

Modification Proposal

MP No: 106
(mandatory by BSCCo)

Title of Modification Proposal (mandatory by proposer):

Amendment to the BSC to allow Multiple Supplier Ids.

Submission Date (mandatory by proposer): 25 October 2002

Description of Proposed Modification (mandatory by proposer):

Currently the Code and its subsidiary documents do not acknowledge the concept of multiple Supplier Ids although some Parties are currently registered with multiple Supplier Ids. Whilst the registration of multiple Supplier Ids is not precluded by the Code, it would be beneficial if the Code, in the interests of providing clear and accurate information to BSC Parties and to improve the efficiencies within the central administration, defined and referred to Supplier Ids where appropriate in the Code. It would also be beneficial if the criteria for registering multiple Supplier Ids were laid out in the Code and a clear process for registering multiple Supplier Ids was set up in Code Subsidiary Documents.

Description of Issue or Defect that Modification Proposal Seeks to Address (mandatory by proposer):

Whilst the Code is silent on the use of multiple Supplier Ids, this Modification is being proposed to provide more rigour to Section S of the Code by recognising their existence.

There are currently Parties registered within the Central Registration System with more than one Supplier ID, however, the Code does not explicitly provide for multiple Supplier Ids nor does the registration procedure support the process of a Supplier registering more than one Supplier ID.

The adoption of multiple IDs has been the most efficient method for implementing trade sales or mergers and the Supplier default process, rather than the more lengthy Change Of Supplier process. Thus, the use of multiple Supplier Ids provides the most efficient implementation of the Code arrangements in such cases and improves efficiency within the central administration service.

The use of multiple Supplier Ids has also been adopted as an efficient way for Suppliers to manage their internal business requirements. For example where a Supplier wishes to separate half-hourly and non half-hourly volumes.

The Modification will also address the defect in Annex S-2 of the Code, which is drafted on the basis of a single Supplier Id, especially in relation to the linkage between Suppliers and BM Units. However, the Supplier Volume Allocation Agent (SVAA) receives data from Data Aggregators aggregated to the Supplier Id level and not simply to the Supplier. An amendment to the Code is proposed in order to link the data aggregation accurately from BM Units to Supplier Ids.

The issues of whether any restrictions should be placed on the circumstances Supplier Ids are registered under or the number of Supplier Ids per Party should be addressed at the Modification group.

Impact on Code (optional by proposer):

A thorough review of the Code will be necessary in order to assess each reference to Supplier and determine if Supplier Id should be referred to in its place.

A definition of Supplier Id and multiple Supplier Ids will be necessary.

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Impact on Core Industry Documents *(optional by proposer)*:

BSCP 65, which is the current process used for the registration of new Supplier, should be updated to include the registration of multiple Supplier Ids.

A more thorough impact assessment of the Core Industry Documents will be necessary.

Impact on BSC Systems and Other Relevant Systems and Processes Used by Parties *(optional by proposer)*:

It would be beneficial if Logica systems were reviewed as part of the assessment for this Modification.

Impact on other Configurable Items *(optional by proposer)*:

Justification for Proposed Modification with Reference to Applicable BSC Objectives *(mandatory by proposer)*:

This Modification promotes efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code arrangements as the adoption of multiple IDs has been the most efficient method of central administration when implementing trade sales or mergers and the Supplier default process. This Modification, by setting out the criteria for the registration of Multiple Supplier Ids, will add rigour to and improves the efficiency of Code arrangements. This is consistent with BSC Objective D.

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