

DCC Consultation Response

Consultation on changes to
SMETS1 SVTAD, UTSAD &
ETAD for November 2020

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1. Introduction

On 25 August 2020, DCC issued a consultation to invite views on the removal of the SMETS1 User Testing Service Approach Document (UTSAD) as a consequence of proposed changes to the Common Tests Scenarios Document for the November 2020 Release, and proposed consequential changes to the SMETS1 SEC Variation Testing Approach Document (SVTAD) and Enduring Testing Approach Document (ETAD).

The consultation closed on 15 September 2020 and in total 4 organisations responded.

1.1. Structure of this document

This document comprises of the following sections:

- The questions that were asked, together with a summary of views of respondents and DCC's responses to these.
- DCC's next steps.

2. Feedback changes to SMETS1 SVTAD, ETAD and UTSAD

2.1. Responses to consultation questions

Q1: Do you agree that, subject to the proposed amendments to the SMETS1 SVTAD and ETAD set out in Section 3, all other obligations in the UTSAD including entry requirements, Eligibility Testing and SMETS1 Interface Testing will no longer be required and the UTSAD can be removed?

Stakeholder's response

All of the respondents agreed that all other in the UTSAD including entry requirement, Eligibility Testing and SMETS1 Interface Testing will no longer be required and the UTSAD can be removed.

DCC's response

DCC notes the responses and will recommend that the UTSAD is removed.

Q2: Do you agree with the proposed changes to the SMETS1 SVTAD and ETAD? Do you have any detailed comments on the relevant changes to the legal drafting?

Stakeholder's response

All of the respondents agreed with the proposed changes to the SMETS1 SVTAD and ETAD.

The respondents also noted the below comments/observations:

- the SMETS1 Interface Testing definition has been removed from table 1.1 in the SVTAD yet the term is mentioned throughout the document;
- section 13.30(a)(ii) has a typographical error stating “(B)” before the sub-clause;
- “Additional Service Request Testing” should be defined in table 1.1 in the SVTAD; and
- “User Testing Services” and “User Testing Service Guidance” have been removed from table 1.1 in the SVTAD, and the respondent noted that these are standard definitions understood by DCC Users as the services offered to users by DCC to support Service User Testing, and the User Testing Guidance was a generic term to refer to any user guidance document issued by DCC to support Service User Testing.

One respondent also noted that in the changes that were marked against Clause 20 of the SMETS1 SVTAD (proposed changes to the DMCT process) that there are no time limits on DCC to notify the Secretary of State or Supplier Parties within the objection process set out in section 20.12A. The respondent considered that DCC should add timelines that DCC believes it can achieve for consultation consideration.

DCC’s response

DCC notes the responses and can confirm the following:

- the SMETS1 Interface Testing definition was removed in error and DCC has added this back into the document;
- the “(B)” has been removed from section 13.30 (a)(ii);
- a definition has been added for Additional Service Request Testing in table 1.1 in the SVTAD; and
- “User Testing Services” and “User Testing Service Guidance” have been removed from table 1.1 as they are no longer referred to in the document. Furthermore, DCC has an obligation in the ETAD to provide user testing guidance. The user testing guidance referred to in the UTSAD was specific to the user testing service phase, which is no longer relevant.

DCC considers that comments in relation to time limits for DCC notification to the Secretary of State or Supplier Parties within the objection process set out in section 20.12A are outside the scope of this consultation. This was included as part of the recent DCC consultation on DMCT¹ and DCC will therefore address the comments bilaterally in response to this particular consultation.

Q3: Do you agree with the proposed re-designation date of 05 October 2020 for updates to the SMETS1 SVTAD and ETAD related to the November 2020 SEC Release (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) using the draft notification at Attachment 1 and 2?

Stakeholder’s response

¹ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/dmct-process-improvement/>

All of the respondents agreed with the proposed re-designation date.

DCC's response

DCC notes the responses received.

3. DCC Next Steps

DCC has submitted the conclusions report and updated SMETS1 SVTAD and ETAD to the Secretary of State. The documents have also been published alongside this consultation response on the [DCC Responses](#) page on the DCC Website.

Following the submission of the SMETS1 SVTAD and ETAD to the Secretary of State, DCC expects the Secretary of State to make a decision on whether and when to re-designate the revised documents into the regulatory framework.