

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 STRUCTURE OF THIS MANUAL

The manual is divided into two parts: chapters 2 up to 5 give general information related to disk file handling, while the remaining chapters contain information on the disk file handling instructions in CREDIT and the disk file handling functions supported by each package.

Chapter 2 introduces and defines the terms used in the remainder of the manual.

Chapter 3 contains information on disk formats and volume organisation of the disk types that can be used.

Chapter 4 introduces the different data management packages available in PTS and tries to give some hints on when to use these packages.

Chapter 5 is a full description of all file parameters used for the different file types handled by the data management packages.

Chapter 6 discusses the CREDIT instructions for disk file handling in detail.

Chapter 7 discusses the Abridged Data Management (ADM) package.

Chapter 8 discusses the Standard Data Management (SDM) package.

Chapter 9 discusses the Extended Data Management (EDM) package.

Chapter 10 lists and explains all the return parameters that can be obtained by each package.

Appendix A gives an estimate of the memory space needed for each package or version of a package.