

6.4.3 Indicating Unknown Values

When the Message Sender is required to provide a data element but cannot do so, the following values shall be entered:

1. In fields of type `xs:string`: “#unknown#”;
2. In fields of type `xd:date`: “9999-01-01”;
3. In fields of type `xs:datetime`: “9999-01-01T99:01:01”; and
4. In fields of type `xs:duration`: “PT99H01M01S”.

The circumstances under which such behaviour is permissible may be limited in the specific business relationship between message sender and message recipient.