
Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal – Ref CPW054

Modification proposal	Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal – CPW054 – Housekeeping Changes to Market Codes
Decision	The Authority has decided to approve this change proposal
Publication date	22 March 2019
Implementation date	29 March 2019

Background

The market codes, including the Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs), identify a large number of inter-related activities and processes. It is essential that information within the CSDs and the Wholesale Retail Code (WRC) are aligned, accurate and are as clear as possible in order to ensure the smooth operation of the market. Grammatical and typographical errors can create distraction, misinterpretation and cause delay.

MOSL has been keeping a log of potential amendments that will improve the readability and provide clarification to the meaning of the codes.

The issue

MOSL has been keeping a log of typographical and grammatical errors in the WRC as and when they have been identified. The purpose of this is to ensure that the market codes are maintained as the market progresses, and that areas of inconsistency are addressed.

There are a number of minor errors and general “housekeeping” issues that have been identified and require modification. These modifications currently affect two CSDs and Part 1 of the WRC (Objectives, Definitions and Principles).

The vast majority of the identified errors are minor, whilst one, the name for the TCORR173.M transaction is inconsistent within market documents and processes. The aim is to improve readability and address inconsistency.

The modification proposal¹

The proposal is to make minor grammatical and typographical changes, provide clarifications and increase consistency to the contents of market code documents. The identified modifications are within two CSDs and Part 1 of the WRC.

The changes being proposed can be categorised as follows:

- Changes within CSD 0102 Registrations: Transfers: under section 2.2.38(l), the name for the TCORR173.M transaction does not align with the Data Catalogue. The correct name in the Data Catalogue for transaction TCORR173.M is 'Notify Amended Initial or Final Meter Read'. The incorrect name provided in CSD 0102 is 'Notify Amended Initial Final or Pre-loaded Meter Read'. The intended modification for this code document will create alignment and consistency with CSD 0301 Data Catalogue. The change will ensure that names of transactions are consistent throughout code documents.
- Changes within CSD 0105 Error Rectification and Retrospective Amendments: the proposed changes for CSD 0105 seek to remove certain words and mistakes from the document such as 'Meter Operator'. This has been amended to read 'Market Operator'. Other changes made within this document are to increase readability.
- Changes within Part 1 of the WRC Objectives, Principles and Definitions: the proposed changes are within the Objectives and Definitions sections of this document. The changes will remove certain words from this document to improve its readability, whilst also providing consistency and clarification in line with other market code documents. The change will also insert punctuation marks into other sections of the document for fluidity of text.

Industry consultation and assessment

Given that the intention behind the proposal is to conduct housekeeping changes to the codes, it was not considered necessary or proportionate to proceed to consultation on the proposal. The proposal proceeded to recommendation with the unanimous support of the Panel.

¹ The proposal and accompanying documentation is available on the MOSL website at <https://www.mosl.co.uk/market-codes/change#scroll-track-a-change>

Panel recommendation

The Panel considered this change proposal at its meeting on 29 January 2019. It recommended, by a unanimous decision, that the Authority approve this proposal on the basis of improving the principles of transparency and simplicity, cost-effectiveness and security. The recommended date of implementation is 29 March 2019.

Our decision

We have considered the issues raised by the modification proposal and the supporting documentation provided in the Panel's Final Report. We have concluded that the implementation of CPW054 will better facilitate the principles and objectives of the Wholesale Retail Code detailed in Schedule 1 Part 1 Objectives, Principles and Definitions and is consistent with our statutory duties.

Reasons for our decision

We set out below our views on which of the applicable Code principles are better facilitated by the modification proposal.

Transparency

The proposed changes will ensure that information within the CSDs and WRC are clearly expressed, aligned and accurate, creating transparency between processes and documents.

Simplicity, cost-effectiveness and security

The proposed changes will ensure that statements and processes are clearly expressed in the WRC, in a manner that is simple and clear, with no costs to trading parties and MOSL.

Decision notice

In accordance with paragraph 6.3.7 of the Market Arrangements Code, Ofwat approves this change proposal.

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