



Processes

Assigning CUSIP/CINS/ISIN

Sample Codes

General Procedures

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Processes: Assigning CUSIP (US and Canada)

Equity

- Public (unrestricted) equity offering by U.S. or Canadian issuer
- Private (restricted) equity offering in U.S. by any issuer
 - Rule 144A, Regulation D
- American/Global Depositary Receipts (ADR/GDR)

Debt

- Public or private debt offering in U.S. by any issuer
 - SEC-registered, Rule 144A, Regulation D



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Processes: Assigning CINS (International)

Equity

- Equity offered solely outside U.S. and Canada
 - U.S. company Regulation S stock offering on U.K. AIM exchange or in Germany
- Public offerings in U.S. by non-U.S./Canadian issuer (except GDR/ADR)
 - Cayman Islands, Bermuda and other non-U.S./Canadian issuers

Debt

- Debt offered solely outside U.S. and Canada
 - Regulation S (any issuer)
 - Eurobonds



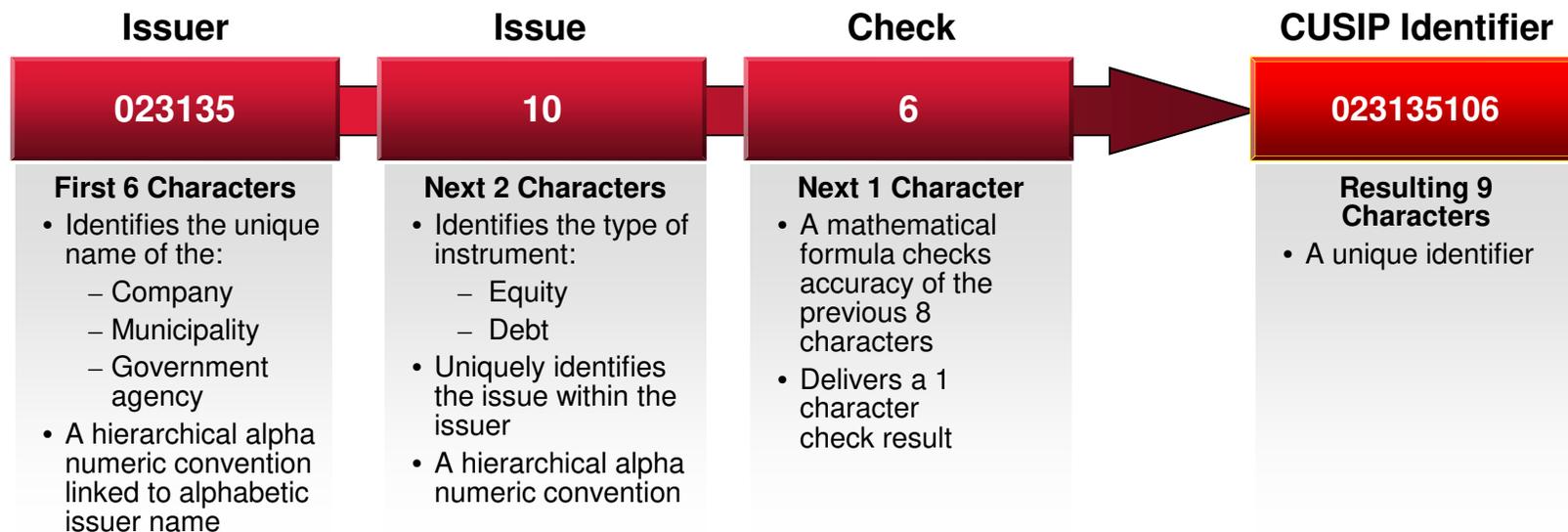
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Processes: Sample CUSIP

Structure of a CUSIP

CGS provides a 9-character standard CUSIP identifier for issuers and their financial instruments offered in the U.S. and Canada

