Minutes – A-NZ Service Provider Forum

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Date: 10 December 2024

Start: 11:00 AEDT **Finish:** 13:00 AEDT | **Start**: 13:00 NZDT **Finish**: 15:00 NZDT

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Xtracta	Innovate BI	Sandfield Associates

Observers:

Various Service Providers that have submitted an EOI

Apologies:

Lisa Ringleff

Item number 1 – Welcome

- The Chair (Mark) and NZ representative (Linda) welcomed attendees.
- AI notetaker apps are being declined to this meeting as this is an engagement meeting. Those who cannot attend can refer to the minutes.

Item number 2 – Adoption Update

Australian Update

- Government agency readiness
    - Agencies reviewing capabilities and assessing uplifts required to support volumes.
    - Australian content for the AU-NZ Business Implementation Guide is being developed.
    - Government Reporting – 70 of 100 (up 3) NCEs have reported 23/24 FY, and report monthly.
    - Government Sending – Exploring Sending eInvoices with Governments agencies.
    - Scaling vendor onboarding to hit internal targets.
- DSP engagement
    - Upcoming events – CAN, CoPOL and a special PINT forum in January for this group to work through the PINT solution.
- Large business
    - Sense a strong shift large organisations are moving into implementation phase. Taking time to get business cases and settings right however, for some, the Malaysian mandate requires their customers or part of their business to adopt.

New Zealand Update

- 'year in review' slide

    Updated year in
    review 26 Nov.pptx

- Government
    - [New Government Procurement Rules introduced early November 2024](), require more government agencies to send and receive eInvoices and pay eInvoices within 5 business days.
        - Limited to agencies sending and/or receiving 2000 invoices annually.
        - From 1 January 2025 must pay 90% of invoices within 10 business days.
        - In-scope agencies are required to implement capability by 1 January 2026.
        - From 1 January 2026 must pay eInvoices within 5 business days.
    - Focus over the next 12 months includes supporting mandated agencies with implementation.
    - Working on a plan for helping to standardise government receiver requirements, including issuing new guidance against strict validations by corner 3 access point providers.
- Software

- Continuing conversations with software providers and access point providers about bulk customer registration. If interested, contact MBIE at support@nzpeppol.govt.nz.
- Large business
  - Our 12th eInvoicing Adoption Leaders Group meeting was held in November.
- Marketing and Communications
  - 2 new 'How to get started guides' for the small business market.
  - Supplier onboarding – Event in a box resource to help support in-person events where suppliers use small business software.
  - Developing resources to support Government and large business adoption.
  - Planning a 'Government eInvoicing Day' for March 2025.
  - Preparing and developing material for an upweight in advertising, beginning in February next year. Messages focused on registering and activation of eInvoicing.

Item number 3 – Peppol Authority Updates

- Accreditation progress
  - Accredited service providers:
    - Australia has no new SPs (42)
    - New Zealand has no new SPs (42)
    - Note: 37 SPs appear on both lists
- A-NZ BAU framework updates
  - November BIS Billing Release 2024
    - November release of the A-NZ BIS Billing extensions (Invoice and Self-billing specifications v1.0.12) will be published on 11 December 2024.
    - v1.0.12 of the specifications is the final iteration of the A-NZ extensions and will be phased out as PINT A-NZ becomes the mandatory specification for eInvoicing in Australia and New Zealand. However, SP need to maintain receiving capabilities for the A-NZ extensions until 15 May 2025 to support migration in this period.
  - **eDelivery**
    - Code Lists:
      - No new code releases since last SPF
      - v8.9 of the Peppol Code Lists, released 8 July 2024, still current https://docs.peppol.eu/edelivery/codelists/
    - eDec Webinar:
      - OpenPeppol eDelivery community Webinar held on 3 October 2024.10.03 Webinar. Topics on the agenda for discussion included:
        - CIWG
        - SMP 2.0
        - Policy for use of Identifier and PINT (Changes to the policy will be covered in more detail)

- ○ MLS Status
- **PINT A-NZ**
  - – Specifications
    - ○ The November release of the PINT A-NZ specifications v1.1.0 was published 9 December 2024 and becomes effective 9 March 2025.
- **PINT A-NZ Migration**

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  - – Please refer to the attached presentation for comprehensive information.
    - ○ The attachment reflects the status as at the date of the 10 December 24 SP Forum, however, since that time, the A-NZ SPs have agreed to a change whereby receivers MUST publish a best match receiving capability by 28 February 25, and exact match receiving capabilities using 'busdox-docid-qns' MUST NOT be published. Slides 10-16 of the attached document are impacted.
    - ○ Please refer to PINT A-NZ SP Engagement Webinar 1 – later changes to PFUOI.pdf on the PINT A-NZ GitHub (also sent as an attachment to *PINT Migration SPF Meeting 4 - Meeting Notes* email on 12 February 25) for updated information.
  - – Status
    - ○ Majority of SPs have published PINT receiving capabilities for most or all their end users, with the remaining SPs planning to publish receiving capabilities for all end users by 28 February 2025 or earlier.
    - ○ Some senders have already deployed solutions that can send either the 'old' BIS Billing A-NZ extension or a PINT A-NZ document, depending on the receiver's capabilities.
    - ○ Having PINT A-NZ messages exchanged in production has built early confidence.
  - – Actions required
    - ○ Receivers
      - Receiving capabilities need to be published asap to allow all end users to receive PINT A-NZ.
      - Peppol Directory entries need to be refreshed/updated when receiving capabilities are added or removed.
      - Receiving capabilities for BIS Billing A-NZ extension must be maintained until all senders are sending PINT A-NZ documents.
      - Change required by Peppol Policy for Use of Identifiers (PFUOI) v4.3.0:
      - The Document Type Identifier Scheme ID for exact match receiving capabilities needs to be updated from "busdox-docid-qns" to "peppol-doctype-wildcard" *after* 15 May 2025.
      - There is no change to Document Type Identifier Scheme ID (wildcard) for best match.
      - A best match receiving capability of pint:billing-1@aunz-1* is functionally the same as exact match.
    - ○ Senders

