



## MEETING MINUTES

### A-NZ Service Provider Forum

Date: 27 October 2020

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm (all times are in Sydney local time)

<b>Chair</b>	Mark Stockwell, Director, Australian Peppol Authority	
<b>Members</b>	Services Australia	Link4
	Esker	Pacific Commerce
	Ozedi	IBM Australia
	MessageXchange	Pagero AB
	Storecove	Xaana Pty Ltd
	BE2BE NZ Pty Ltd	Payreq Australia Pty Ltd
	Edicom Capital S.L	B2B Router
	Xero	The Block Ledger Pty Ltd
	Havi Technology Pty Ltd	Open Test
	Basware Corporation	Cloud Trade Technologies
	Celtrino (EDI Factory Pty Ltd)	SAP SE
<b>Guest</b>	Rick Harvey - ABSIA	
<b>Observers</b>	Various service providers undertaking accreditation were not identified to protect any potential commercial sensitivities	
<b>Apologies</b>	No apologies received	
<b>Next meeting</b>	3 December 2020	

#### Agenda item: 1 – Welcome and administration

- The chair welcomed attendees
- Minutes accepted
- Action items update provided (refer to action items summary)

#### Agenda item: 2 – Peppol Authority updates

- a) Accreditation progress
  - o NZ – 19 accredited 4 going through the process
  - o AU – 22 accredited and a number in progress
- **Please refer to appendix below for updated information on this topic.**
  - o Next release Monday 2 Nov including BIS Billing 3 and BIS. These become effective from 16 November 2020.
  - o As per usual, A-NZ invoice specification will align with BIS Billing, and will reflect the changes where applicable (minimise work for service providers that operate across borders).
  - o Timeframes - we will publish the A-NZ invoice specification two weeks after BIS Billing, that's on Monday 16 Nov, and this includes both the invoice specification document and schematron.
  - o The Australian and New Zealand teams have been monitoring proposed changes for this release and last night Peppol issued the release notes to members.



- Links to the release notes are below. To summarise, the changes include:
  - Updated code lists - the one applicable to us are the identifier schemes (EAS, ICD)
  - Current rule for invalid GLN number -severity is changed from warning to Fatal
  - Schematron will reflect those changes, plus a few bug fixes
  - Improvements of BIS documents and syntax - some business rules mapping is not accurate.

If you have questions or comments, please let us know, using the e-Invoicing mailbox for your Peppol Authority.

- For other BIS documents (like catalogue, order, despatch advice)
  - OpenPeppol issued a survey in late September, regarding changes to the Order and Invoice Response:
    - Order – two new elements were added – Shipping label and ultimate delivery location (to support cross docking). Noting the addition of delivery location was proposed by A\_NZ Peppol Authorities in April, based on feedback from this group.
    - Adding a new clarification code in Invoice response support partial payments – not this is to support the pre-arranged, agreed split payments.
  - The other changes are either editorial or bug fixes. Details are in release notes.

**Release notes for Invoice:**

<https://test-docs.peppol.eu/2020-Fall-ReleaseCandidate/poacc/billing/3.0/release-notes/>

**Release notes for other BIS documents:**

<https://test-docs.peppol.eu/2020-Fall-ReleaseCandidate/poacc/upgrade-3/release-notes/>

- Also, to clarify – early this year (in March or April), the two Peppol authorities consulted with the group about the other Peppol BIS (Order, Despatch Advice), and the decision was that we can adopt them without localising. To support us, in May release, Peppol has ‘removed’ the term ‘VAT’ and replaced it with ‘TAX’. They are ready to use now if you want to expand your service offering.

