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MP157 ‘Removal of DUIS v1.1 and v2.0’ Conclusions Report – version 1.0

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation and the decision of the Change Board regarding approval or rejection of this modification.

Summary of conclusions

Change Board

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP157. It believed the modification better facilitates SEC Objectives (a)¹ and (g)².

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received two responses to the Modification Report Consultation. Both believed the modification should be approved.

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain.

² Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC.

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Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

Two responses were provided to the MP157 Modification Report Consultation. One was provided from a Large Supplier and the other was from an Electricity Network Party.

The Large Supplier believed the Modification Proposal should be approved, citing they were on DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) version 3.0, and so had an interest in removing the earlier versions. They provided no further comments.

The Network Party also believed the Modification Proposal should be approved, citing SEC Objectives (a) and (g). They queried how the 12-month notice would be provided before an old version was end-dated, given there was no formal entry in the SEC, and which the legal text does not include. SECAS notes that the Data Communications Company (DCC) will provide this in their communications with industry for when they begin to look to remove the specific DUIS version, and that this will be set out in accompanying guidance. Any end-date will need to be progressed and approved via a SEC modification, and so Users will also be able to highlight any issues with any proposed end-date as part of this.

The Network Party also had questions surrounding whether an error message would be returned for Users still on older versions of DUIS that had passed their Maintenance End Date, and about why the date for removal is set to 26 November 2021 when the November 2021 Release date is 4 November 2021. For the purposes of DUIS v1.1 and v2.0, SECAS does not expect an error message to be sent, due to Users having confirmed to be moved off of these versions by then. The DCC has confirmed industry has migrated off of these older versions, so it is unlikely that an error message will be returned for these specific versions. SECAS agreed it was not the intent for versions 1.1 and 2.0 to be mis-aligned with the November 2021 SEC Release date, and that that in the future any end-dates should be aligned to SEC Releases wherever possible.

Change Board vote

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The Change Board voted to **approve** MP157 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below:

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	4	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	1	0	0	Approve
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)³

The Change Board believed that MP157 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as it would ensure DUIS versions are removed correctly and ensures efficiency within the industry.

Objective (g)⁴

The Change Board believed that MP157 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g) as it would improve the transparency and implementation of the SEC due to aligning the removal method with other technical specifications.

Change Board discussions

One Change Board member wanted to note that in the event of future DUIS versions being removed from the SEC, these should be aligned with the go-live dates of new DUIS versions so that no additional testing is required for the versions that plan to be removed, and to maintain a constant number of live DUIS versions. SECAS agreed with this comment.

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