

# Payment Factory - Review and Approve Payments v.5

**Work Instruction** 

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# **Version History**

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1	Stefan Artman	2021-03-12	First draft
2	Stefan Artman	2021-03-24	Chapter 4, section added regarding reviewing previous approver.
3	Stefan Artman	2021-04-12	Chapter 4, section added regarding payment history log
4	Stefan Artman	2021-04-23	Chapter 7, feedback message
5	Stefan Artman	2023-02-14	Overall review & update



#### **Business context**

This simulation shows the required steps for reviewing and approving payments in the Payment Factory.

#### **Triggers**

An automatic payment run is scheduled to send payment batches into the Payment Factory from SAP/SARA. The general time schedule is in the night/early morning. The scheduling is defined by payment type per unit. When logging into the Payment Factory on the defined dates, the batches will be there waiting for review and approval.

## **Outputs**

The payments are either:

- Approved and sent to the bank for execution, or
- Not approved due to incorrect master data or other reason. Payments are to be rejected. Proceed to the Rejected Payments Instruction.

#### What to watch out for

To ensure correctness of payments, a thorough review of payments are required before approving. This will reduce the risk of having the payment rejected by the bank.

#### **Applicable Business Roles**

P2P Accountant (1<sup>st</sup> approver of payments)
2<sup>nd</sup> Approver of payments (according to finance authorization policy)

The above applicable business roles also require access to the applicable legal unit.

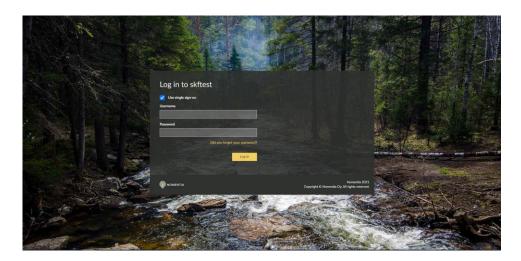
#### How to use this Work Instruction?

Use this work instruction as support in performing the applicable activities. Each step, or combination of steps, is shown with a screenshot. The text below each screenshot explains in detail the steps to follow in the right sequence.



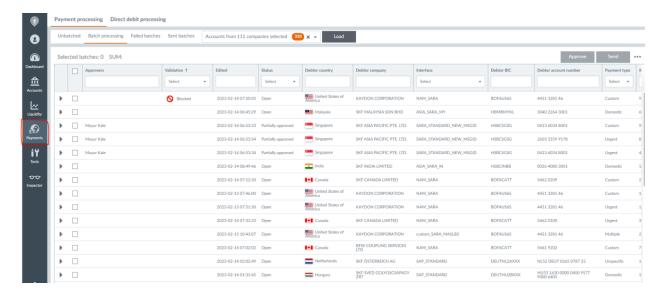
#### 1. Log into Payment Factory

A PF user with the authority to perform the first approval (preferably the P2P Accountant in the FOC), logs into the Payment Factory application using link: <a href="https://cash2.nomentia.com/skf?login=azure">https://cash2.nomentia.com/skf?login=azure</a>



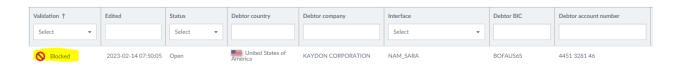
## 2. Payment review by 1st approver

The user goes into the payments module by clicking on the payments tile to the left, and then the batch processing tab.



During payment import, all payments undergo payment validation and screening with the purpose to identify potential errors or fraud related to the payments. These are indicated through the validation column. For more information regarding the different outcomes, please check the Payment Screening Document.

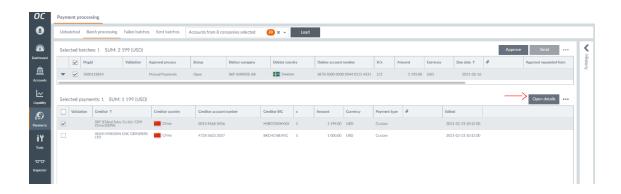


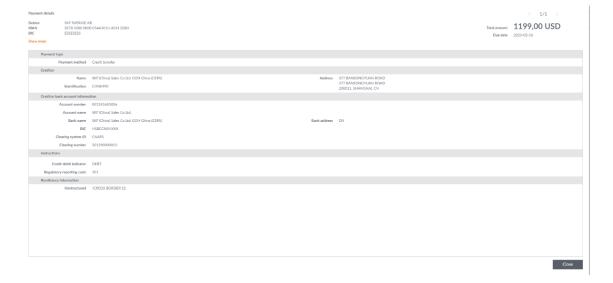


If nothing is indicated in the validation column, it means the screening in Payment Factory has not identified anything incorrect or irregular and user can proceed to review and approval using the below steps.