**b) AU budget announcement**

- As part of Government’s Jobmaker Digital Business Plan \$3.6 million funding is being allocated to the ATO to accelerate adoption of e-Invoicing.
  - By 1 July 2022 – mandated adoption of e-Invoicing by all Commonwealth Government
  - By 1 July 2021 over 80% of invoices being able to be received electronically.
- Government is consulting with States and Territories to accelerate state and local government adoption.
- ATO will support and facilitate readiness across all levels of government.
- Government to consult on options for mandatory adoption of e-Invoicing by business.
  - Treasury will lead the consultation. AU Peppol Authority will support Treasury as subject matter experts

A service provider commented that there is nowhere to view the agencies that have receiving capabilities and that the Peppol Directory needs to be fixed to enable accurate searches by country.

- The AU Peppol Authority is looking into increasing visibility, possibly publishing agencies that are enabled.

A service provider also commented on the difficulty of accessing the Peppol Directory information via individual searches. Peppol Directory have a REST API service – this is available at

<https://directory.peppol.eu/public/menuitem-docs-rest-api>.

**c) NZ Government election**

- It was noted that while Government hadn’t been formed yet, Labour has been very supportive of e-Invoicing, and this was expected to continue.
- Not sure who Minister will be, but if it is Minister Nash again that would be good for e-Invoicing as he is very supportive



- NZ MBIE have their operating budget so they will continue to work with little impact of election outcome.

### Agenda item: 3 – Service Provider updates

- No comments from Service Providers

### Agenda item: 4 – OpenPeppol activities

- a) Peppol Test Bed 2.0 update - Peppol Testing – Conformance vs Interoperability – presenter Rick Harvey
  - Test Bed 2.0 is in pre-release
  - New BIS tests – not released yet
  - Three tests – e-delivery conformance, SMP conformance and BIS Compliance
  - All three areas will become mandatory. No longer 4 simple tests.
  - Interoperability testing - Edge cases being reviewed
  - Once Peppol Test Bed 2.0 is released (approximately 12 months' time) all AP's and SMP's will need to be recertified. The general policy is to allow enough time for everyone to recertify.
  - When PINT becomes mandatory test bed will be updated and recertification required. (Approximately 18 months away).
- b) PINT migration discussion by Gavin Kane – refer to timeline attached Diamonds indicates date action needs to be completed by.
  - At present the only change with PINT for A\_NZ is the CustomizationID. Key dates:
    - 2/11/20 - 1/1/21 - Committee approval will also confirm the timeline for migration.
    - 5/5/21 – Peppol testbed supporting PINT.
    - 5/8/21 – C2 and C3 upgrade AP software.
    - 2/11/21 – C4 and C4N PINT receive capability in place. PINT becomes mandatory.
    - 2/5/22 – All invoices are exchanged as PINT
- c) TIA update – Peppol Agreements
  - AU PA is aware a number of SP are awaiting new Peppol Agreements, some for accreditation.
  - Our information is that signing the new Agreements won't happen till next year.
  - There is a 2nd round of review on the Policy documents – given around 1,000 pieces of feedback were received, that makes sense. Unfortunately, it does delay the process.
  - This is a fairly major piece of work, so it's important to get it right.
  - Also, having the right infrastructure will add confidence for other countries looking to join Peppol
  - We are quite supportive of the work, but also highly conscious the extended delays are not good for anyone.
- d) Plenary session 20/10
  - If you would like a copy of the slides please email [e-invoicing@ato.gov.au](mailto:e-invoicing@ato.gov.au)



## Agenda item: 5 – Invoice Content and Invoice Status Working Group update

### Invoice content

- Final draft for review issued last week – feedback due COB Friday
- Need you and your teams' thoughts on readability and usability
- Working group will review your final feedback next week
- We haven't finalised the compliance approach but will advise shortly

### Invoice Status

- To date we have had three workshops and the Working Group has discussed business requirements (such as what are the minimal set of responses C1 requires).
- We are now looking at the Peppol defined response codes and reason codes, gathering use cases and doing some analysis to ensure implementations are consistent.
- There is general agreement and support for invoice response, agreeing it will bring efficiency.
- The challenge is around adoption, and one of the areas the Working Group has debated is around whether we make it a compulsory activity or only expect AP providers to support it?
- The Working Group sees access point providers playing the critical role here – as the enabler and to influence their C1/C4 businesses. Therefore, the Working Group is leaning towards ensuring APs support this capability.
- We encourage SPs to read document and provide feedback.

