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I0278 WORKING GROUP 3

21 JULY 2026

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	TIME	PRESENTER
Welcome and Introduction	10:00	Lead Analyst
Competition law compliance	10:05	Chair
Review minutes and actions of previous meeting	10:10	Lead Analyst
I0278 Background & Working Group Aims	10:15	Chair
Scope Discussion	10:20	All
Equipment and Testing Discussion	10:30	All
Next Steps, Date and Time of Next Meeting	11:15	Lead Analyst
Any Other Business	11:25	All

HOUSEKEEPING RULES

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- Meetings will be recorded to provide meeting notes.
- Use the chat or the hands-up function to help flow of discussions.
- Please stay on mute if not speaking.

COMPETITION LAW COMPLIANCE

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Organisations present in this Working Group offer many benefits for the businesses they bring together and represent, but they are also at risk of acting anti-competitively if they try to shield their members from the natural pressures of competition. Members must be mindful of their conduct in relation to other members of this Working Group who are likely to be actual or potential competitors of theirs.

Competition and Markets Authority, 2018

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REVIEW MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

WORKING GROUP – ACTIONS

MINUTES

No comments have been received to the minutes of the previous working group.

ACTIONS

I0278WG_0511_A01	The Code Manager to amend the diagram with some explanatory notes, and to expand the responsibilities of SIPs in different scenarios with some supporting documentation.	The Code Manager will amend the diagram after responsibilities have been defined and agreed.
I0278WG_0511_A02	The Code Manager to share with members statistics provided by the HSE.	Completed
I0278WG_0511_A03	The Code Manager to share the ENA EREC about fuse upgrades with members when it is made available.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A01	The Code Manager to share the final survey results from Electrical Safety First with members once it has been completed.	Completed
I0278WG_0629_A02	The Code Manager to check whether the advent of non-compliant devices and the risks they create should be raised as a REC Issue or whether an awareness piece should be conducted for Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs).	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A03	The Code Manager to consider adding an investigation procedure in the SIP's policy detailing the process, and the responsible Parties for the investigation.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A04	The Code Manager to investigate whether there are any stipulations that make it mandatory for MEMs to use a certain security device on Energy Supplier's meters.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A05	The Code Manager to draft a list of scenarios where SIPs need to report issues they identify (i.e. faulty equipment, signs of interference, poor installations), who they need to report the issue to, and what the escalation route is for each scenario.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A06	The Code Manager to investigate how an electrician is currently being notified that a new cutout has been introduced when the DNO would have changed it.	In progress

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I0278 BACKGROUND & WORKING GROUP AIMS

I0278 – OVERVIEW

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Issue

- This Issue was raised to establish SIP as Standalone Metering Party to:
  - align with Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement;
  - enable easier access to certified SIPs; and
  - resolve risks and safety issues that the current framework poses.

Impact

- The current SIP framework poses several risks:
  - Consumers, MEMs and unaccredited practitioners' safety;
  - inequity with a two-tier system;
  - low competitive market; and
  - decarbonisation delays.

Activities to date

- Engagement with six industry bodies to seek initial views.
- Information request open for six weeks (February – March 2026) to better assess industry views on what a streamlined framework for SIPs could look like.
- Discussion with the ENA on their fuse upgrade project.

I0278 – PROPOSED WORKING GROUP ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No	Theme	Date
1	Introduction and Framework	11/05
2	Scope	29/06
3	Equipment and testing	21/07
4	Safety, interference, tampers, damage & sealing	week c/o 17/08
5	Reporting and documentation	10/09
6	Auditing and training	week c/o 5/10
7	Accession	9/11

I0278 – DISCUSSION

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SCOPE DISCUSSION

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What challenges do you foresee with 5 terminal meters and time switches?

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How many isolators would be required?

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What challenges do you foresee with the marking of cables?

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Are there any other points that have not been mentioned about SIPs' activities you would like to add?

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EQUIPMENT AND TESTING

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What equipment do you consider the minimum requirement for a standalone SIP to operate?

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What should be part of an approved equipment list?

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What evidence should a SIP retain to demonstrate equipment suitability?

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What testing activities should a SIP be expected to perform before, during, and after isolation?

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What are the standardised test procedures a SIP should follow?

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NEXT STEPS, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

WORKING GROUP – NEXT STEPS

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NEXT STEPS

Attendees are invited to:

- Suggest agenda items for the next meeting.

- Agree on the date and time of the next Working Group sessions:

  - **Safety, interference, tampers, damage & sealing**
    - Monday 17 August – 14:00 – 15:30
    - Tuesday 18 August – 10:00 - 11:30.

  - **Reporting and documentation**
    - Thursday 10 September – 15:00 – 16:30

  - **Auditing and training**
    - Monday 5 October – 14h00 - 15:30
    - Tuesday 6 October – 10h00 - 11:30

  - **Accession**
    - Monday 9 November 14h00-15:30

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