Email communication in lieu of April meeting

Good afternoon A-NZ Service Providers,

Due to the impact of COVID-19 and as per the voting outcome we will not be holding a verbal meeting this month but rather providing a written update to keep you and your stakeholders informed. We will hold a meeting next month to maintain a semi-routine while circumstances remain unstable.

There are two(2) important items we would like to draw to your attention:
- [Peppol May 2020 Release](#) - bi-annual Peppol release occurring in May, and
- [Peppol Agreement Framework Review](#) - will be finalised in the near future.

Note, applicants currently undergoing accreditation with AU and/or NZ have been BCC'd on this email for information

Standards update

Peppol May 2020 Release

> The next regular bi-annual Peppol release will be published on Friday 1 May and will be effective/mandatory on Friday 15 May.
> The release covers the full BIS 3 e-procurement suite including BIS Billing, Despatch advice and Order.
> BIS Billing/Invoice
  - While the full details of the release is to be confirmed, it is expected that there will only be very minor changes to the specification.
  - Other changes will include cyclical updates to code lists, bug fixes etc.
  - Schematron/validation artefacts for BIS will be updated with those changes
  - A-NZ extension(s)
    - will be updated to reflect any changes to BIS Billing, noting that A-NZ extension will be kept in sync with BIS Billing other than for local tax requirements
    - are expected to be published two weeks after the Peppol BIS on **Friday 15 May**, and would become mandatory two weeks later, expected to be **Friday 29 May**
    - A-NZ schematron/validation artefacts will be updated to align with BIS Billing
    - Specification and validation artefacts will be available on [A-NZ GitHub](#)
> E-procurement Post-Award suite
  - Changes of note:
    - Suite will be updated to genericise references to tax (i.e. replace references to VAT with 'tax', other than where there are VAT-specific rules)
    - Despatch advice will include the changes that OpenPeppol consulted about some weeks ago, with additional 'Package' elements
  - Our requested changes to the Invoice Response document to specifically code Payment Reference Number (PRN) and amount paid (intended to enable automated processing using

the document as a de facto remittance advice) are not included in this release as they are dependent on other work OpenPeppol is investigating with the Invoice Response

> Service providers are strongly encouraged to keep an eye on the Release notes for BIS Billing and BIS post-award suite (not yet published)

    – Release notes can be found at the following links:

        - https://docs.peppol.eu/poacc/billing/3.0/release-notes/ for BIS Billing (accessed from https://docs.peppol.eu/poacc/billing/3.0/)

        - https://docs.peppol.eu/poacc/upgrade-3/release-notes/ for other Peppol BIS 3 Post-Award e-procurement docs (accessed from https://docs.peppol.eu/poacc/upgrade-3/)

Guidance notes

> Identifiers guidance note

    – A new draft guidance note is attached to this email. We are seeking feedback from the Service Provider Forum attendees by c.o.b. 8-May-20.

    – Aim to publish v1.0 on A-NZ GitHub by 15-May-20

    – As with all guidance notes, the document can be revised as new information comes to hand or questions are raised

> Payment means guidance note

    – An updated version is expected to be published on A-NZ GitHub in mid-May to include an additional example for Direct Debit based on stakeholder feedback

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Peppol Agreement Framework Review update

> The review of the Peppol Transport Infrastructure Agreements (TIAs) is nearing completion.

    – This is the first significant review since the formulation of the agreements in 2011/12 and the culmination of a significant body of work since the project mandate was approved by the OpenPeppol Management Committee in May 2018.

    – During this process OpenPeppol received wide ranging feedback from both Service Providers and Peppol Authorities over a number of review cycles.

    – Thanks to Service Providers who have participated and contributed to this review.

> Transitioning Service Providers to new agreements to commence from June/July 2020

    – While the transition plan is yet to be finalised, it is anticipated that Peppol Authorities will sign agreements with OpenPeppol under this new framework in June 2020.

    – This will allow Peppol Authorities to sign with Service Providers from June/July. As all Service Providers will need to transition to these new agreements to remain in the Peppol network, we will be looking to migrate A-NZ service providers as soon as possible to ensure stability and continuation of the local services.

    – We anticipate the new Service Provider agreement will be available very soon (within the next few days), following approval by the OpenPeppol Management Committee. We will distribute as soon as it is available, and OpenPeppol will also provide communications to all members shortly.

Adoption updates

Australian Adoption progress

> 11 service providers have now been accredited by the Australian Peppol Authority.

> Work is continuing with several federal government agencies to be e-invoicing enabled by 30 June 2020, with further consultation occurring to understand the impacts from COVID-19.

> Progress has been made on the establishment of a panel of e-Invoicing service providers to enable government agencies. We anticipate that this will be posted for tender by the end of May 2020.

> Most software solution providers have confirmed they still on track to have solutions available this year.

> With restrictions in place due to COVID-19, the focus of engagement has been with key influencers and corporate advisors to identify e-invoicing ready businesses and to develop strategies to engage with wider audiences when restrictions are eased.

New Zealand Adoption progress

> New Zealand now has 9 accredited service providers and 8 going through the process

> Due to the impacts of COVID-19, adoption engagement and activity has slowed

> Our Minister's immediate focus has been to encourage faster payments to stimulate cash-flow. We have supported this and will follow up with engagement about e-Invoicing in due course.

> In the meantime, we have continued to develop and refine our adoption strategy and plans

> Inland Revenue have had some success with their e-Invoicing implementation including paying an initial supplier within hours of receiving an e-Invoice.

> Several other government agencies are planning to implement e-Invoicing this year.

> MBIE has developed an options paper advancing their implementation of e-Invoicing

If you have any questions or queries, please email the relevant Peppol Authority:

• Australia – e-Invoicing@ato.gov.au

• New Zealand - info@nzpeppol.govt.nz

Regards,
Australia and New Zealand Peppol Authorities