Summary of the PSAF and PSET Market Practice Recommendations

Reference	Recommendation	What firms need to do	Target Date
PSAF SI 01	Populate PSAF only when multiple safekeeping locations exist.	Instructing parties (buy side, sell side, brokers) should only include PSAF where needed to remove ambiguity. Custodians should validate against client elections and account structures.	End 2026
PSAF SI 02	Use PSAF to identify the intended safekeeping location.	Communicate the first CSD in the custody chain from the instructing party's perspective. Do not use PSAF to represent internal custody chains or sub-custodian structures.	End 2026
PSAF SI 03	Standardise PSAF identification using official CSD/ICSD BICs.	Populate PSAF with the BIC of the first CSD in the custody chain, using the SMPG-approved list.	End 2026
PSAF SH 01	Populate PSAF in MT535 holdings statements.	Custodians should populate Field 94a (SAFE) unless otherwise agreed bilaterally, enabling clients to identify holdings locations and instruct correctly.	End 2026
PSAF SH 02	Standardise PSAF reporting on MT535 statements.	Use the BIC of the first CSD in the custody chain and SMPG-approved CSD/ICSD BICs.	End 2026
PSET SI 01	Include PSET at allocation/matching stage for all trades.	Buy-side and sell-side firms should exchange PSET at allocation, regardless of channel (CTM, FIX, ISO, email, etc.). Settlement intermediaries should validate PSET and ensure it reflects the counterparty's settlement venue.	End 2026
PSET SI 02	Converge realignment instruction practices.	Custodians should work towards common communication channels, data standards and operational processes, and support industry harmonisation efforts.	End 2027

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