

FAQ: Renaming Egress to Data Transfer

What is changing?

We are renaming Egress to Data Transfer to more accurately describe the service offered to customers. This change will apply across Technical Documentation, Pricing web pages and SKU descriptions.

Why are we making this change?

This change helps us clearly identify to the market that the fees tied to Internet, Inter-zone and Inter-region data transfer are for the purpose of serving workloads to customers which involves data transfer within GCP.

Which instances of Egress are we changing?

Any instance of the word Egress used with regards to billed data transfer from one entity to another. This includes Intra-zone, Inter-zone (between VMs in a region), Inter-region (across regions), Internet (GCP to Internet) to name a few. The list is below:

Current Usage	New Usage	Definition
Inter-zone Egress	Inter-zone Data Transfer	Data transferred between two Google Cloud resources in the same region
Inter-region Egress	Inter-region Data Transfer	Data transferred between two Google Cloud resources in different regions
Internet Egress	Data Transfer out to Internet	Data transferred between a Google Cloud resource and an internet end-point
Internet Egress* - Premium	Premium Tier Data Transfer out to Internet	Data transferred between a Google Cloud resource and an internet end-point, carried over Google backbone
Internet Egress* - Standard	Standard Tier Data Transfer out to Internet	Data transferred between a Google Cloud resource and an internet end-point, carried over public internet
Interconnect Egress	Interconnect Data Transfer out	Data transferred between a Google Cloud resource and another CSP / on-prem data center over private link
VPN Egress	VPN Data Transfer	Data transferred between two resources over VPN tunnel
CDN Cache Egress	CDN Data Transfer out to Internet	Data transferred from CDN Edge Cache out to Internet

* Ingress will be renamed to Data Transfer in

When will the changes be rolled out?

All changes will be effective on 12/15/23

Are there any pricing changes?

There will be no impact to existing customer contracts, pricing and discounts.

What are the implications of changing SKU descriptions?

For the most part, this will not affect any billing operations. If, however, customers export billing data to reporting tools like BigQuery, they should ensure that they are referring to the updated SKU descriptions in their scripts. A sample change in SQL query could look like:

Old Query: *select distinct SKUs from table where SKU_description like "%Egress%"*

New Query: *select distinct SKUs from table where SKU_description like "%Data Transfer%"*

How are we communicating these changes to customers?

We plan to send an MSA to customers on November 15 2023.

Where can I find the list of new SKU descriptions?

You can find a list of old and new SKU descriptions [here](#). We will also include this link within the customer MSA.