4.1 UNA - Service String Advice

4.1.1 Purpose

This segment is used to define the characters selected for use as delimiters and indicators in the rest of the interchange.

4.1.2 Segment Rules

The Service String Advice must appear immediately before the Interchange Header (UNB) segment and begin with the upper case characters UNA immediately followed by the six characters selected by the sender to indicate, in sequence, the following functions:
- component data element separator;
- data element separator;
- decimal notation;
- release indicator;
- segment terminator.

4.1.3 Relationships

None.

4.1.4 Segment format

Name	M/C	Format	Usage	Imposed Value
COMPONENT DATA ELEMENT SEPARATOR	M	an1		
DATA ELEMENT SEPARATOR	M	an1		
DECIMAL NOTATION	M	an1	Comma or full stop	
RELEASE INDICATOR	M	an1	If not used, insert space character	
Reserved for future use	M	an1	Insert space character	
SEGMENT TERMINATOR	M	an1		

4.1.5 Example

UNA:+.? '