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The customer provides the bank with a set of instructions to make a payment on behalf of the customer to a third party.

The instructing customer's account is debited immediately and cleared funds are available on the value date, often same day.

The bank performs certain checks to confirm the validity of the transaction and pending availability of funds, transfers funds using one or more of several available systems to the named beneficiary.



MIFT Fraud Risks: Client Controls

Know Your Customer/Supplier

- If you regularly deal with a counterparty and make payments to that counterpart set up a standard settlement instruction which is properly authenticated and then make payments only to that account
- Do not accept amendments without proper authentication i.e. a request to amend supplier bank account details should be governed by a call-back process using a properly authenticated and independently sourced number with a designated supplier contact
- Manual transfer requests should be executed under additional levels of approval

Pre-established verifiable forms that are the same as prior transmissions can be used



Funds Transfer

An Alternative Solution

 Manually Initiated funds transfer carries an inherent fraud risk because of the manual intervention required to complete the transaction

- A more secure method of transacting is electronic banking, like CitiDirect, Citigroup's solution for Corporate Customers
- CitiDirect is a secure platform setting a precedent as a secure multi-currency payment system
 with robust login and payment authentication controls involving One Time Password (OTP)
 supported by further multi-level control functionality for transaction initiation and approval
 segregation
- It uses a one time password generated by a Safeword card which is currently considered to be one of best forms of authentication available

 No single user can capture and release or authorise a transaction, it should always require at least two persons to complete a transaction



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