

The two completion methods do not contain the same checks

The same business action has two method-level paths. The highlighted conditions apply to internal completion.

EXTERNAL COMPLETION METHOD

Movement.Complete

Selected, non-contiguous statements from lines 320–326.

```
L322  Guard.ArgumentNotDefaultValue(() => completedDate,  
      completedDate);  
  
L323  Guard.ArgumentNotDefaultValue(() => fileId, fileId);  
  
L325  stateMachine.Fire(completedTrigger, completedDate, fileId,  
      createdBy);
```

What these lines do: reject default date or file-identifier values, then fire the external completion trigger.

No receipt-date or future-date comparison appears in this method.

[Read the complete method](#)

INTERNAL COMPLETION METHOD

Movement.CompleteInternally

Selected, non-contiguous statements from lines 333–344.

```
L335  if (completedDate < Receipt.Date)  
  
L339  if (completedDate > SystemTime.UtcNow.Date)  
  
L343  stateMachine.Fire(internallyCompletedTrigger, completedDate,  
      createdBy);
```

What these conditions do: reject a completion date before receipt or after the current UTC date. Each rejection raises `InvalidOperationException` before the trigger fires.

[Read the complete method](#)

Consequence for a replacement: do not infer one universal rule from either method. The external controller, handler and validation path still need investigation before deciding the required future behaviour.

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