#### Feedback and discussion:

- The difference between what is in place now is that there will be a requirement to show you can do versus there currently being no requirement.
- Will there be any mechanism to enforce?

#### Response:

- PA need to think through options and ensure a robust process. To what extent do we make it part of accreditation. Tend to agree that making it for every document is too stringent.

#### Further discussion points:

- There are more receivers than senders, how does acknowledgement fit in with government payment time policy?
- Is the suggestion that there be an out of band process? Should not have APs that don't have capability.
- Standard invoice 3.0 response – need to show you can support invoice status.
- Nothing will change until September. It can be all documents, BIS billing or can support different document types.
- Some C1 and C4 want it before September.
- If you want to be an AP you must support all documents. If one AP says they support and another one doesn't then you compete commercially.

#### Response:

- To what extent do we make part of accreditation? Tend to agree making every document is too stringent.

#### Discussion points:

- Will there be a register that shows who does and doesn't send invoice response?

#### Response:

This hasn't been worked out yet.

Chair thanked attendees for feedback.



## Agenda item: 6 Adoption progress updates

### New Zealand update

- Government entities onboard – key focus on suppliers to government
- Real opportunity NZ see is enabling software providers by looking at similar industries billing systems. For example, recruitment agencies use similar billing systems.
- Looking at where are other key software providers by industry. E.g. physios
- Not enough understanding of e-Invoicing (e.g.) some think if already paying fast they don't need it.
- Want to find out myths and address them to aid adoption.

### Australian update

- Main focus is ministerial round table bringing large sector into the space.
- Federal government mandate gearing up with extra staff. Need to work through agencies that need to meet the dates.
- Look to publish on a rolling basis which agencies have adopted e-Invoicing when due dates locked in. Two agencies by November and a few others before Christmas.
- Whole of Government panel nearly finalised, should be able to publish the outcomes in the next week or 2.

## Agenda item: 7 Other business

- No other business raised by SPs
- Next meeting dates 3 December and then every 6 weeks – subject to holidays. Placeholders will be issued.

## Action item summary

### Open Action Items (including new action items raised)

Action item	Description	Responsible	Status	Progress/Comments
202002/04	Gather learnings from interoperability testing requirements to determine any gaps and clarify testing requirements.  Convene hook-up to share learnings from recent testing, to provide to OpenPeppol so they can update their documents where there is ambiguity.	A-NZ Peppol Authority	Open	A-NZ Peppol authorities have processes in place and will actively source anonymised feedback relating to accreditation and e-Invoicing implementation.  Will present feedback on a monthly basis to SPF forum.  Authority to issue template to capture learnings (Interoperability, intelligence, requirements issue etc) Can be anonymised  Will do first report back at next meeting with view to



				close item and make this a standard cycle
202002/08	Understand each member's onboarding strategy	A-NZ Peppol Authority	Open	<p><b>AU</b></p> <p>Meetings have commenced with Service Providers and are ongoing. Goal is to have 1 on 1 with service providers anticipate having meetings set up in current month or 2. ATO and MBIE will attempt to complete this first round pre-Christmas.</p> <p><b>NZ</b></p> <p>Want to understand customer's journey – will also be communicating on what is happening in NZ</p>
2020/09/01	Review need for interoperability testing if SP passes new test harness 2.0	AU-NZ PA	New	<p>Agenda item 4a</p> <p>Presentation on Testbed 2.0 provided.</p>

