

Market Architecture Code Change Proposal 003: Quality Assurance and Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 009: Quality Assurance

Modification proposal:	Market Architecture Code Change Proposal 003: Quality Assurance and Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 009: Quality Assurance		
Decision:	Ofwat has decided to confirm these change proposals		
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Background

Several needed amendments to the Market Architecture Code (MAC) and Wholesale Retail Code (WRC) were identified by Market Operator Systems Limited (MOSL) in August 2015. MAC001 and WRC001 were approved and also deal with changes identified during the 'page turn' exercise completed in August 2015. The changes which made up MAC003 and WRC009 are more substantive with changes to the text to make passages more readable.

The modification proposal¹

MOSL wrote MAC003 and WRC009 to propose to correct identified issues and create uniform formatting across the entire code documents. The proposals include hundreds of small documented changes to the codes to increase readability and uniformity.

¹ The proposal is available on: <http://www.open-water.org.uk/icp/>

Interim Code Panel recommendation

At its meeting on 22 September 2015, the Interim Code Panel voted unanimously to recommend MAC003 and WRC009. Minutes of the meeting indicate Panel considered the change to positively impact on the efficiency of the codes².

Our decision

This proposals were not consulted on. The Panel was satisfied that no material changes were contained in within the changes proposed. In this case changes were made to paragraphs but these did not change the meaning nor effect of the paragraph. After review of the text we have concluded that the implementation of MAC003 and WRC009 are consistent with the Principals and Objectives³ as the improved text will increase the efficiency of their use. We consider that confirming this change is consistent with our principal objectives and statutory duties.

Reasons for our decision

We consider that the implementation of MAC003 and WRC009 will contribute to effective codes and changes contained are correct and desirable.

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