Data Communications Company

SMETS1 Conclusion - Migration DUST Closure for MOC (Secure)

A SMETS1 conclusion on a consultation on proposals by DCC to end the provision of Migration DUST for the MOC (Secure) cohort (where GroupID = "DA")

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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 an approach for migrating SMETS1 Installations into DCC's systems.

On 5 December 2022, DCC issued the Migration DUST Closure for MOC (Secure) consultation[1] to seek views on a regulatory change to the Migration Testing Approach Document (MTAD) to decommission the Migration DUST Testing Service only for the MOC (Secure) cohort from 31 January 2023.

This document provides a response to that consultation consistent with the requirements for DCC to modify MTAD set out in SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (SMETS1 SVTAD) which is Appendix AK in the Smart Energy Code[2] (SEC).

2. Stakeholder Engagement

This section details DCC's stakeholder engagement that has taken place in relation to the proposed regulatory changes.

2.1. Questions / Prior Engagement

Prior to the consultation being issued, in November 2022, DCC also reached out to Energy Suppliers and no Energy Supplier indicated an expectation to use Migration DUST again for the MOC (Secure) cohort.

Table 1 below details the questions that were presented in the public consultation.

MDUST Close MOC (Secure) Q1	Do you agree with DCC's proposals to close Migration DUST for MOC (Secure) from Tuesday 31 January 2023 (or within one month thereafter) as captured by the proposed changes to the MTAD? Do you have any detailed comments on the relevant changes to the legal drafting? Please provide a rationale for your views.
MDUST Close MOC (Secure) Q2	Do you agree with the proposed modification date of 27 January 2023 (or within one month thereafter) for the changes to the MTAD?

Table 1 – Consultation Questions – SMETS1 Consultation – Migration DUST Closure for MOC (Secure)

2.2. Responses

Stakeholders were invited to respond to the consultation by 16:00 on Friday 13 January 2023 using the response template[3] that was provided.

DCC received a written response from three respondents regarding this consultation.

Following closure of the consultation, DCC also contacted the stakeholder that was the last to use Migration DUST in relation to the MOC (Secure) cohort (in September 2022) as they

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[1] https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-consultation-migration-dust-closure-for-moc-secure/
[2] The current version of the SEC is available from https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/the-smart-energy-code-2/
[3] https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/media/ubph03v5/smets1-consultation-migration-dust-closure-for-moc-secure-response-template.docx

didn't respond formally to the consultation. This stakeholder confirmed that they have no further plans to use Migration DUST for the MOC (Secure) cohort. This stakeholder stated that they have no objections to the closure of Migration DUST for the MOC (Secure) cohort as set out in the consultation.

2.3. Analysis of Responses

DCC has analysed the feedback provided and views of stakeholders. Subject matter experts within DCC have reviewed each response.

DCC has structured the analysis of responses by question, providing an overview of the comments received and DCC's reply including a statement on any areas of disagreement.

3. Closure of Migration DUST for MOC (Secure) (where GroupID = "DA") (MDUST Close MOC (Secure) Q1)

DCC sought views on plan to close Migration DUST for the MOC (Secure) cohort from 31 January 2023 as there is now no demand for this testing service asking: "*Do you agree with DCC's proposals to close Migration DUST for MOC (Secure) from Tuesday 31 January 2023 (or within one month thereafter) as captured by the proposed changes to the MTAD? Do you have any detailed comments on the relevant changes to the legal drafting? Please provide a rationale for your views.*".

3.1. Respondents' Comments / DCC Analysis / Clarifications

All three respondents provided a supportive response to this question.

Two respondents expressed support for the proposal to close Migration DUST for the MOC (Secure) cohort without further commentary.

The other supportive respondent (a MAP) confirmed that their customer (who installed SMETS1 devices) had no further use for Migration DUST in the MOC (Secure) cohort. Thus, this respondent considered there was minimal negative impact of this proposal to their business.

3.2. Areas of Unresolved Disagreement

n/a

3.3. Summary

DCC concludes it is appropriate to close Migration DUST for MOC (Secure) from 31 January 2023 as captured by the proposed changes to the MTAD.

The specific date for closure of Migration DUST for MOC (Secure) is expected to be 31 January 2023 as set out in Section 6 below.

There are no changes to the MTAD arising from the consultation.

DCC proposes that it brings forward the relevant modification to the MTAD.

4. Modification Date for the MTAD (MDUST Close MOC (Secure) Q2)

DCC sought views on DCC's plans for modification of the MTAD between 27 January 2023 and 27 February 2023 asking: "***Do you agree with the proposed modification date of 27 January 2023 (or within one month thereafter) for the changes to the MTAD?***".

4.1. Respondents' Comments / DCC Analysis / Clarifications

All respondents provided a supportive response to this question.

Two respondents expressed support for the proposed modification date for the MTAD without further commentary.

The other supportive respondent set out that that timeline is tight for concluding and aiming for an end of February 2023 closure would allow more time to resolve any objections (were they to arise). DCC accepts there would be the possibility of delay within this consultation process. DCC notes that the consultation process allows for a later conclusion / modification date for the MTAD between 27 January 2023 and 27 February 2023 if delays to arise.

4.2. Areas of Unresolved Disagreement

n/a

4.3. Summary

DCC concludes it is appropriate for it to modify the MTAD between 27 January 2023 and 27 February 2023.

It is now proposed to modify the MTAD on 27 January 2023 in order to close Migration DUST for the MOC (Secure) cohort on 31 January 2023 via modification to the MTAD.

5. Conclusions

DCC intends to amend the MTAD with the changes proposed in this consultation given the responses received.

Consistent with the requirements set out in Clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD, DCC is of the view that it has undertaken appropriate consultation with stakeholders in relation to the proposed amendments to the MTAD.

DCC is confident that the MTAD submitted to the Secretary of State reflects the requirements for document submission. DCC has, where necessary, addressed the comments that have been received from industry and where appropriate, has sought additional feedback from respondents. DCC does not believe that the views expressed result in fundamental amendments to the MTAD and as such further consultation is neither necessary nor appropriate.

It is DCC's view that it has met its SEC obligation to consult with parties and to address the points raised and identify those comments that have not been resolved. DCC is of the view that it has met its regulatory obligation as set out in the SEC.

The updated MTAD is in line with the overall testing design for the SMETS1 Service and other relevant documents.

DCC considers that:

- the updated MTAD is defined to a sufficient level of detail for amendment by DCC;

- this document provides an overarching framework which sets out clearly and unambiguously parties' rights and obligations which are consistent / and aligned with the rest of the SEC requirements in relation to SMETS1 Services; and

- this document is materially complete, and the content is technically accurate.

In summary, DCC considers that the MTAD is fit for purpose.

6. Next Steps

DCC has submitted this conclusions report to the Secretary of State on the date of publication of this document. DCC will publish its conclusions report on the DCC Website and notify SEC Parties.

DCC considers that, having followed the process in Clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD, it is appropriate to amend the MTAD.

Subject to the Secretary of State not directing otherwise, DCC plans to issue a notice to modify the MTAD on 27 January 2023 with the MTAD being modified and Migration DUST to close on 31 January 2023 for the MOC (Secure) cohort.

DCC will notify the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the MTAD to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.

7. Attachments

Attachment	Title
1.	MTAD 4.0 Draft Redlined
2.	MTAD 4.0 Draft Clean

Table 2 - Attachments