**Closed this meeting**

Action item	Description	Responsible	Status	Progress/Comments
202003/01	Investigate reporting options based on feedback, including approach being taken by Singapore. Engage in conversations with SPs offline on what data could be shared without exposing commercially sensitive data or breaching privacy rules.	A-NZ Peppol Authority	Closed	<p>As we start to move into serious levels of adoption, we need more data and determine what assistance people can provide to the broader network to target and manage network better.</p> <p>NZ reporting to be coordinated and consistent between AU &amp; NZ</p> <p>We expect all APs will now be up to date at end of the October Reporting period – excellent and thank you</p>
2020/07/03	Distribute information about registering with OpenPeppol groups	A-NZ PAs	Closed	Information received from OpenPeppol, will be reviewed and emailed in the next week
2020/09/02	Contact Martin Mane as AS4 working group lead about concerns with spec more specific	AU-NZ PA	Closed	Have talked to OpenPeppol. Need specific details of the issues (ideally with suggested



				updates) – then can take appropriate action.  No information provided.
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**Appendix – A-NZ specification update new details**

Please refer to the updated information regarding the upcoming November release of A-NZ invoice specification which was issued via email by the Australian and New Zealand Peppol Authorities on 18 November 2020.

**Email content**

Dear Service Providers,

We are writing to confirm the final updates as part of the November 2020 release of Peppol and A-NZ e-invoicing specifications.

**A-NZ Invoice and Self-billing Specifications (v1.0.4)**

- > The November 2020 release of A-NZ Invoice extension (v1.0.4) and Self-Billing specifications (version v1.0.4), including the validation artefacts have been published on [GitHub](#) and are now available for implementation. Prior versions are not to be used after **7 December 2020**.
- > The schematron validation artefacts have also been published to [validex](#) to support build and test development.

**Summary of change for A-NZ November release**

1. Where applicable to A-NZ, changes listed in the [BIS Billing 3.0 updates for version 3.0.7 \(hotfix in June 2020\) and 3.0.8 \(November 2020\) and 3.0.9 \(Hotfix\)](#), including updated EAS and ICD code lists, and minor correction to the ISO currency code list.
2. Incorporated updates relating to CEF issues [206](#), [213](#), [215](#), [217](#), [219](#), [220](#), [224](#), [225](#), [230](#), [237](#). Noting these changes were not included in the Peppol release notes. These include:
  - a. Adding two new validation rules:
    - [BR-CL-26](#) - *Delivery location identifier scheme identifier MUST belong to the ISO 6523 ICD code list*, fatal
    - [UBL-CR-680](#) - *A UBL invoice should not include the PaymentMeans/PayerFinancialAccount*, warning
  - b. Minor corrections to rules UBL-CR-295, BR-CO-19, BR-E-05, UBL-CR-673, and UBL-CR-412
  - c. Minor editorial changes.

Please note: Based on feedback from service providers, changes relating to CEF issue [214](#) was not incorporated. CEF 214 proposed to change the severity from ‘warning’ to ‘fatal’ for the UBL-SR rule set (i.e. [UBL-SR-01](#) to [UBL-SR-50](#)). The A-NZ Peppol Authorities will analyse further to determine the impacts and to ensure that the specification continues to support the A-NZ community.

**BIS Billing 3.0 November Release and Hotfix (v3.0.9)**

Peppol has fixed an issue and re-released the BIS Billing 3.0 artefacts (v3.0.9) on 12 November 2020 - Peppol notification email is attached and Peppol release notes can be found [here](#).



### Peppol e-Procurement BIS Suite (v3.0.6)

- > Peppol has fixed an issue and re-released the BIS e-Procurement Suite (v3.0.6) on 9 November 2020. Peppol release notes can be found [here](#).
- > Service providers will now be able to implement Peppol e-procurement for A-NZ entities if they choose.

The validation artefacts for BIS Billing and other e-Procurement BIS suite is available on [validex](#) to support build and test development.

For feedback or questions please contact:

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Kind Regards,

