



SMETS1 Consultation - MEHRS - March 2022

A SMETS1 consultation on a proposal by DCC to amend the Migration Error Handling and Retry Strategy (MEHRS) to extend the MA110 check to MOC (Secure)

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1. Introduction and Context

A number of energy suppliers have installed first generation smart devices (known as SMETS1 devices) in consumers' premises across Great Britain. The Data Communications Company (DCC) has designed a solution for the enrolment of SMETS1 devices into its network. Part of DCC's plan to deliver SMETS1 services involves a detailed approach for migrating SMETS1 Installations into DCC's systems. The migration of SMETS1 Installations into the DCC System is progressing across the range of cohorts and all eligible meter families. Based on available data at the time of publication, around 4.9 million SMETS1 Installations have been Migrated, thereby facilitating interoperable smart services to these energy customers. By the end of 2021 all remaining EPCL entries were approved by BEIS.

The detailed technical and procedural requirements of the migration approach are set out in the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD). The TMAD is Appendix AL of the Smart Energy Code¹ (SEC). The latest version of the SEC was published on 24 February 2022 as v57.0.

Clauses 8.8 to 8.10A of the TMAD covers the arrangements for initial development and subsequent change of the Migration Error Handling and Retry Strategy (MEHRS). The latest version of the MEHRS² (v6.0) was published on 26 August 2021 following a consultation with Industry.

This consultation covers a change to the MEHRS to extend an existing check to the MOC (MDS) cohort.

2. Extending Check MA110 to MOC (Secure)

Appendix A of the MEHRS has a table setting out various error codes to report on checks within the migration process. One of these codes is MA110 which is used to report the check that the SMETS1 Installation planned for migration is not aligned to an entry on the Eligible Product Combinations List.

Previously, this check was not applied for the MOC (Secure) cohort but was introduced following deployment of the 2022 February Maintenance release to production. Thus, DCC is proposing to amend the MEHRS to extend MA110 to include Group ID = "DA" for the MOC (Secure) cohort.

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Do you agree with DCC's proposal to amend the MEHRS to extend the MA110 check to MOC (Secure)? Please provide a rationale for your views.

3. Next Steps

Following the closure of this consultation, DCC will take into account respondents' views, and, subject to the consultation responses received publish an updated draft MEHRS consistent with the TMAD requirements.

DCC is aiming to conclude on this consultation no later than 25 March 2022. Consistent with the regulatory requirements, DCC plans to:

¹ The current version of the SEC is available from <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/the-smart-energy-code-2/>

² <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/media/6454/con-smets1-migration-error-handling-and-retry-strategy-v60.pdf>

- publish a report covering DCC's conclusions on the MEHRS; and
- publish the draft MEHRS with an effective date of 8 April 2022 consistent with the requirements for a 14 day appeal window set out in Clause 8.9 of the TMAD.

4. How to Respond

Please provide responses in the attached template by 1600 on 21 March 2022 to DCC at consultations@smartdcc.co.uk. This template may be submitted in PDF or similar format rather than Microsoft Word format if preferred.

Consultation responses may be published on our website www.smartdcc.co.uk. Please state clearly in writing whether you want all or any part, of your consultation to be treated as confidential. It would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. Please note that responses in their entirety (including any text marked confidential) may be made available to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority). Information provided to BEIS or the Authority, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information legislation (primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004). If BEIS or the Authority receive a request for disclosure of the information we/they will take full account of your explanation (to the extent provided to them), but we/they cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded by us as a confidentiality request.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact DCC via consultations@smartdcc.co.uk.

5. Attachments

Attachment / Title
1. Response Template
2. Migration Error Handling and Retry Strategy V6.1 Draft Redlined

Table 1 – Attachments