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Since the Column 80 Flag is no longer required (and rarely used) on EXFOR transmissions, and since these are not stored when the data are entered in the database, we suggest that the use of columns 67-80 on an EXFOR Transmission record be made optional.

An advantage would be that it would be easier (in the future) to extend the length of an EXFOR record to more than 66 characters. This would be a better solution for long REACTION strings and would mean fewer wrap-around data fields.

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