Company using the search parameter regNo = {connectId.suffix} and then overwriting your Id field with the new Connect Id (this must be done after the search result change).