The user reviews the payments included in the batch to ensure correctness:

- By selecting the desired batch by clicking the box to the leftmost column.
- By clicking the arrow, the payments within the batch are displayed.
- Once a payment within the batch is selected, it is possible to review more payment details and the invoice numbers by clicking on the open details button.



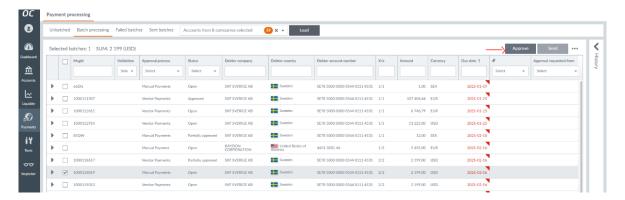




#### 3. Approve payments (1st approval)

If the payments in the batch looks alright, the user will select the batch and approve it in the application by clicking on the "Approve" button as shown in the picture below. The status will then change to "Partially approved" shown in the "Status" column, while waiting for the second approver to approve. No email notification is sent from the system to infrom next approver.

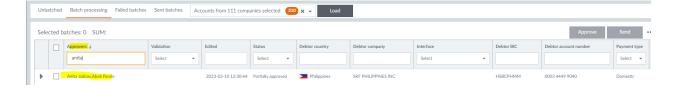
If the 1<sup>st</sup> approver deems a payment, or the whole batch to be rejected, please review the *RejectedPayments instruction*.



## 4. Payment review by 2<sup>nd</sup> approver

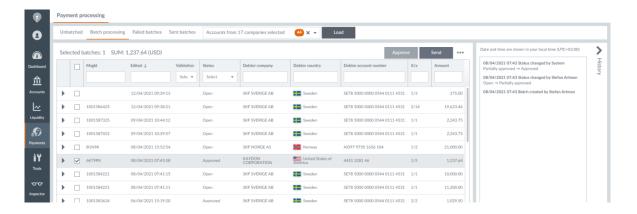
A second user with the authority to perform the second approval, logs into the Payment Factory application. The user reviews the payments in the batch as described in step 2 above.

To see who has done the 1st approval on the batch, go into the column settings and add the column called "Approvers". You can find the column settings by clicking on the three dots to the top right. Once the column is added, the persons who has done the 1st approval will show in this column as shown in the screenshot below.



To see the payment history log for a specific payment or batch, select the desired batch, or payment within the batch, then click on the "History" tab to the right. From there you will be able to follow the audit trail of the specific payment or batch.





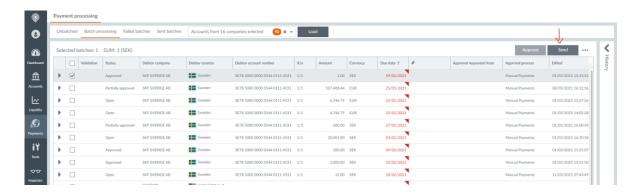
# 5. Approve payments (2<sup>nd</sup> approval)

If the payments in the batch look alright, the user will select the batch and approve it by clicking on the "Approve" button.

If the 2<sup>nd</sup> approver deems the whole batch to be rejected, please review the *RejectedPayments instruction*.

#### 6. Payment release

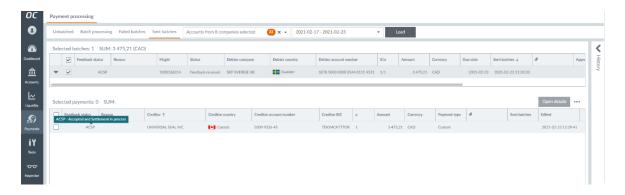
Depending on the preference of the FOC, the payments are either sent to bank automatically once it is fully approved, or the final approver needs to click on the "Send" button to release the payment to the bank.





#### 7. Check feedback message from bank

When batch is sent to bank, the bank is doing a validation of the payment data and format. Within 30 minutes, the bank will send back acknowledgement/feedback stating if payments were accepted or rejected. If payments are rejected by the bank, the users in Payment Factory will receive a notification via email from the system. Depending on bank, the bank validation could be more or less sophisticated. For some banks, payments can be accepted through the validation, but rejected at a later stage. The bank will then send an updated feedback message to Payment Factory or contact you via email about potential rejections.



The accepted status message could look different depending on the bank. ACSP (Accepted and Settlement in process) or ACCP (Accepted Customer profile check) is displayed for payment batches which have been sent successfully and accepted by the bank. If the payment was not accepted, status will show "RJCT" if the payment was rejected by the bank, or "PART" if the payment was partially rejected by the bank.

For SAP units, this information is automatically transferred back to SAP and displayed in BNK\_MONI. Payments rejected by the bank will automatically be reversed and vouchers blocked in SAP. For SARA this is still under development, but to be completed during Q2 2023. Until then, voiding payments are a manual activity.