Example: Amazon.com Inc – Common Stock

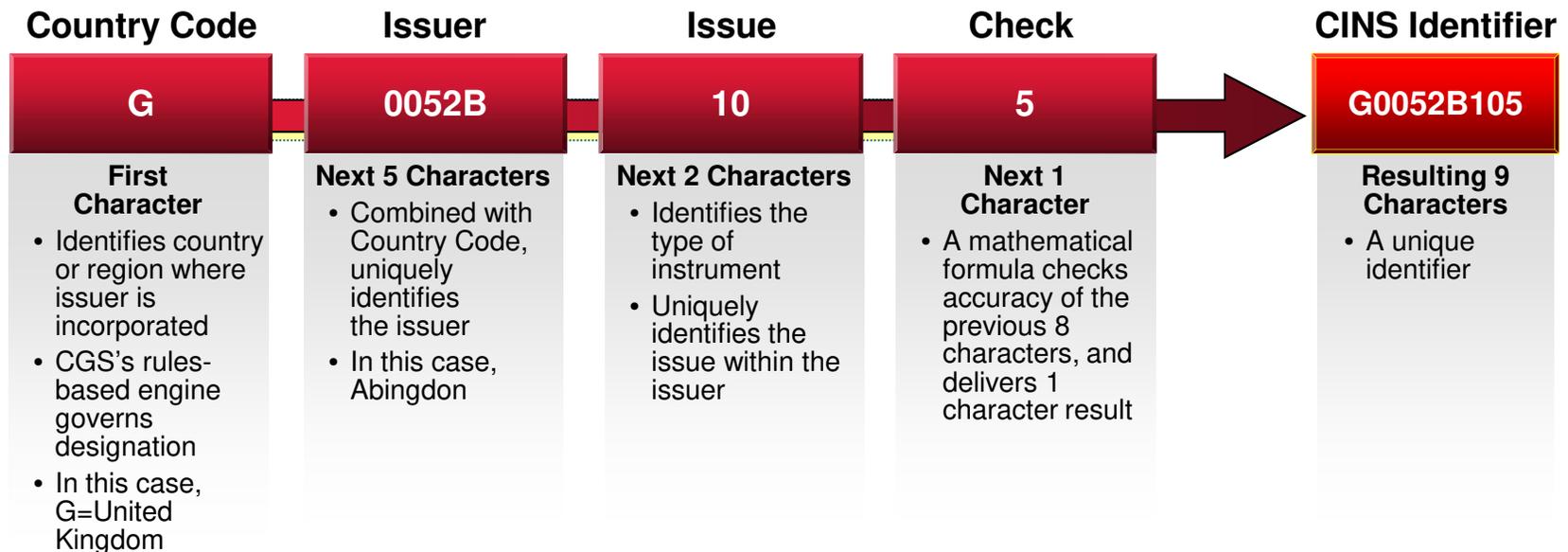


Processes: Sample CINS

Structure of a CINS

CGS provides a 9-character standard CINS identifier for non-U.S./Canadian financial instruments

Example: Abingdon Capital PLC – Shares



Processes: ISIN from CUSIP or CINS

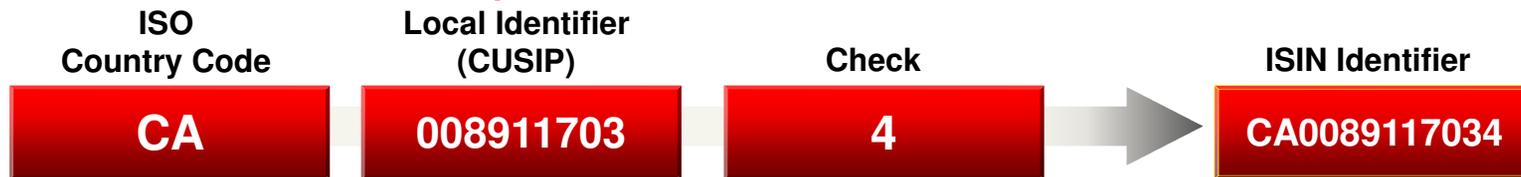
Structure of an ISIN Assigned by CGS

ISIN Based on CUSIPs

Example: Amazon.com Inc – Common Stock



Example: Air Canada Inc – Class A Shares



ISIN Based on CINS

Example: Cable and Wireless Jamaica Limited – Shares



Processes: General Procedures

Securities Offerings

- New Public or Private Offering (prospectus, offering document)
- Corporate Action
 - Name change
 - Company merger, acquisition or reorganization
 - Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization
 - Reverse stock split
- CUSIP assigned pre-sale/pre-trade
 - Preliminary information
 - Data Quality Group focused on final validation of descriptive data and customer support/queries
- Internet Requests at www.cusip.com
 - CUSIPRequest
- Express assignments within one hour



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Processes: General Procedures

- CUSIP identifiers are not reused ***except*** for discount commercial paper, government agency discount notes and TBA mortgage pools
- A security is assigned a **CUSIP** or **CINS**; and one **ISIN**
- Fungibility:
 - One CUSIP and one ISIN if shares trade on multiple stock exchanges or denominated in different currencies
 - Separate CUSIPs and ISINs if debt issued in different tranches or classes by currency, for example U.S. dollar tranche and Euro tranche
 - Separate CUSIPs and ISINs for each transfer/ownership type: SEC-registered (unrestricted), Rule 144A, Accredited Investors and Regulation S



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CUSIP Assignment Procedures