- Those whose solutions can dynamically choose whether to send PINT A-NZ or the 'old' specification, are requested to deploy if you have not already done so.
- Senders who will switch from sending the 'old' specification to the PINT A-NZ specification are required to deploy between 1 March 25 and 15 May 25.
- Change required by Peppol Policy for Use of Identifiers (PFUOI) v4.3.0:
- Capability lookup algorithms need to be updated *by* 15 May 25 to look for <u>exact match</u> receiving capabilities using the "busdox-docid-qns" *and* "peppol-doctype-wildcard" Document Type Identification Scheme IDs.
- To ensure network interoperability is maintained, it is important that you also work with related software and/or service providers (e.g. accounting software providers in corner 1/corner 4) to confirm they understand the requirements and update their implementations accordingly.
  - Member comments:
    - Assurance slide: Asking C2 to ask the C3 that their client (C4) has downloaded.
      Response: We want to try and get some of those key senders and software products and ensure they are able to be received by some of those key software products.
    - What is stopping the PAs from saying to the APs in AU that you must implement PINT and invoice response, to give value for all end users.
      Response: Agreed that Invoice Response is very valuable to both sellers and buyers. The PAs encourage SPs to support it, and to work with their C1 and C4 software providers and end users to encourage implementation of Invoice Response.

- **Changes to PFUOI v4.3.0**
  - In addition to the PINT ANZ Migration, SPs are reminded of changes to the PFUOI, which are also included in the attached presentation.
  - Peppol Policy for use of identifiers v4.3.0 published 10 October 2024 https://docs.peppol.eu/edelivery/ :
  - Updates to support changes to the wildcard scheme for PINT. Designated as major release.
  - Implementation phase – 10 October 2024 to 14 May 2025.
  - New version takes effect as of **15 May 2025**.
    - Senders **must** update their lookup algorithm by this date.
    - Receivers have approx. 3 ½ months after this date to update the document type identifier scheme for PINT exact match receiving capabilities.

Item number 4 – Service Provider Updates

Service Provider Issues
- Nil Update

A-NZ All Stakeholders Working Group update
- Matt Lewis (DSPANZ eInvoicing Co-Chair) provided an update.

- Next meeting 12 February 2025 will cover business implementation guidance and issues being experienced in the network.
- Service Providers are encouraged to submit ideas for content to hello@dspanz.org.

Item number 5 – Open Peppol Activities

Updates:

- Malaysia Exchange
    - High engagement and cooperation across the APAC region helping the region surge ahead.
    - Good engagement from members.
    - Education sessions were helpful for new SPs.
    - The Malaysian implementation of the Peppol MyInvoice was smooth, understanding the tight timeframes that were set by Government.
- Managing Committee
    - Member review of the Internal Regulations is completed. Final proposed changes will be presented to the Managing Committee.
    - There is an open vacancy on the MC to End User representative. Call out to SP community if you have a customer that would like to nominate. Talk to your PA for more information.
- APPCMB
    - Completed review of Internal Regulations part 2.
    - Approved the accreditation policy establishing the requirements for Annual certification of SPs. MC to consider.
    - A Compliance Board will be created and will sit in the APP CMB initially, however will need more members to take on extra roles. Please contact Craig Smith for further information.
- PAC
    - Peppol Reporting going well.
    - ViDA pilot coming and will see in operation. Will be a powerful tool in EU environment.
    - PAs are keen to see consistent approach to security and uplift of the network.
- Security Committee
    - The intent is to improve the security across the Peppol network.
    - Developing good design principles on Security.
    - Security Committee to support implementation of ISO 27001 as baseline security across the network. APP CMB working with Operating Office (OO) to progress.
    - OO survey of SPs had a 30% response rate. 86% were either ISO certified or in the process of or intending to be certified.

Open Peppol Working Groups

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- CIWG – Critical Infrastructure Working Group
    - Proof of Concept is progressing.
    - Focus is to move the SML to Peppol as there is increased pressure on the service due to continued growth (including in the APAC region). Another focus has been on decentralisation of the SML however, the question of insourcing has become important and timeframe to make decision has shortened. Federation is not off the table.
- Peppol SMP 2.0
    - Update provided by Rick Harvey (Layer Security)

      The SMP 2.0 will be split into 2 phases. The first phase will look at the CNAME-NAPTR change and requiring HTTPS. Updated specifications will be issued for member review shortly.
    - A detailed presentation is available in the 19 November 24 SP Community meeting recording. https://openpeppol.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/SPC/pages/3892150275/Service+Provider+Community+meeting+-+19.11.2024
- Peppol Service Provider Community
    - Service Provider Community Meetings materials and recordings of past meetings are available on Confluence.

Item number 6 – Other Business

- Next meeting 4 March 2025.
- PINT Forum invite – January meeting.
- Both meeting invites will be issued in the next week.
- Meeting closed 11:40 AEDT.