

PCN206364 - End of Support announcement for legacy Marketfeed and SSL protocols, impacting RTDS, RTMDS, LPC, Full-Tick Edge Devices and Real-Time APIs.

EFFECTIVE DATE	CHANGE TYPE	CUSTOMER ACTION
28 Feb 2026	Obsolescence, Upgrade	Review for technical impact, Review for compliance impact

YOUR IMPACTED PRODUCTS

RFA JAVA 7.4.0 Java, RFA JAVA 7.4.1 Java, RFA JAVA 7.5.0 Java, RFA Java 7.6.0 , RFA JAVA 7.6.0 Java, RFA JAVA 7.6.1 Java, RFA - Java Edition, SFC C++ 4.6.2 , SFC C++ 4.6.2 Linux, SFC C++ 4.6.2 Solaris, SFC C++ 4.6.3 , SFC C++ 4.6.3 Linux, SFC C++ 4.6.3 Solaris, SFC - C++ Edition, SFC COM 1.2.10 , SFC - COM Edition, SFC JAVA 3..5..6 Linux, SFC JAVA 3.5.6 , SFC JAVA 3.5.6 Solaris, SFC - Java Edition, RFA - C++ Edition, Real-time Distribution System

SUMMARY

End of support of multiple Real-Time 32bit legacy APIs: RFA7.x and SFC, and legacy conversion on Legacy Protocol Converter on 28th Feb 2026. End of support for Marketfeed and SSL on RTDS and RTMDS and Full-Tick Edge devices.

DESCRIPTION

What is the change?

End of support for Real-Time 32-bit Legacy API: RFA 7.x and SFC on 28th February 2026.

End of support for the OMM to Marketfeed conversion (and vice-versa) functionality of the Legacy Protocol converter on 28th February 2026. LPC will continue to support session management to provide cloud connectivity to RFA 8.x.

End of support for Marketfeed & SSL on supported versions of RTDS from Q4 2028.

End of support for Marketfeed & SSL on RTMDS from Q2 2027.

End of support for Marketfeed & SSL on Full Tick Edge devices from March 2026 (end of Q1 2026).

Why is the change occurring?

Refinitiv has maintained one of the strongest backward compatibility postures in the industry.

SFC is over 30 years old and RFA 7.X APIs are over 20 years old.

The SFC interfaces date back to the 1990s.SFC C++: 1990s (circa 1993)

SFC Java: 1990s

SFC-COM: 1990s (circa 1997)

The RFA interfaces date back to 2001 and 2003.

RFA C++: 2001

RFA Java: 2003

Supporting legacy APIs and maintaining backward compatibility comes with costs and risks for Refinitiv and our customers.

Legacy APIs were designed to run on 32-bit operating systems like RHEL 4 and 5. Most 32-bit operating systems are either out of support from the vendor or will be soon. This poses significant risk to mission critical applications. These APIs will possibly work on 64-bit operating systems like RHEL 7 and beyond, however, Refinitiv have neither qualified nor tested this and therefore will not be supported.

Decrease in qualified support engineers & developers who truly know legacy software resulting in increased time for service resolution. Finding people to work on legacy technology is onerous and costly for both Refinitiv and our customers.

Legacy APIs are far more difficult to learn and maintain unlike strategic APIs. Software maintenance cycle will be shorter and cheaper with strategic APIs. New developers will be able to pick up and use strategic APIs much faster than legacy.

Use of legacy, ASCII based Marketfeed data model results in sub-optimal bandwidth usage and is limited to top of the order book due to its flat structure. Strategic APIs utilise the Binary based Open Message Model (OMM) that encodes more complex data structures like level 2 full depth order book.

Legacy APIs are not open-source unlike strategic APIs. Strategic APIs open-sourced at <https://github.com/Refinitiv/Real-Time-SDK>

Open-Source APIs add value through greater transparency and stability; it can be used for long-term projects since the software won't simply be discontinued. It provides enhanced security as more people are inspecting the code and vulnerabilities are fixed faster and more frequently. It is free so you save on licensing and maintenance fees. Developers can contribute functionality that is important to them and influence the direction (assuming the changes align with Refinitiv product goals).

There is no support for encryption and native cloud connectivity in legacy APIs.

