

Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal (CP) 038

Modification proposal:	Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 038: CSD 0301 updates – Removal of Error codes table		
Decision:	Ofwat has decided to reject this change proposals		
Date of publication:	11 July 2016	Implementation date:	Immediate

Background

As part of testing of the Central Market Operating System (CMOS) test transactions are either approved or may be rejected with an ‘error code’ or ‘return code’ generated. A description of each error code and return code is currently within Section 3.3.1 of CSD 301.

The modification proposal¹

MOSL proposed WRC038 to remove the list and descriptions of error codes and return codes from the Wholesale Retail Code. This would enable the further development of the CMOS system to continue and the list to be amended without the need to amend the code. MOSL cited improved efficiency, transparency and quicker amendments to the testing software.

Interim Code Panel recommendation

At its meeting on 14 June 2016, the Interim Code Panel voted unanimously to reject WRC037. Minutes of the meeting indicate Panel considered the change did not positively impact on the transparency of the code nor simplicity, cost effectiveness

¹ The proposal is available on the Open Water website

and security². They did agree there was an improvement in efficiency but this was outweighed by the other principals and objectives

Our decision

After review of the supporting documentation we have concluded that the implementation of WRC038 is not consistent with the Principals and Objectives³ of the WRC. We do not consider confirming this change is consistent with our principal objectives and statutory duties.

Reasons for our decision

We do not consider that the implementation of and WRC038 will contribute to effective codes and changes contained are correct and desirable.

Adam Cooper
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² Available at: <http://www.open-water.org.uk/icp>