

What does Section X cover?

SEC Section X covers provisions that override other sections of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) during the **Transition Phase** of the Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP), up to when the transition ends and '**Completion of Implementation**' is reached.

Transition Objective

Section X has its own SEC objective, which is to achieve:

'the efficient, economical, co-ordinated, timely and secure process of transition to the Completion of Implementation'.

The objective exists to ensure that the process of transition to 'Completion of Implementation' is carried out in the manner in line with the Transition objective.

Completion of Implementation

Completion of Implementation will have occurred at a point in time when the Secretary of State believes:

- That all documentation material to the implementation of the SEC has been incorporated into it;
- All SEC provisions apply in full; and
- All licensee Parties are able to meet their relevant SEC obligations that are material to the implementation of the SEC.

When will the application of Section X stop?

Currently Section X will stop applying to the SEC on:

- Completion of Implementation; or
- 31 October 2018,

whichever occurs first.

Section X varies the rest of the SEC

Section X varies the SEC content in force. It achieves this by indicating whether a Section or Provision is:

- **In Effect** – Sections and Provisions that are in place and in full force;
- **Varied** – Section and Provisions that are in effect but altered by provisions in Section X; or
- **Inactive** – Sections that are in the SEC but are currently not in effect.

Why are all Sections not active in the designated SEC?

During the Transition phase certain sections are switched off, as the provisions need to be restricted.

Some of these inactive sections, including provisions that relate to certain processes, may still be revised e.g. provisions relating to testing or service levels, that cannot currently be met as the relevant systems or services are still being put in place.

Why are some Sections varied by Section X?

During the Transition Phase some provisions within the SEC are varied by Section X (Section X2 and X3) and/or the Secretary of State (as set out in Section X6).

The reason for such variations will either be specific to the circumstance, or because during the Transition Phase the full requirement cannot be met fully until further systems, documentation or processes are in place.

How do I know when a Section is in effect, varied or inactive?

Section X sets out which SEC Sections are **in effect, varied** or **inactive**.

Section X will indicate whether a section is in effect from the point that it was first designated. Alternately, it will provide a point in time when the section will take effect, for example when a specific phase of testing begins. It will also indicate and provide the details of any variation that Section X has applied to the text.

As new versions of the SEC are designated, Section X is updated to indicate which sections have been activated, activated and varied or when they will take effect. Further detail on the active, varied and inactive sections is available in the [‘SEC Sections in Effect, Varied or Inactive’](#) Guide.

Other Section X provisions

Section X9 Non-Gateway Interface Specification: the section was removed as part of SEC4.8 on 10th February 2016 due to the removal of the overall requirement for a non-gateway interface.

Section X9 Interim Device and User System Testing: a new Section X9 was introduced in SEC 4.10 as per SoS direction letter dated 14th April 2016, designated on 18th April 2016.

Section X1.17 Testing in respect of Additional Release Services: This new content introduced in SEC 4.12 as per the Statutory Instrument signed on 14th June 2016, and brought into effect on 15th June 2016.

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