



Elective Communication Service

Notice of Provision

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1. Notice of Provision

1. DCC has recently entered into a Bilateral Agreement with a SEC Party for the provision of an Elective Communication Service (ECS), the requirements for which are set out within the SEC, Section H7. Within SEC H7, there are requirements for 'Publication of Details of Elective Communication Services'. The purpose of this document is to meet these requirements.

1.1. SEC Requirements for Publication

2. The following SEC requirements exist in relation to publication of details of an ECS.

H7.19 The DCC shall, on or around the date falling six months after it commenced provision of an Elective Communication Service pursuant to a Bilateral Agreement, provide to the Code Administrator the following details:

- (a) brief description of the Elective Communication Service;*
- (b) the frequency with which, and (where stated) the period during which, the Elective Communication Service is to be provided; and*
- (c) the Target Response Time within which the Elective Communication Service is to be provided.*

H7.20 The Code Administrator shall arrange for the publication on the Website of the details provided to it pursuant to Section H7.19. The Code Administrator shall monitor and report to the Panel on whether the DCC has provided details pursuant to Section H7.18 in respect of Elective Communication Services of which the Code Administrator is notified under Section H7.18.

1.2. SEC Requirement H7.19

3. To meet SEC requirement H7.19, the following information has been provided:
 - a. A SEC Party that is also a DCC User has entered into a Bilateral Agreement with DCC that allows this DCC User to request a local Unique Transactional Reference Number (UTRN) generation. This functionality is restricted to the SMETS1 MOC (Secure) Cohort only.
 - b. This is an ongoing service (no agreed end date at this time) that is provided on exception when DCC Total Systems are temporarily unavailable to generate UTRNs. Commencement date: 18th March 2025.
 - c. Target Response Times (TRT) for the ECS are designed to provide the User with access to a service aligned to SEC defined TRT when the DCC Total Systems are temporarily unavailable.

1.3. Future ECS

4. If any SEC Party is interested in exploring an ECS, please contact DCC at:
 - a. <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/our-smart-network/network-products-services/elective-communications-services/>