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1 Background

The eVERA system went into productive operation in June 2016. Since then it has provided the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs with its main tool for managing information concerning Swiss citizens living abroad. Over time, in view of changing operating conditions and remits the application has continually been enhanced and modified in line with prevailing needs.

2 Requirements for commune- & cantonal software solutions

This document contains all relevant requirements as well as the reporting construct for the communication between the communal/cantonal communes of residence and the FDFA. Therefore, the following reporting constellations are relevant:

- Departures involving the relocation of a person's primary residence abroad are reported to the FDFA using reason eCH-0020:moveOut (see section 3.1).
- Each arrival from abroad involving the relocation of a person's primary residence to Switzerland is reported to the FDFA using reason eCH-0020:moveIn (see section **Error! Reference source not found.**).
- Departures and arrivals occur upon taken not of the event
- In both cases, the report is only sent if the conditions set out in the following table are met:

Person to report			Partner	Foreign parents		Foreign minor children		Report
CH citizen	Legal aged	Civil status	Joined by partner	Is parent	Child goes along	Parent goes along	Parent is CH citizen	
yes	any	= any	any	any	any	any	any	yes
no	any	= married in registered partnership	yes **	any	any	any	any	yes
no	any	= married in registered partnership	no	any	any	any	any	no
no	any	≠ married in registered partnership	any	yes *	yes	any	any	yes
no	any	≠ married in registered partnership	any	yes *	no	any	any	no
no	any	≠ married in registered partnership	any	no *	any	any	any	no

Table 1 Different reporting constellations

* with custody of at least one accompanying child if the child is a Swiss citizen

** on condition that the partner is a Swiss citizen

Written notification is required in the following four instances:

1. The person registering is a Swiss citizen. (row 1)
2. The person registering is a foreign national but is moving abroad with their Swiss partner. (row 2)
3. The person registering is a foreign national but is moving abroad with a minor who is a Swiss citizen. The person registering has custody of the person being registered. (row 4)

*if the data is available

Furthermore the following specifications apply to the notifications from the Swiss communes:

- The FDFA is never notified of relocations if they involve a foreign country. The communes forward only those reports that are relevant.
- The standard template versions set out in this document are used for notification purposes. It cannot be guaranteed that alternative versions will be processed.

3 Reporting construct

The communication between the Swiss communes of residence and eVERA is based on two different reporting types. On the one hand the communes of residence are reporting relevant departures from Switzerland. On the other hand, they are reporting arrivals in Switzerland from abroad as well.

Important note: The Req'd indication (Requested indication) has to be implemented as follows:

- Req'd Indication YES: The transmission of the attribute is compulsory
- Req'd Indication NO: The transmission of the attribute has to be implemented if the attribute is available

3.1 Departure from Switzerland via eCH-0020:moveOut

Reports of departures from Switzerland are communicated via eCH standard 0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1], and the 'moveOut' reason it defines.

3.1.1 Transmitted attributes - eventMoveOut

A report that is submitted with the above reason comprises several attributes from various (sub) templates. The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
eventMoveOut	moveOutPerson	personal identification data	yes	see section 3.1.1.1
eventMoveOut	moveOutReportingDestination	reporting	yes	see section 3.1.1.2
eventMoveOut	extension	extension	yes *	see section 3.1.1.8

Table 2 Attributes of the "eventMoveOut" event

The list of attributes is conclusive.

* This required field deviates from the normal standard and is optional here.

3.1.1.1 moveOutPerson - personal identification data

The information relates to standard eCH-0044, the data standard for the exchange of personal identification data [7].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
personIdentificationType	Nv	AHV insurance number	no	
personIdentificationType	localPersonId	ID of the person in the commune system	no	
personIdentificationType	otherPersonId	other IDs relating to the person	no	
personIdentificationType	euPersonId	the person's EU ID	no	
personIdentificationType	officialName	official name	yes	
personIdentificationType	firstName	first name	yes	
personIdentificationType	originalName	maiden name	no	
personIdentificationType	sex	gender	yes	1 = male 2 = female 3 = n/a
personIdentificationType	dateOfBirth	date of birth	yes	may be incomplete (year only, or year and month only)

Table 3 Attributes of the "moveOutPerson" (sub) template

3.1.1.2 moveOutReportingDestination – reporting

The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveOutType	reportingMunicipality	reporting commune	yes	see section 3.1.1.3
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveOutType	departureDate	departure date	yes	
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveOutType	goesTo	destination (moving to)	yes	see section 3.1.1.4

