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SEC Releases Update

1. Purpose

This paper presents an update on progress with upcoming SEC Releases. This includes requests to agree an update to the scope for the June 2021 SEC Release and November 2021 SEC Release, an update on the [SECMP0007 'Firmware Updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#) implementation approach and a request to change the implementation for part of the SECMP0007 legal text.

2. February 2021 SEC Release

The table below summarises the status of the modifications currently in scope of the February 2021 SEC Release on 25 February 2021:

Modification	Current status
MP092 'New Planned Maintenance methodology'	The Change Board vote will be held on 20 January 2021 under Self-Governance.
MP122A 'Operational Metrics'	Approved for inclusion.

We don't expect any further modifications to be added to the scope of this release, although the Panel may choose to add further modifications by exception if it believes it necessary or efficient to do so.

3. June 2021 SEC Release

The table below summarises the status of the modifications currently in scope of the June 2021 SEC Release on 24 June 2021:

Modification	Current status
MP106 'CHISM update for Unknown WAN Variant'	The Change Board vote will be held on 20 January 2021 under Self-Governance.
MP116 'Service Request Forecasting'	MP116 is undergoing the Refinement Process. The DCC is currently completing a testing program to develop the solution. This was discussed at the December Working Group meeting. Members agreed that more work is needed and it will be discussed further at the February Working Group meeting. A

Modification	Current status
	Refinement Consultation will then be issued. The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel in March 2021.
MP138 'DCC Service Testing in ETAD'	MP138 is undergoing the Refinement Process. We are developing the legal text with the Proposer. The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel in February 2021.
MP144 'Charging of Random Sample Privacy Assessments'	MP144 is undergoing the Refinement Process. It will be discussed at the February Working Group meeting after which we will issue a Refinement Consultation. The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel in March 2021.
DP145 'Align SEC Documentation with DCC Solution for SR8.3 Decommission Device'	The Modification Report is being presented to the Panel this month with a recommendation it progresses straight to the Report Phase. If the Panel approves the Modification Report, the Change Board vote will be held on 24 February 2021 under Self-Governance.
DP146 'SM WAN Coverage Date'	DP146 is in the Development Stage. It was presented to the CSC on 5 January 2021 and was recommended for conversion to a Modification Proposal. It will be presented to the Panel this month. Our proposed timetable would allow for a decision in time for inclusion in the June 2021 SEC Release
MP147 'SMKI Full Extract'	MP147 is undergoing the Refinement Process. A Refinement Consultation has been issued with responses requested by 29 January 2021. The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel in February 2021.

The June 2021 SEC Release will be a document-only release and will not contain any DCC System impacting modifications.

Since the last meeting we have identified that [DP146 'SM WAN Coverage Date'](#) could be added to the scope of this release and recommend that it is included for efficiency. It is a text-only change and will not impact the DCC Systems or SEC Party systems.

We don't expect any further modifications to be added to the scope of this release, although the Panel may choose to add further modifications by exception if it believes it necessary or efficient to do so.

4. November 2021 SEC Release

The table below summarises the modifications currently in scope of the November 2021 SEC Release on 4 November 2021:

Modification	Current status	Impacts DCC Systems?
SECMP0007 'Firmware update to IHDs and PPMIDs'	Approved for inclusion.	✓
MP077 'DCC Service Flagging'	We have received the DCC Impact Assessment and the Modification Report will be presented to the Panel this	✓

Modification	Current status	Impacts DCC Systems?
	month. If the Panel approves the Modification Report, the Change Board vote will be held on 24 February 2021. The Panel will determine if this modification should be Self-Governance or Authority Determined.	
MP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'	Approved for inclusion.	✓
MP105 'Sending SR11.2 to Devices in Suspended State'	We have received the DCC Impact Assessment. We will seek feedback from the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) on 4 February 2021 before presenting the Modification Report to the Panel on 12 February 2021.	✓
MP129 'Allowing the use of CNSA variant for ECDSA'	This modification is non-DCC System impacting. We are preparing the legal text for a text-only solution that will impact the GB Companion Specification (GBCS).	
MP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series'	This modification is non-DCC System impacting. We will seek feedback from Parties in February for the TS Applicability Table (TSAT) dates for the November 2021 SEC Release, considering the approval of SECMP0007. This will help form the Proposed Solution for MP143.	

