

BSP/ink AGENT NEWS

Welcome to the July 2012 Newsletter!

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* This feature will be available in BSPlink however it will be activated by IATA according to the implementation schedule which you will be communicated on separately and well in advance.

Strengthening Password Management

The following changes will be performed in the BSPlink application once this development is activated by the corresponding country BSP:

1. Users will be forced to change their passwords after a period of 90 days from the last modification.

* These 90 days will also re-start every time users reset their passwords or if it is reset on their behalf by the BSP.

2. **Main Users and Sub Users** will be automatically deactivated after **<u>90 days</u>** of inactivity.

* Passwords must have a minimum length of
8 characters, and contain both numeric
and alphabetic characters.

4. BSPlink sessions will automatically end after a **15 minutes** period of inactivity. After that, users will have to re-enter login and password.

5. Creation of a new self-service "Forgotten Password?" function.

6. Align the current users' blocking criteria after a series of unsuccessful logon attempts with PCI rules, by increasing the blocking period to **30 minutes** and the number of **unsuccessful attempts to six.**

7. SFTP passwords (agent groups) must contain both letters & numbers and have a minimal length of seven characters. A new control will be added in order to check that new users are always set with strong enough passwords.

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"Keep away from people who belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." [Mark Twain]