

## Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal (CP) 016

Modification proposal:	Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 016: Data Catalogue Updates – SPID Format		
Decision:	Ofwat has decided to confirm these change proposals		
Date of publication:	23 February 2016	Implementation date:	Immediate

### Background

As part of the detailed works undertaken by MOSL and its IT system developer, small technical details need to be determined. This proposal seeks to clarify the exact format of the Supply Point Identification number (SPID) used on water meters in England and Wales.

### The modification proposal<sup>1</sup>

MOSL proposed WRC016 to clarify the format of SPIDS. It proposed the character set and character length of the SPID plus a 'check digit algorithm' to verify SPIDS are correct. The initial proposal was consulted on and was questioned by Panel members. Debate focussed on whether it was most efficient to follow the Scottish system or not, as well as questions about making it possible to identify the region the supply point is located in from the SPID. A simplified version of the modification returned to the 13 January meeting where WRC016 was approved.

### Interim Code Panel recommendation

At its meeting on 13 January 2016, the Interim Code Panel voted unanimously to recommend WRC016. Minutes of the meeting indicate Panel considered the change to

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<sup>1</sup> The proposal is available on the MOSL website at: <http://www.open-water.org.uk/>

positively impact on the efficiency of the codes, simplicity, and cost effectiveness and security of the codes<sup>2</sup>. It is also positively impacted on the Market Terms.

## **Our decision**

After review of the supporting documentation we have concluded that the implementation of WRC016 is consistent with the Principals and Objectives<sup>3</sup> and will improve efficiency of the transaction system. 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 and WRC016 will contribute to effective codes and changes contained are correct and desirable.

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