

Memo

To Metering equipment providers
Distributors
Traders
Auditors

From Grant Benvenuti

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Subject Register content code changes: what you need to know

For your action

We have made changes to register content codes

We have published a decisions and summary of submissions paper which sets out our decision to improve the use of register content codes and associated period of availability.¹ Register content codes describe the physical and programmed set-up of the meter channel(s).

The improvements will be achieved by implementing a modified version of our preferred option (Option D) in our September 2017 consultation paper (entitled *Register content codes – 2017 operational review*).² Our decision takes into account views from submitters.

What you need to know

What are we changing?

- 1.1 We are retaining the current structure for register content codes and period of availability.
- 1.2 We are adding new register content codes, grandfathering some, and discontinuing others.
- 1.3 We have specified that, where metering configurations include a load control device, but the distributor does not specify a minimum period of supply in its load control policy, the period of availability should default to:
 - (a) '0' (zero) where the distributor specifies 'no maximum hours of control' or the equivalent, or does not specify any load control policy
 - (b) '24' where the distributor specifies it does not actively control the load.
- 1.4 We recommend you read the decisions paper in detail and, in particular, review the appendices to the decisions paper. These appendices will also be updated into the registry functional specification (SD-020).

¹ <https://www.ea.govt.nz/development/work-programme/operational-efficiencies/2017-operational-review-of-register-content-codes/development/decision-and-summary-of-submission-register-content-codes-operational-review-2017/>

² <https://www.ea.govt.nz/development/work-programme/operational-efficiencies/2017-operational-review-of-register-content-codes/consultations/#c16617>

When do the changes come into force?

- 1.5 New register content codes come into force on **1 April 2018**. All other changes come into force as follows:
- (a) unused customised register content codes will be discontinued immediately
 - (b) inclusion of DC on its own will be discontinued immediately
 - (c) SWDPK/WWDPK/WDOP/N combination will be grandfathered until the ICPs currently using these codes are moved to an alternative price category, then this combination will be discontinued. All other existing customised codes in use will be grandfathered until the next metering installation recertification date, and then they will be discontinued
 - (d) the use of CN, NC or N for fully controlled at fixed times, night only and night boost, will be grandfathered until the next metering installation recertification date, and then the inclusion of NC on its own will be discontinued
 - (e) immediately following addition of the new NO, NB, and SL codes, CN, NC or N will not be permitted for any new or recertified metering installations that use these codes for fully controlled at fixed times, night only, night boost, or metered street light channels
 - (f) MEPs will be given until the next metering installation recertification date to change the register content codes in the registry from CN, NC or N to NO, NB, or SL (as appropriate) for metering installations which use CN, NC or N for night only or night boost where there are fixed on/off times.
- 1.6 All combinations being grandfathered have been end-dated in the registry static data table as at 21 March 2018. This allows for maintenance during the period of responsibility, but does not allow the combination to be used going forward.
- 1.7 As part of implementation, MEPs will be provided with a list of their affected ICPs and the status of the associated register content code (grandfathered, discontinued). We will be in contact with MEPs separately.

Distributor pricing information and register content codes

- 1.8 We have decided not to proceed with making changes to the Code requiring distributors to include applicable register content codes in their pricing information. However we strongly encourage distributors to do so voluntarily.
- 1.9 A separate memo on distributor pricing information and register content codes will be released to participants regarding our expectations.
- 1.10 If you have any questions about the implementation of our decision, please contact marketoperations@ea.govt.nz.



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