Message Structure Change Request

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Message Name :	International multimodal status report message
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Based on Directory:	D.16A

Business Need/justification	Scenario: Provision of status information concerning a transport which includes multiple consignments.
	If the status reported for a transport is the same for all the included consignments we would like to be able to simply report the reference numbers of the included consignments within the same transport status.
	In the EDIFACT message type IFTSTA, the transport identification and status is currently specified in SG4\SG7\STS whereas the consignment number is specified in SG14\CNI but it is not allowed to send the SG14 with only the CNI segment because SG15 is mandatory within SG14. This means that we would need to give the status for every consignment individually which could lead to a significant amount of redundant information being transmitted in SG15/STS.
	We would like to use the RFF segment in SG4 to give the numbers of all the included consignments but the maximum allowed repetition for the RFF segment on this level is only "9" and we know of many business cases where there are more than 9 different consignments on the same transport.

Proposed change	Increase the maximum repetition of RFF in SG4 from "9" to "999".