

# ECCAF Code Mapping Working Group

## Background Information

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At their meeting on 30 January 2014, ECCAF<sup>1</sup>, in determining its work process asked for Code Administrators, as technical experts on GB Codes, to prepare the initial mapping of European Network Code (ENC) requirements to GB Codes. The **Code Mapping Working Group (CMWG)** is the subgroup established for that purpose.

The proposed mappings prepared by CMWG will assign articles (or possibly sub-articles) of the ENC to sections of the GB Codes<sup>2</sup>, for report to ECCAF. ECCAF will then consolidate the work of CMWG, address any issues and send the information to the GB Code Panels for agreement and implementation. The changes to the GB Codes will be made through the governance procedures for each GB Code.

As ECCAF is only concerned with GB Code changes, any changes that CMWG perceive as not fitting in the GB Codes should be flagged to ECCAF, who will then ensure DECC/Ofgem is aware of these issues. ECCAF may wish to record an initial view of the best location for these topics in the GB framework, but should not engage in extensive discussions.

### Principles of GB Application of ENC

Taken from the DECC/Ofgem presentation on '*Electricity Network Code Implementation in UK*' presented at the first ECCAF Meeting (21 November 2013)

- [European] Network Codes will be contained in Regulations which – unlike Directives – are directly applicable and legally binding
- Therefore it is generally unnecessary to make changes to domestic law to implement Regulations
- In practice, however, there are three main reasons why changes may be required:
  - there are likely to be a number of conflicts with existing requirements;
  - some requirements need supplementary provision to make them workable, e.g. clarity on procedures;
  - requirements will need to be appropriately enforceable at the domestic level.

For stakeholders, alignment between GB and European code requirements also improves clarity and achieves a more user-friendly solution.

Please also refer to the 'Transposition guidance' prepared by HM Government, on the guiding principles for transposing EU Directives (acknowledging that the Code will be regulation rather than a directive, and then the base case is that no transposition is required as they apply directly)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementing-eu-directives-into-uk-law>

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<sup>1</sup> European Code Coordination Application Forum

<sup>2</sup> GB Codes means those Codes represented at ECCAF: BSC, CUSC, D-Code, DCUSA, Grid Code, NETS SQSS and STC,

## ECCAF Code Mapping Working Group - Term of Reference As Approved by ECCAF on 27 March 2014

### Definitions

1. Definitions of 'GB Codes', 'Code Panels' and 'European Network Codes' are the same as in the ECCAF Terms of Reference<sup>3</sup>.

### Purpose, Objectives and Responsibilities

2. The ECCAF Code Mapping Working Group (CMWG) is formed as an ECCAF subgroup to prepare mappings of the European Network Codes (ENCs) to the GB Codes, in accordance with ECCAF's work process.
3. CMWG will map, where appropriate, the requirements of the ENCs to GB Codes. To facilitate this existing material prepared during the code development stage will be circulated in advance to attendees.
4. The mapping prepared by CMWG will consist of:
  - a. the ENC requirements,
  - b. current equivalent requirements in GB Code,
  - c. where possible, the proposed location in GB Codes to demonstrate consistency with ENCs, and
  - d. identification of whether a change is required to the current requirements in GB Codes (but not details of that change).
5. Any ENC requirements that CMWG can not map to a GB Code(s), but feel are likely to best fit in a GB Code(s), should be flagged to ECCAF.
6. CMWG is not concerned with changes arising from the ENCs that do not affect GB Codes including, but not limited to licences, Interconnector access rules and UK legislation. These areas should be flagged to ECCAF for further consideration by DECC/Ofgem.

### Chair

7. Meetings of CMWG will be chaired by an ECCAF member.

### Membership

8. The membership of CMWG comprises GB Code Administrators and their technical advisors, and members of ECCAF or their alternates.
9. All interested GB Stakeholders may attend CMWG meetings as observers by notice to the meeting administrator. The CMWG Chair may limit the number of observers at a meeting for practical reasons.

### Meetings

10. CMWG will meet in person, and meeting will be held as required to complete the mapping in a timely manner as determined by ECCAF.

### Meeting Administration

11. National Grid will administer the CMWG and provide secretarial support.

### Reporting

12. The Chair of a CMWG meeting will report to ECCAF on the mapping of the European Network Code considered, and in particular any exceptions for consideration by ECCAF.
13. ECCAF is responsible for the onward sharing of material with the Code Panels as per its Terms of Reference.

### **End of Terms of Reference**

<sup>3</sup> <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/industry-information/electricity-codes/standing-groups/>