

# MARKET CODE / OPERATIONAL CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Form  
version 2.1

Change Proposal reference  
(To be completed by the TP Sec.)

**MCCP191**

Version No.

**D.1**

## PART A — SUBMISSION

### A.1. GENERAL DETAILS

A.1.a. TITLE Vacancy Definition

A.1.b. COMPANY Business Stream

Change Proposals must be authorised by the person designated by the signatory to the Market Code Framework / Accession Agreement

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A.1.e. ASSOCIATED  
MCCP / OCCP

A.1.f. ASSOCIATED  
DOCS.

A.1.g. PROPOSED  
URGENCY NON-URGENT

A.1.h. REASONS FOR  
URGENCY

The CMA CEO will review this information and make a decision as to whether to take this MCCP / OCCP forward as urgent as defined under Market Code Part 8.9.1

<b>A.2. MCCP / OCCP DETAILS</b>		
<b>A.2.a. ISSUE OR DEFECT WHICH THIS MCCP / OCCP SEEKS TO ADDRESS</b> Required under Market Code Parts 8.7.1 (ii) (b) and 8.8.1 (ii) (b)		
<p>The Market Code defines Vacant Premises as: “any Eligible Premises which have been unoccupied by any Customer for a period in excess of 2 calendar days”. This means that if a customer informs their LP that they are moving out, and that the property is becoming vacant, the LP either cannot action this until 2 days later, or they have to update their own systems and the market data at different times, increasing the work involved. While the impact of this is not especially large, it would be more efficient not to have this requirement.</p>		
<b>A.2.b. DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE MCCP / OCCP AND HOW IT MEETS THE MARKET CODE / OPERATIONAL CODE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE MARKET DOCUMENTS</b> Required under Market Code Parts 8.7.1 (ii) (c) and 8.8.1 (ii) (c)		
<b>General Description</b>		
<p>An amendment to the Market Code is proposed, removing the minimum time period from the definition of Vacant Premises.</p>		
<b>Principles and Objectives affected</b>		
<b>PRINCIPLE</b>	<b>AFFECTED (Y/N)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Proportionality	N	
Transparency	N	
Simplicity, Cost-effectiveness, and Security	Y	The process of closing down customer accounts will be more efficient, and customers will receive their closing bills more quickly.
Non-exclusivity	N	
Barriers to Entry	N	
Customer Contact	N	
Non-discrimination	N	
Non-detrimental to SW Core Functions	N	
<b>MC / OC OBJECTIVES</b>		

**A.2.c. IMPACT**  
 Required under Market Code Parts 8.7.1 (ii) (d), (f) and (g), and 8.8.1 (ii) (d) and (f)

CONFIGURED ITEM	IMPACTED (Y/N)	DESCRIPTION
MC / OC		
CSDs		
Wholesale Services Agreements		
Licenses		
CMA Central Systems		
CMA business processes		
Trading Party systems		
Trading party business processes		

**A.2.d. DRAFT LEGAL TEXT**  
 Required under Market Code Parts 8.7.1 (ii) (d) and 8.8.1 (ii) (d)

**Page 153 of the Market Code to be amended as follows:**

"Vacant Premises" any Eligible Premises which ~~have been~~are currently unoccupied by any Customer ~~for a period in excess of 2 calendar days'~~

**Page 77 of CSD0104 to be amended as follows:**

**7.3.3.1 Description of the Process Diagram Steps**

**Step a: Licensed Provider becomes aware of vacancy or reoccupation**  
 Where a Licensed Provider becomes aware that any premises have been either unoccupied or are no longer Vacant, it should notify a consequent change to the Vacancy status to the CMA.  
~~The Market Code sets out a period during which a Supply Point may be unoccupied prior to notifying a change to modify the Supply Point to Vacant. This requirement also applies to Supply Points with Pseudo Meter arrangements, and Licensed Providers shall have due regard to that requirement.~~

**Step b: Licensed Provider updates Vacant status to CMA [T012.1]**  
 In the case of Vacancy, ~~following the period set out in the Market Code,~~ the Licensed Provider should notify the CMA of the Vacancy using Data Transaction T012.1 (Update Chargeable SPID Data)

A.3. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS	
A.3.a. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE OR LEAD TIME Timescale must not overlap with the period of consultation with the Commission and should take account of the impacts identified in Section A.2.c. Any quoted lead time should commence from date of Approval.	
February 2016.	
A.3.b. ANY LIMITATIONS OR DEPENDENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION	
A.4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS	

PART B — TP ASSESSMENT			
B.1. ASSESSMENT PROCESS			
B.1.a. ASSESSMENT START DATE	2015-09-30	ASSESSMENT END DATE	2015-12-10
B.1.b. IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT	IA NOT REQUIRED		
B.1.c. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT	TP CONSULTATION NOT REQUIRED		
B.1.d. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS (to this Part B)			
B.2. ASSESSMENT DETAILS			
B.2.a. CHANGE SPECIFICATION AND IMPACT (if different from that originally submitted)			
B.2.b. DRAFT LEGAL TEXT (if different from that originally submitted)			
<p><b>Page 153 of the Market Code to be amended as follows:</b></p> <p>"Vacant Premises" any Eligible Premises which <del>have been</del>are currently unoccupied by any Customer <del>for a period in excess of 2 calendar days'</del>and meet the criteria set down in <a href="#">CSD0104 Section 11.1.1.</a></p> <p><b>Page 146 of CSD0104 to be amended as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Vacant Premises and Occupied Premises Licensed Provider Updates Vacancy Status [T012.1]</b></p>			

Licensed Providers should notify the CMA of any Vacant Premises, using Data Transaction T012.1 (Update Chargeable SPID Data). ~~Market Code Schedule 1 defines the period for which premises must be unoccupied before it may be notified as a Vacant Premises.~~

**B.2.c. TP ASSESSMENT**

Taking into account complexity, importance and urgency, and having regard to whether or not such proposal is within the relevant Objectives and Principles as required under Market Code Parts 8.7.1 (v) and 8.8.1 (iv)

Impact on Principles and Objectives  
(if different from that originally submitted)

Cost Estimate

Benefit Estimate  
(L: < 10k, M: £10k to £100k, H: > £100k)

**B.3. TP DECISION**

TP APPROVED

**B.4. FINAL TP VIEWS**

**B.5. PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

2015-12-10

WITHDRAWN BY PROPOSER?

NO

COMMENTS

DATE OF WITHDRAWAL

**PART C — COMMISSION APPROVAL**

C.1. DATE FINAL REPORT ISSUED TO COMMISSION	2016-01-12
C.2. APPROVAL STATUS	APPROVED CHANGE
C.3. DATE OF APPROVAL STATUS	2016-02-01
C.4. COMMISSION RESPONSE REFERENCE	

**PART D — IMPLEMENTATION**

D.1. IMPLEMENTATION DATE	17 February 2016
D.2. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS (MC version, CSD versions, CMA Central Systems release number, etc.)	
Market Code v31	