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Quarterly Sandbox and Derogation Update

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For information	In Section 1, the Code Manager provides quarterly updates on all open Sandbox and Derogation Applications, including those in progress and those which have closed. The next update will be provided in January 2027. In Section 2, the Code Manager presents a short overview of recently closed Sandbox and Derogation Applications. The Code Manager recommends that the REC Performance Assurance Board (PAB): • **NOTES** the Quarterly Sandbox and Derogation Update

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2. Ongoing Sandbox Trials and Derogations

The below table summarises the current live Sandbox and Derogation Applications that are in progress following submission and/or PAB approval. The Code Manager regularly engages with the responsible Party to receive relevant updates and understand any changes, for instance when it may close, whether an extension is required, or if an associated Change Proposal is being progressed. The latest updates are detailed below.

Reference	Title	End of Sandbox/Derogation Period	Code Manager Comments
RECSANDBOX_02	SGN H100	Two years from commencement of H100 trial (initially scheduled for late February/March 2026).	SGN, as the MAM for the H100 Fife Trial Project, were informed by the H100 Project at the start of February 2026 that the Go-Live date has been delayed. There has been no further update from June 2026 PAB meeting. As of September 2026, this date remains delayed for infrastructure reasons. The Suppliers involved have been informed through the monthly H100 stakeholder group meetings. The reason for the delay is related to the upstream processes as opposed to metering activities downstream of the ECV (meter installation or appliances). SGN will advise the REC Code Manager once the new date has been confirmed.
RECSANDBOX_03	OVO SDEP Robotics	From 30 November 2026, two years, or until the implementation or rejection of R0161 – Enabling Robotics for SDEP – whichever is sooner.	The robotics sandbox applications for OVO were previously approved by the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) on 27 May 2025 to allow the use of robotic process automation on the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP). However, implementation has been delayed because the related change proposal R0122 (SDEP Review Improvements (2) – Usability) has not yet been delivered. The completion date for R0122 is currently expected to be 14 June 2027, which has consequently delayed the system upgrades required to safely support robotics on the SDEP.

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Reference	Title	End of Sandbox/Derogation Period	Code Manager Comments
			To address this delay, the Code Manager is seeking approval from PAB to delay the existing derogations for OVO. This delay would allow OVO additional time to implement their robotics solutions once the required SDEP enhancements are in place. This delay is being requested in a separate PAB paper for September 2026.
RECSANDBOX_04	EDF Robotics	From 30 November 2026, two years, or until the implementation or rejection of R0161 – Enabling Robotics for SDEP – whichever is sooner.	The robotics sandbox applications for EDF Energy Customers Ltd were previously approved by the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) on 25 November 2025 to allow the use of robotic process automation on the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP). However, implementation has been delayed because the related change proposal R0122 (SDEP Review Improvements (2) – Usability) has not yet been delivered. The completion date for R0122 is currently expected to be 14 June 2027, which has consequently delayed the system upgrades required to safely support robotics on the SDEP. To address this delay, the Code Manager is seeking approval from PAB to delay the existing derogations for EDF. This delay would allow EDF additional time to implement their robotics solutions once the required SDEP enhancements are in place. This delay is being requested in a separate PAB paper for September 2026.
RECSANDBOX_05	DEML SIP	From 24 February 2026, for a period of up to two years, or once a decision and outcome have been reached on REC Issue I0278, whichever is sooner.	DEML has provided its initial documentation in June 2026 to support the trial, which was reviewed by the Code Manager. The first quarterly reports are expected at the end of Q3 and will be shared with the Code Manager and RECCo.
RECDER_15	GRDA Xoserve	Extension approved by PAB in October 2024 for it to continue for a period of up to two years, or until the REC issue is addressed and the necessary change is defined, whichever is sooner.	Once a possible solution has been established as a viable option (or otherwise), Xoserve will progress the related REC Change (I0219 Stranded RMPs in Defunct Suppliers), and if needed, seek Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) from the Central Switching Service (CSS), and formally from the GRDA.

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			A paper (for decision) will be brought to PAB for October 2026, as the applicant will be seeking a further extension to this Derogation.
RECDER_23	MHHS Supplier Exemptions	25 February 2027	Approved by the PAB in February 2025. PAB Members are able to view within the PAB Dashboard which Parties have requested an exemption, and whether they are meeting their obligation to not Register RMPs in the exempt segment.
RECDER_30	Next Gen – Transfer of Sealing Pliers	28 October 2027	Approved by the PAB, subject to conditions, on 28 October 2025. As this progresses to the end date, the Code Manager proposes to only update the PAB where necessary.
RECDER_31	Stark Energy Services Ltd – Transfer of Sealing Pliers	25 November 2027	Approved by the PAB, subject to conditions, on 25 November 2025. As this progresses to the end date, the Code Manager proposes to only update the PAB where necessary.
RECDER_33	Change Panel Extension for Members	17 November 2026 (or when SAF commences)	Approved by the PAB on 25 August 2026.

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3. Recently Closed Sandbox Trials and Derogation

Reference	Title	End of Sandbox/Derogation Period	Code Manager Comments
RECDER_22	Theft Target DPI Adjustment	25 August 2026	Confirmation was received on 10 September 2026 from the Code Manager that this derogation is now closed.
RECDER_32	OVO Energy - 2025-26 TDIS Adjustment	31 July 2026	This Derogation applies to the 2025-26 TDIS Scheme Year only. Confirmation was received on 10 September 2026 from the Code Manager that this derogation is now closed.

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