

Lead Time for Implemented DCUSA Change Proposals – Guidance

Purpose of Document

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and best practice in relation to appropriate lead times for DCUSA Change Proposals (DCPs)

Overview

There may be occasions where DCUSA Parties require system updates to facilitate a solution arising from an approved DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP). Examples of this may be where a solution requires updates to DURABILL or where a new Marker Message (Data Flow) is being introduced. Where a system update is needed, it is important to ensure that there is an appropriate lead time to allow for effected DCUSA Parties to make the required updates and undertake the necessary testing.

Best Practice

Six-month lead time

Where a system update is required to facilitate a DCP solution, the DCUSA Panel suggests as best practice, a minimum of a six-month lead time should be provided following approval, unless there is sufficient justification to lower this threshold.

Where there is no reason for a smaller lead time, it is suggested that the implementation date for such changes should be the next DCUSA release following Authority approval that is no sooner than six months. This will ensure that a minimum of six-month lead time is provided for.

Justification for reduced or longer lead time

Where the Working Group believes that there is sufficient justification for a reduced or longer lead time, the rationale for this should be articulated and consulted on with DCUSA Parties initially. If following consultation and review of industry feedback the Working Group still believe that a reduced or longer lead time is appropriate, they should detail the rationale for their decision in the final Change Report.