

Bilateral Transactions Programme Technical drop-in sessions: Q&A

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Following the release of technical specification documents for the C1 (Meter Verification Process) we arranged a number of technical drop-in sessions to support Trading Parties with any questions they might wish to ask. Key questions and answers from these sessions to date are as follows:

What file types can be used as attachments within the Bilateral Hub?

The file type for any attachments will be: PDF/PNG/JPG

If a user attaches a document with the Bilateral Hub that doesn't match the correct file type will it be rejected?

Yes, documents that do not meet the correct file type for attachments will be captured by a validation rule and will receive a rejection message.

Is MOSL going to make further iterative changes to technical documents as a result of future processes being reviewed?

It is not anticipated that the transactions that have been defined in CSD0601 or the XSDs for the C1 process will change as future processes are reviewed. Each process will go through a thorough review with the Operational Advisory Group (OAG) before being finalised. Although we cannot guarantee that these documents won't change, we're trying to minimise the number of potential changes and rework.

How is it possible to identify which fields are mandatory in the XSDs?

The MinOccurs XML element will be set to greater than 0 for items that are mandatory.

Will updated versions of CSDs/XSDs be released with a note of what has changed?

Any updates to CSDs will be released with both a 'clean' and a 'tracked' version to identify any changes. The XSDs will not be released with a note of what has changed since the previous version but will directly relate to the CSDs and therefore any changes can be identified within the tracked copy of any CSDs.

Could MOSL reorder the sequence of technical specifications by the type of the unmeasured supply arrangements, or change the Data Item names for unmeasured components to make this easier from a user perspective?

As unmeasured components already make up part of the CMOS design and this is not something that can be changed through the Bilateral Transactions Programme.

What HVI endpoints will there be?

All information on HVI endpoints can be found in the Bilateral Hub External Interface Specification document.

What would happen to ‘in-flight’ service requests if changes are made to the transaction definitions?

It would depend on the nature of the change, if the change was small and did not impact in-flight service requests then it is likely no action would be taken. If a change was made that was likely to impact any in-flight service requests. MOSL would undertake an impact assessment in conjunction with Trading Parties.

Regarding synchronous responses with JSON – what is the recovery model if there is a failure between sending a query and receiving the response?

Details on failure of synchronous responses is documented within the Bilateral Hub External Interface Specification document.

Will there be market documents that describe the process in full including any interdependency between messages and KPI rules?

A series of Code Subsidiary Documents (CSDs) will describe each process in full. These documents will be produced in conjunction with the development of processes within the Bilateral Hub.

If you have any questions about the programme, please email bilaterals@mosl.co.uk in the first instance.