Refinitiv are continuously investing in our strategic APIs with new features & enhancements and support for latest operating systems, IDEs, and compilers. The status of RFA & SFC is "feature complete". This means the new functionality and capabilities we introduce on our platform will not be implemented in RFA & SFC. Both RFA and SFC have not had any new features added since 2014.

End of support of legacy technology and vendor lifecycle management is good standard industry practise.

Our customers have opined in several customer engagements over the years that these legacy technologies must now be retired.

Therefore, we have initiated a roadmap for legacy API retirement. This helps us focus our development efforts on strategic APIs, so we can deliver innovation while maintaining trust.

What is the impact of the change?

Impact is dependent on the source of market data consumption, i.e., where your legacy API is connecting to retrieve real-time market data:

Real-Time Distribution System (RTDS)

All current supported versions of RTDS now support legacy Marketfeed and SSL.

From 28th February 2026, RFA 7.x and SFC will not be supported by Refinitiv. Customers must migrate to strategic APIs by this date.

However, RTDS will continue to support Marketfeed and SSL until Q4 2028, so the unsupported legacy APIs will continue to work until then. This provides an additional 2.5-year window for customers who may not have migrated by the February 2026 deadline. A separate notification will be sent out when RTDS stops supporting Marketfeed and SSL.

Refinitiv strongly advises customers not to run unsupported Legacy APIs, unsupported LPC and unsupported RTDS beyond Q4 2028 as there will be no security vulnerability patches, enhancements or fixes made to them after this date.

Real-Time Managed Distribution Service (RTMDS)

RTMDS currently supports legacy Marketfeed and SSL.

From 28th February 2026, RFA 7.x and SFC will not be supported by Refinitiv. Customers must migrate to strategic APIs by this date.

However, the legacy APIs will continue to work on RTMDS until Q2 2027 when support for legacy Marketfeed and SSL is removed. A separate notification will be sent out when RTMDS stops supporting Marketfeed and SSL.

Refinitiv strongly advises customers not to run unsupported Legacy APIs and unsupported LPC beyond the February deadline due to increased risk of vulnerabilities that will not be mitigated.

Real-Time – Optimized (RTO)

There is no impact to RTO. RTO supports OMM and has never supported Legacy Marketfeed.

RTO customers who use the legacy APIs via the use of the LPC (Legacy Protocol convertor) must migrate to strategic APIs by 28th February 2026 as LPC will not support Marketfeed to OMM conversion (and vice-versa) after this date. However, LPC will continue to support session management to provide cloud connectivity to RFA 8.x.

Refinitiv strongly advises customers not to run unsupported Legacy APIs and unsupported LPC beyond the February deadline due to increased risk of vulnerabilities that will not be mitigated.

Edge Devices

From 28th February 2026, RFA 7.x and SFC will not be supported by Refinitiv. Customers must migrate to strategic APIs by this date.

All BON-Edge devices will be migrated to Real -Time Optimized with a programme underway to start those migrations.

Full-Tick Edge devices will continue to support Marketfeed and SSL until March 2026 (End of Q1 2026). A separate notification will be sent out when Full-Tick Edge stops supporting Marketfeed and SSL.

Refinitiv strongly advises customers not to run unsupported Legacy APIs and unsupported LPC beyond the February deadline due to increased risk of vulnerabilities that will not be mitigated.

What action do you need to take?

Migrate your applications to strategic APIs.

Strategic APIs were released in 2015 and already have thousands of customers using them, with a vibrant support community online. These strategic APIs provide equal or better performance when compared to legacy APIs and provide additional exchange data. We continue to invest in these APIs with a regular release cycle providing enhancements and supporting the latest operating systems, compilers, and IDEs.

What additional information is available:

Refinitiv have created a collection of resources to address legacy migration. These resources are available at <https://developers.refinitiv.com/en/article-catalog/article/legacy-api-migration>

This link is the root article explaining how to migrate to a strategic API with links to other articles describing how to do it from various legacy APIs.

For those customers unable or unwilling to migrate to strategic APIs, beyond 28th February 2026 when no official support for RFA 7.x and SFC is available from Refinitiv; Refinitiv API Developer Community Support will always be available at <https://community.developers.refinitiv.com> for legacy API support. Refinitiv will not validate any suggested issues or fixes raised in this forum for those legacy APIs.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Refinitiv Account Management and Customer Success teams about these versions retirements and how to make best use of the strategic APIs.

REVISION:

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