

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The ISO Standard 6346-199 nominates BIC as the exclusive Registrar Office for the registration and protection of the container alpha-code in International Trade. So, all containers used for international trade must have a registration code ending with "U", and must be registered with BIC (ex: ABCU, BHGU etc...)

If you do not register your BIC Code, or abuse of a code already registered by another company, what we do is to advise customs administrations which then may stop your container(s) for inspection. Customs administrations base on Registered BIC Code to check if each operator has its own BIC Code.

You fill in an application form for registration of a container alpha code mark (form 7.6.1) available online: <https://www.bic-code.org/bic-codes/bic-code-application-form/>

The procedure for allocation of a code is as follows:

- Fill in the form online specifying three codes in a preferential order.
- As soon as we receive this form duly filled in and signed by an authorized person, we will confirm that the code has been temporarily reserved.
- If the prefix is available, we advise you and temporarily reserve it for you.

You cannot get a code which is already used by one of our members. You can check on this link if the code you want is already taken: <http://www.bic-code.org/bic-codes/>

The registration charge amounts 2000 Euros (or the equivalent USD depending on the exchange rate) per code, whatever the number of containers your company owns (and will own in the future).

On the same invoice, you will find a charge for 46 Euros (or the equivalent USD depending on the exchange rate)), which is the annual ordinary membership fee required in order to benefit from the services of the association.

A renewal charge of 475 Euros (or the equivalent USD depending on the exchange rate) per code will be billed at the beginning of every calendar year to protect the code mark (next invoice will be for the year 2019).

Please feel free to contact me if you need further information at vch@bic-code.org

Kind regards,

The BIC Team