Fact Sheet Open G-NAF Use Restriction

Nature of the End User Licence Agreement

The EULA terms are based on the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license (CC BY 4.0). However, an important restriction relating to the use of the open G-NAF for the sending of mail has been added.

The open G-NAF data must not be used for the generation of an address or a compilation of addresses for the sending of mail unless the user has verified that each address to be used for the sending of mail is capable of receiving mail by reference to a secondary source of information. Further information on this use restriction is included below.

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How to comply with the Use Restriction

A user can verify that an address contained in the open G-NAF can receive physical mail by the use of any information other than from the open G-NAF, which may include (but is not limited to) the following:

- a) a database of verified mailing addresses;
- b) confirmation by the owner of the address that the address can receive physical mail;
- c) the user confirming the address can receive physical mail by physically observing the physical location associated with the address; or
- d) other mailing address information held by the user.

Purpose of the Use Restriction

By itself, G-NAF is not suitable for sending mail. It is not produced for this purpose. However, a blanket restriction on the use of the open G-NAF for mailing purposes would likely have unintended consequences. As such, the Use Restriction prohibits inappropriate use of the open G-NAF while permitting suitable use.