Table 4 Attributes of the "moveOutReportingDestination" (sub) template

3.1.1.3 reportingMunicipality – (reporting) commune

The information relates to standard eCH-0007, the data standard for communes [8].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
swissMunicipalityType	municipalityId	FSO commune number of the commune submitting the report	no	
swissMunicipalityType	municipalityName	name of the commune submitting the report	yes	
swissMunicipalityType	cantonAbbreviation	two-letter code for the canton in which the commune submitting the report is located	no	
swissMunicipalityType	historyMunicipalityId	historical FSO number of the commune submitting the report	no	

Table 5 Attributes of the "reportingMunicipality" (sub) template

3.1.1.4 goesTo – destination

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
destinationType	foreignCountry	town/city abroad	yes	see section 3.1.1.5
destinationType	mailAddress	residential address	no	see section 3.1.1.7

Table 6 Attributes of the "goesTo" (sub) template

3.1.1.5 foreignCountry – town/city abroad

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
foreignCountry	country	state (country)	yes	see section 3.1.1.6
foreignCountry	town	town/city	no	

Table 7 Attributes of the "foreignCountry" (sub) template

3.1.1.6 country – state (country)

The information relates to standard eCH-0008, the data standard for states and territories [4].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
countryType	countryId	FSO country number	no	
countryType	countryIdISO2	ISO country code	no	
countryType	countryNameShort	short form of country name	yes	

Table 8 Attributes of the "country" (sub) template

3.1.1.7 mailAddress – residential address

The information relates to standard eCH-0010, the data standard for postal addresses for natural persons, companies, organisations and authorities [3].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
addressInformationType	addressLine1	address line 1	no	
addressInformationType	addressLine2	address line 2	no	
addressInformationType	street	street	no	
addressInformationType	houseNumber	house number	no	
addressInformationType	dwellingNumber	flat number	no	
addressInformationType	postOfficeBoxNumber	P.O. box number	no	
addressInformationType	postOfficeBoxText	P.O. box text	no	
addressInformationType	locality	local area	no	
addressInformationType	town	town / city	no	
addressInformationType	foreignZipCode	foreign postcode	no	
addressInformationType	country	country ID	yes	see section 3.1.1.6

Table 9 Attributes of the "mailAddress" (sub) template

3.1.1.8 extension – extension

For the entire extension, whose data is described in chapters 3.1.1.8 to 3.1.1.20, the canton or the municipality is required to deliver the relevant data after the technical possibilities and the statutory basis are available.

The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
personType	eCH:0011:maritalData	information on marital status	yes	see section 3.1.1.9
personType	eCH:0011:birthData	information on birth	yes	see section 3.1.1.11
personType	eCH:0011:placeOfOrigin	place of origin	yes *	see section 0 one block for each known place of origin
personType	eCH:0011:nationalityData	nationality	yes	see section 3.1.1.14
personType	eCH:0021:maritalRelationship	marital relationship	yes **	see section 0
personType	eCH:0021:parentalRelationship	parental relationships	yes ***	see section 3.1.1.20 one block for each known parent

Table 10 Attributes of the "extension" (sub) template

- * required only for Swiss citizens
- ** required only if marital status is 'married' or 'in registered partnership'
- *** required only for minors where parent in question has custody

3.1.1.9 maritalData – information on marital status

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
maritalDataType	maritalStatus	marital status	yes	Numbering according to marital-StatusType
maritalDataType	dateOfMaritalStatus	date of marital status	no	
maritalDataType	cancelationReason	reason for dissolution	no	
maritalDataType	officialProofOfMarital-StatusYesNo	official proof of marital status	no	
maritalDataType	separationData	information on separation	no	see section 3.1.1.10

Table 11 Attributes of the "maritalData" (sub) template

3.1.1.10 separationData – information on separation

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
separationDataType	separation	separation	no	
separationDataType	dateOfSeparation	date of separation	no	
separationDataType	separationTill	date, valid until separation	no	

Table 12 Attributes of the "separationData" (sub) template

3.1.1.11 birthData – information on birth

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
birthDataType	dateOfBirth	date of birth	yes	may be incomplete (year only, or year and month only)
birthDataType	placeOfBirth	place of birth	yes	see section 3.1.1.12
birthDataType	sex	gender	yes	1 = male 2 = female 3 = n/a

Table 13 Attributes of the "birthData" (sub) template

3.1.1.12 placeOfBirth – place of birth

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
generalPlaceType	unknown	unknown	yes *	
generalPlaceType	swissTown	town/city in Switzerland	yes *	see section 3.1.1.3
generalPlaceType	foreignCountry	town/city abroad	yes *	see section 3.1.1.5

Table 14 Attributes of the "placeOfBirth" (sub) template

* one of these must be supplied.

