

PINT compliance

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This section defines how compliance to PINT is measured and what are the requirements and expectations for the relevant parties.

Compliance to PINT is measured for the sender (C1) and the receiving (C4) parties. The sender and receiving parties may outsource their roles to service providers but not the responsibility. Service providers (C2 and C3) responsibilities as regards the message transfer is not dictated by the PINT methodology.

Sending compliance to PINT based BIS

Buyer (C1)

- A buyer shall not send messages that are not compliant to the specification identified by the invoice specification identifier (ibt-024).

Expectations towards the seller

The buyer expectation of how the seller will handle an self-billing invoice depends on the sellers registered receiving capability.

- If the invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) equals a registered receiving capability the buyer can expect the seller to handle the self-billing invoice according to the identified specification.
- If the invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) is within a more general registered receiving capability the buyer can expect the seller to handle the self-billing invoice according to the stated, more general, receiving capability.

Then the buyer can expect the seller to handle the self-billing invoice as follows.

Level	Invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) matches a registered receiving capability	Invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) is within a more general registered receiving capability
Shared	As defined in PINT	As defined in PINT
Aligned	As defined by the invoice specification (ibt-024)	As defined in the more general registered receiving capability
Distinct	As defined by invoice specification (ibt-024)	As defined in the more general registered receiving capability but may ignore additional distinct content.

Sending Access Point (C2)

- A sending access point (C2) shall upload the self-billing invoice to the network according to the Peppol service provider agreement.

Receiving compliance to PINT based BIS

Seller (C4)

A compliant receiver of a self-billing invoice shall handle the content of the self-billing invoice depending on their registered receiving capability.

- If the invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) equals a registered receiving capability the seller shall handle the self-billing invoice according to the identified specification.
- If the invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) is within a more general registered receiving capability the seller shall handle the self-billing invoice according to the stated receiving capability.

Sellers handling requirements

When receiving a self-billing invoice the seller shall handle the content depending on how it matches their receiving capability, as follows.

Level	Invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) matches a registered receiving capability	Invoice specification identifier (ibt-024) is within a more general registered receiving capability
Shared	As defined in PINT	As defined in PINT
Aligned	As defined by the invoice specification (ibt-024)	As defined in the more general registered receiving capability
Distinct	As defined by the invoice specification (ibt-024)	As defined in the more general registered receiving capability but may ignore additional distinct content.

Receiving access point (C3)

- A receiving access point shall transfer the self-billing invoice to the seller according to the Peppol service provider agreement.

Reversing invoices (credit notes or negative invoices)

- All PINT compliant receivers must be able to receive and handle an invoice, positive or negative.
- The receiving capability of a Credit Note is optional. If added then the sender may send credit notes but also negative invoice.

Note: this makes the negative invoice the base approach for reversing invoice because that functionality will be supported by all.