Since the last meeting we have identified that [MP122B 'Operational Metrics – Part 2'](#) should be removed from the scope of this release. None of the DCC Change Requests under this modification have a short enough lead time to meet this release and the Working Group has yet to decide which of these should be taken forward. A questionnaire has been issued to the Working Group asking for feedback on which, if not all, Change Requests should be taken forward, which closed on 8 January 2021. Following this a Working Group meeting has been scheduled for 22 January 2021 to assess the feedback before issuing a Refinement Consultation.

We have also identified that [MP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series'](#) could be added to the scope of this release and recommend that it is included for efficiency. It is a text-only change and will not impact the DCC Systems.

We don't expect any further DCC System impacting modifications to be added to the scope of this release, although the Panel may choose to add further modifications by exception if it believes it necessary or efficient to do so. Other modifications that do not impact the DCC Systems can still be added to the scope later on, and the Panel will be asked to re-baseline the scope to include these in May 2021.

5. SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'

Clarification on the approved implementation approach

On 27 October 2020, the Authority approved [SECMP0007 'Firmware Updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#). The SEC changes and Data Services Provider (DSP) elements will be implemented on 4 November 2021 (November 2021 SEC Release). The Communications Services Provider (CSP) changes will be

delivered via a subsequent Communications Hub firmware release, currently targeted for June 2022 SEC Release. This approach was proposed by the TABASC Chair to the Working Group, who discussed and agreed with this approach and included this in the Modification Report.

Although Communications Hub firmware releases are not bound by the scheduled SEC Releases, the DCC is targeting delivering these alongside the June 2022 SEC Release in order to realise efficiencies in testing alongside other in-scope SEC Modifications which impact Communications Hubs. The DCC is also exploring options in respect to the release window, due to the change landscape around June 2022, which includes either moving the Release to earlier in 2022 or combining the Release with the Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) changes.

We have become aware of some confusion by SEC Parties over this approach and what it will mean for their being able to fully utilise the solution following the November 2021 SEC Release. We have provided further clarification on the approach on the SECMP0007 and November 2021 SEC Release pages of our website and intend to further highlight this to SEC Parties via email and our Newsletter.

CTSD legal text – change of implementation date

The legal text changes for SECMP0007 will be implemented in the November 2021 SEC Release. However, the DCC has highlighted that the changes for SEC Appendix R 'Common Test Scenarios Document' (CTSD) must be implemented from the start of the User Integration Testing (UIT) window to support testing. This applies where changes are made to existing Service Requests or new Service Requests are created. As SECMP0007 is implementing new Service Request 11.4 'Update PPMID Firmware', the CTSD changes must be effective in advance of the November 2021 SEC Release. On 9 December 2020, the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) agreed with this approach.

For efficiency, we propose the SECMP0007 CTSD changes are brought forward to 24 June 2021 (June 2021 SEC Release). This would allow testing of the new Service Request to commence from UIT.

In accordance with SEC Section D10.5, the Panel may request the Authority to direct a revised implementation timetable for an approved modification. We recommend that the Panel requests the Authority to direct a revised implementation date for the SECMP0007 CTSD changes only of 24 June 2021, with all other changes for SECMP0007 continuing to be implemented on 4 November 2021.

6. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **NOTE** the update on the February 2021 SEC Release;
- **AGREE** the update to the scope of the June 2021 SEC Release;
- **AGREE** the update to the scope of the November 2021 SEC Release;
- **NOTE** the update on the SECMP0007 implementation approach; and
- **AGREE** to request the Authority changes the implementation date of the SECMP0007 CTSD legal text to 24 June 2021.

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