

BIC Basic timetable for electronic provision of product data by publishers

Stage 1

Up to 24 months ahead of publication

Title acquired and loaded on publishers' bibliographic database

ISBN(s) assigned and new title notification for all separately tradeable products provided to data aggregators

Product record updates provided within one week of changes made in publishers' bibliographic database

Stage 2

Publication minus 20 weeks

BIC Basic record including all mandatory elements complete provided to data aggregators

Publication minus 16 weeks

BIC Basic record, including all mandatory elements, available on data aggregators' databases

Stage 3

Publication minus 3 weeks

Full bibliographic record validated by publishers

Transactional information on distribution systems confirmed by publishers

Publication date

Completeness and timeliness of product record measured by Nielsen BookData as a basis for assessment, reporting to publishers and accreditation

Stage 4

Post-publication

Daily price and availability updates from distribution systems while title remains active