

## CP1551 'Updates to BSCP601 to reflect updates to the Measuring Instruments Regulations'

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### About This Document



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- Have 15 mins? Read sections 1, 4, 5 and 6
- Have 30 mins? Read all sections
- Have longer? Read all sections and the annexes and attachments

The purpose of this Change Proposal (CP)1551 CP Consultation is to invite BSC Parties, Party Agents and other interested parties to provide their views on the impacts and the merits of CP1551. The Imbalance Settlement Group (ISG) and Supplier Volume Allocation (SVG) will then consider the consultation responses before making a decision on whether or not to approve CP1551.

There are four parts to this document:

- This is the main document. It provides details of the solution, impacts, costs, and proposed implementation approach. It also summarises the ISG/SVG initial views on the proposed changes.
- Attachment A contains the CP proposal form.
- Attachment B contains the proposed redlined changes to deliver the CP1551 solution.
- Attachment C contains the specific questions on which we seek your views. Please use this form to provide your response to these questions, and to record any further views or comments you wish to be considered.

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## Why change?

As of 1 January 2021 the requirements for new Meters being placed on the market in Great Britain (GB) have changed. [BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing'](#) includes references to the outdated requirements for new Meters and must be amended to align with new Government policy.

To allow businesses time to adjust to the new requirements, the Government has put in place a two year transition period until 1 January 2023. The transition period is in place for already approved Meters to delay cut-off to switch from CE mark to UKCA. It will not impact the compliance of an already approved Meter.

## Solution

This CP proposes to amend the definition of Type Approval in BSCP601 to clarify to industry the requirements for new Meters being manufactured.

The form F601/03 (Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing) Section C will also be updated to align with [Product Safety & Metrology etc \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations \(EU Exit\) \(SI 2019/696\) legislation](#).

## Impacts and costs

No impact on industry as Meter manufacturers have already been made aware by BEIS of their new obligations. This CP is simply aligning BSCP601 to the new rules.

This change will only affect BSCP601, with no central system changes required.

The central implementation costs for this CP will be less than £1,000 to implement the relevant document changes.

## Implementation

The CP is recommended for implementation on 24 February 2022 as part of the standard February 2022 Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Release.

## 2 Why Change?

### What is the issue?

BSCP601 text refers to old, outdated standards for Meters that have been replaced on 1 January 2021. Therefore BSCP601 requires amendment to clarify the requirements for Type Approval for new Meters.

### Background

From 1 January 2021 all new Meter designs, which would previously have been Measurement Instruments Directive (MID) approved and placed on the market in GB (England, Wales and Scotland) must have the UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark. New Meters must also be approved against the requirements of the [Measuring Instruments Regulations \(MIR\) \(SI 2016/1153\)](#), as amended by the [Product Safety & Metrology etc \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations \(EU Exit\) \(SI 2019/696\)](#) legislation, which follows the basic requirements as listed for MID meters.

The UKCA mark is a new UK product marking that is replacing the CE mark for goods sold within GB. The UKCA mark came into effect in 1 January 2021 but there is a two year transition period, where current CE marked meters can continue to be placed on the market within GB until 1 January 2023. After this date, all new Meters must comply with the new standards.

### Proposed solution

This CP proposes to make changes to BSCP601 with the following:

- Amend the definition of Type Approval to clarify to industry the requirements for new Meters.
- Update form F601/03 (Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing) Section C to align with Product Safety & Metrology etc (Amendment etc.) Regulations (EU Exit) (SI 2019/696) legislation.

BSCP601 is only for new Meters or where the firmware is updated. Existing Meter stock and recycling of old Meters will not be impacted by this CP.

### Proposer's rationale

The CP will provide clarity for industry on compliance Type Approval requirements needed for a Meter to be successful in Compliance Testing Approval against the Metering Codes of Practices (CoPs).

The CP will align BSCP601 to a higher level law, and will remove an inconsistency between the BSCP601 and the new legislation.

