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# I0278 WORKING GROUP 4

18 AUGUST 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 |
| Equipment and Testing  Discussion | 10:20 | All |
| Safety, Interference, Tampers, Damage & Sealing Discussion | 10:30 | All |
| Next Steps, Date and Time of Next Meeting | 11:20 | 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.

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# REVIEW MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

# WORKING GROUP – MINUTES & ACTIONS

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

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| 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 |
| I0278WG_0721_A01 | The ENA to check with their colleagues whether there is a standard equipment and clothing list across DNOs. | In progress |

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# I0278 BACKGROUND & WORKING GROUP AIMS

# I0278 – OVERVIEW

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- 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.

## Issue



- 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.

## Impact



- 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.

## Activities to date



# I0278 – DISCUSSION

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# EQUIPMENT AND TESTING

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# What evidence should be captured from each isolation visit?

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# How should the information about failed tests or unsafe conditions be recorded and reported?

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**Are there any other points that have not been mentioned about equipment and testing you would like to add?**

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**If a DNO begins to utilise new versions of equipment, how should this be notified to relevant parties (SIPs/MEMs)?**

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# SAFETY, INTERFERENCE, TAMPERS, DAMAGE & SEALING DISCUSSION

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# What form of sealing methodology should be utilised by the SIP?

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# NEXT STEPS, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

# WORKING GROUP – NEXT STEPS

## NEXT STEPS

Attendees are invited to:

- Suggest agenda items for the next meeting.

- The planning for the next working group sessions is as below, for which members should have received a calendar invite:

| Confirmed Working Groups | Confirmed date and time |
|---|---|
| Reporting and documentation | Thursday 10 September – 15:00 - 16:30 |
| Auditing and training | Tuesday 6 October – 10h00 - 11:30 |
| Accession | Monday 9 November – 14h00 - 15:30 |

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# AOB