3.1.1.13 placeOfOrigin – place of origin

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
placeOfOriginType	originName	place of origin	yes	
placeOfOriginType	canton	two-letter cantonal code	yes	
placeOfOriginType	placeOfOriginId	ID of place of origin	no	
placeOfOriginType	historyMunicipalityId	historical ID of the place of origin	no	

Table 15 Attributes of the "placeOfOrigin" (sub) template

3.1.1.14 nationalityData – nationality

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
nationalityDataType	nationalityStatus	status	yes	0 = unknown 1 = stateless 2 = known
nationalityDataType	countryInfo	nationality	no	see section 3.1.1.15 one block per nationality

Table 16 Attributes of the "nationalityData" (sub) template

3.1.1.15 countryInfo – nationality

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
nationalityDataType	country	nationality	yes *	see section 3.1.1.6
nationalityDataType	nationalityValidFrom	nationality valid from	no	

Table 17 Attributes of the "countryInfo" (sub) template

* if status = 2

3.1.1.16 maritalRelationship – marital relationship

The information relates to standard eCH-0021, the data standard for additional personal data [6].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
maritalRelationshipType	partner	partner in the relationship	yes	see section 3.1.1.17
maritalRelationshipType	typeOfRelationship	type of relationship	yes	1 or 2

Table 18 Attributes of the "maritalRelationship" (sub) template

3.1.1.17 partner – partner in the relationship

The information relates to standard eCH-0021, the data standard for additional personal data [6].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
partner	personIdentificationPartner	reported partner	yes	see section 3.1.1.1
partner	address	address	no	see section 3.1.1.18

Table 19 Attributes of the "partner" (sub) template

3.1.1.18 address – address (correspondence address)

The information relates to standard eCH-0010, the data standard for postal addresses for natural persons, companies, organisations and authorities [3].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
personMailAddressType	person	person	yes	see section 3.1.1.19
personMailAddressType	addressInformation	address information	yes	see section 3.1.1.7

Table 20 Attributes of the "address" (sub) template

3.1.1.19 person – person

The information relates to standard eCH-0010, the data standard for postal addresses for natural persons, companies, organisations and authorities [3].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
personMailAddressInfoType	mrMrs	salutation	no	
personMailAddressInfoType	title	title	no	
personMailAddressInfoType	firstName	first name	no	
personMailAddressInfoType	lastName	surname	yes	

Table 21 Attributes of the "person" (sub) template

3.1.1.20 parentalRelationship – parental relationship

The information relates to standard eCH-0021, the data standard for additional personal data [6].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
parentalRelationshipType	partner	partner in the relationship	yes	see section 3.1.1.17
parentalRelationshipType	relationshipValidFrom	relationship valid from	no	
parentalRelationshipType	typeOfRelationship	type of relationship	yes	3, 4, 5 or 6
parentalRelationshipType	care	parental custody	no	0 = none 1 = parental custody 2 = joint parental custody 3 = sole parental custody

Table 22 Attributes of the "parentalRelationship" (sub) template

3.1.2 Handling of cancellations and corrections

Cancellations of and corrections to all reports can be sent via eCH, if incorrect entries have been made at commune level, for example. These reports are flagged as eCH-0058, the interface standard for the reporting framework [5], in the header.

eVERA will process such reports only if the status of the corresponding commune report is still 'open'. If its status is anything else, a log entry will be created and the correction or cancellation ignored.

If a correction is reported, the new data will be entered in the open commune report. Any data that has already been provided will be overwritten.

In the event of a cancellation, the status of the corresponding commune report will be set to 'cancelled'.

3.1.3 Handling of group transmissions (families)

Under eCH-0058 [5], the businessProcessId function can be used to supply a number of relocation reports simultaneously. These generally refer to families that are moving away together. eVERA therefore expects family moves to be supplied using the same businessProcessId.

If the fact that they belong together is flagged as described above, eVERA will regard the individual reports as a group. The amended processes make appropriate provision for this.

3.1.4 Multiple-template capability for eCH-0020:moveOut

The defined information delivered by the extension means that the reports mentioned above no longer have to be compatible with multiple templates. eVERA therefore expects reports to be sent using the versions of the individual standards referred to in this document (see page 2).