#### CP Consultation Question

Do you agree with the CP1551 proposed solution?

*Please provide your rationale.*

We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment C

### Proposed redlining

The proposed redlining to BSCP516 for this CP can be found in Attachment B of this paper.

#### CP Consultation Question

Do you agree that the draft redlining delivers the CP1551 proposed solution?

*If 'No', please provide your rationale.*

We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment C

## 4 Impacts and Costs

### BSC Party & Party Agent impacts and costs

#### Participant impacts

This CP is not expected to have any impact on BSC Parties or non-BSC Parties. Meter manufacturers are already aware of the new rules.

BSC Party & Party Agent Impacts	
BSC Party/Party Agent	Impact
No impact to BSC Party/Party Agents	None

### Central impacts and costs

#### Central impacts

The solution in this CP only affects BSC documentation, specifically BSCP601. No BSC Central Systems or Agents will be impacted.

Central Impacts	
Document Impacts	System Impacts
<a href="#">BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing'</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>

#### Central costs

The central implementation costs for this CP will be less than £1,000 to implement the relevant document changes.

CP Consultation Questions
Will CP1551 impact your organisation? <i>If 'Yes', please provide a description of the impact(s) on your organisation and any activities which you will need to undertake between the approval of CP1551 and the CP1551 Implementation Date (including any necessary changes to your systems, documents and processes). Where applicable, please state which of the roles that you operate as will be impacted and any differences in the impacts between each role.</i>
Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing CP1551? <i>If 'Yes', please provide details of these costs, how they arise and whether they are one-off or on-going costs.</i>
We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment C

## 5 Implementation Approach

### Recommended Implementation Date

This change is recommended for implementation on 24 February 2022 as part of the standard February 2022 BSC Release to ensure BSCP601 aligns with the new regulations which came into effect in January 2021 and will be enforced by January 2023.

#### CP Consultation Question

Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach for CP1551?

*Please provide your rationale.*

We invite you to give your views using the response form in Attachment C

### ISG's initial views

The CP Progression Paper (ISG 246/04) was presented to the ISG at its meeting on [5 October 2021](#).

An ISG member asked whether existing meter stock will be impacted by the CP. Elexon clarified that the Change will only apply to new Meters and existing compliant meters will not be affected.

There were no other comments on the CP or the timetable for progression.

### SVG's initial views

The CP Progression Paper (SVG 248/02) was presented to the SVG at its meeting on [5 October 2021](#). The SVG had no comments on the CP or the timetable for progression.

## Appendix 1: Glossary & References

### Acronyms

Acronyms used in this document are listed in the table below.

Acronyms	
Acronym	Definition
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
CoPs	Codes of Practices
CP	Change Proposal
GB	Great Britain
ISG	Imbalance Settlement Group
MID	Measurement Instruments Directive
MIR	Measuring Instruments Regulations
SVG	Supplier Volume Allocation Group
UKCA	UK Conformity Assessed

### External links

A summary of all hyperlinks used in this document are listed in the table below.

All external documents and URL links listed are correct as of the date of this document.

External Links		
Page(s)	Description	URL
2	BSCP601 'Metering Protocol Approval and Compliance Testing'	<a href="https://www.elexon.co.uk/csd/bscp601-metering-protocol-approval-and-compliance-testing/">https://www.elexon.co.uk/csd/bscp601-metering-protocol-approval-and-compliance-testing/</a>
2	Product Safety & Metrology etc (Amendment etc.) Regulations (EU Exit) (SI 2019/696) legislation	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/696/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/696/contents</a>
3	Measuring Instruments Regulations	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/1153/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/1153/contents/made</a>
7	ISG 246	<a href="https://www.elexon.co.uk/meeting/isg246/">https://www.elexon.co.uk/meeting/isg246/</a>
7	SVG 248	<a href="https://www.elexon.co.uk/meeting/svg248/">https://www.elexon.co.uk/meeting/svg248/</a>