Reports which do not satisfy the conditions defined in this document will not be processed automatically.

3.2 Move to Switzerland from abroad via eCH-0020:moveIn

Reports of arrivals in Swiss communes are communicated via eCH standard 0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1], and the 'moveIn' reason it defines. The 'forgiving' reporting templates are used expressly for these and all of the standards referenced, with all of the required fields defined below determined expressly for their particular contexts.

3.2.1 Transmitted attributes – eventMoveIn

A report that is submitted with the above reason comprises several attributes from various (sub) templates. The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
eventMoveIn	moveInPerson	personal details	yes	see section 0
eventMoveIn	residenceData	reporting	yes	see section 3.2.1.2

Table 23 Attributes of the "eventMoveIn" event

The list of attributes is conclusive. Specifically, no information sent in the extension will be included in the eVERA entry.

3.2.1.1 moveInPerson - personal details

The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
baseDeliveryRestricted-MoveInPersonType	personIdentification	personal identification data	yes	see section 3.1.1.1
baseDeliveryRestricted-MoveInPersonType	maritalData	information on marital status	yes	see section 3.1.1.9
baseDeliveryRestricted-MoveInPersonType	birthData	information on birth	yes	see section 3.1.1.11

Table 24 Attributes of the "moveInPerson" (sub) template

3.2.1.2 residenceData - reporting

The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
residenceData	hasMainResidence	permanent residence	yes	see section 3.2.1.3

Table 25 Attributes of the "residenceData" (sub) template

3.2.1.3 hasMainResidence - permanent residence

The information relates to standard eCH-0020, the interface standard for reporting reasons in the register of persons [1].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveInType	reportingMunicipality	reporting commune	yes	see section 3.1.1.3
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveInType	arrivalDate	arrival date	yes	
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveInType	comesFrom	place of origin	yes	see section 3.2.1.4
reportingMunicipalityRestrictedMoveInType	dwellingAddress	residential address	yes	see section 3.2.1.5

Table 26 Attributes of the "hasMainResidence" (sub) template

3.2.1.4 comesFrom - place of origin

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
destinationType	foreignCountry	town/city abroad	yes	see section 3.1.1.5
destinationType	mailAddress	residential address	no	see section 3.1.1.7

Table 27 Attributes of the "comesFrom" (sub) template

3.2.1.5 dwellingAddress - residential address

The information relates to standard eCH-0011, the data standard for personal data [2].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
dwellingAddressType	address	residential address	yes	see section 3.2.1.6

Table 28 Attributes of the "dwellingAddress" (sub) template

3.2.1.6 address - residential address

The information relates to standard eCH-0010, the data standard for postal addresses for natural persons, companies, organisations and authorities [3].

(Sub) template	Technical attribute	Description	Req'd	Remarks
swissAddressInformation-Type	addressLine1	address line 1	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	addressLine2	address line 2	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	street	street	yes	
swissAddressInformation-Type	houseNumber	house number	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	dwellingNumber	flat number	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	locality	local area	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	town	town / city	yes	
swissAddressInformation-Type	swissZipCode	swiss postcode	yes	
swissAddressInformation-Type	swissZipCodeAddOn	additional figure for Swiss postcodes	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	swissZipCodeId	Swiss postcode ID	no	
swissAddressInformation-Type	country	country ID	yes	see section 3.1.1.6

Table 29 Attributes of the "address" (sub) template

3.2.2 Handling of cancellations and corrections

Cancellations of and corrections to all reports can be sent via eCH, if incorrect entries have been made at commune level, for example. These reports are flagged as eCH-0058, the interface standard for the reporting framework [5], in the header.

eVERA will process such reports only if the notice of arrival requires manual intervention and the status of the corresponding commune report is still 'open'. If its status is anything else, a log entry will be created and the correction or cancellation ignored. By contrast, notices of arrival which do not require manual intervention and which are used for statistical purposes only will always be updated automatically. An informative log report will also be written in such cases.

If a correction is reported, the new data will be entered in the open commune report, as described above. Any data that has already been provided will be overwritten.

In the event of a cancellation, the status of the corresponding commune report will be set to 'cancelled'.

3.2.3 Handling of group transmissions (families)

Under eCH-0058 [5], the businessProcessId function can be used to supply a number of relocation reports simultaneously. These generally refer to families that are moving together. eVERA therefore expects family moves to be supplied using the same businessProcessId.

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3.2.4 Multiple-template capability for eCH-0020:moveIn

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