

TRADING STAGE 2 – 5TH APRIL 2000**IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR RELEASE 5 OF ISRA AND MDDM****For Decision**

This paper proposes that the implementation of Release 5 ISRA and MDDM should take place a week later than the agreed implementation date for Release 5 NHHDA and EAC/AA. The rationale for this is given, together with an updated implementation schedule. TS2 is invited to endorse this proposal.

INTRODUCTION

1. The December TS2 meeting agreed an implementation date of 15th May 2000 for TA2000 Package 2 (ref: TS2/17/497). It was also agreed that a simultaneous implementation approach would be adopted whereby all Pool developed systems would be implemented on the same date.
2. The February TS2 meeting agreed the content of Release 5 as being TA2000 Package 2 plus the solutions to a small number of additional SIRs and an agreed set of CRs raised from Logica ORs (ref: TS2/19/549).
3. The changes to ISRA for Release 5 are independent of those for NHHDA and EAC/AA and have little direct impact on Market Participants. In addition, the associated changes to the Legal Framework products for ISRA are separate and can be issued with a different effective date. Consequently it is possible to implement ISRA on a different date to NHHDA and EAC/AA with minimum impact.
4. An internal review board monitoring developments within TS2, including the implementation of Release 5, has agreed the approach of separating the implementation of ISRA from NHHDA and EAC/AA, as it minimises the risk to implementation (see 2.2).

PROPOSAL

5. It is therefore proposed that ISRA is upgraded a week later than agreed by TS2, i.e. over the weekend of 20/21st May, and implemented (goes live) on 22nd May.
6. The rationale for moving the date by a week is as follows:
 - a) To fall into line with good industry practice of changing the minimum number of system components at any one time. If any problems do occur in Settlement following the upgrade, this approach should aid their location and resolution.
 - b) To reduce the co-ordination/scheduling workload over the weekend when NHHDA and EAC/AA will be upgraded and implemented.

The CEO will track the progress of 24 organisations over this weekend, helping to resolve any issues that arise and acting as facilitators to help ensure all 24 complete the upgrade and can go live on 15th May. If significant problems are encountered, the CEO will have to take the decision on whether to revert and if so, instruct all participants to follow an agreed reversion plan and restore back-ups of their current systems. (Note that the upgrades of NHHDA and EAC/AA are also independent and either could go live without the other.) Upgrading ISRA at the same time would be an added complication as Cap Gemini's progress would also have to be tracked and a decision made on whether to go live or implement the reversion plan.

7. The upgrade of MDDM can be carried out any time before the first publication of MDD following the implementation date set. So, for example, although the implementation date for TA200 Package 1 was 20th September 1999, the associated MDDM upgrade took place on 22nd September in preparation for the first MDD publication on 24th September.

The same approach is proposed for Release 5. Following similar timing as TA2000 Package 1, the proposed upgrade date for MDDM is 24th May. The first MDD publication using Release 5 will then be targeted for Friday, 26th May and the intention is that this will include recalculated AFYC values (using the functionality introduced in Release 5).

8. The combined milestones proposed for Release 5 of ISRA and MDDM are therefore as follows:

ISRA Upgrade Weekend:	20 th May	
ISRA Implementation:	22 nd May	
MDDM Upgrade:	24 th May	
MDD Publication:	26 th May	
MDD (with new AFYCs) becomes effective:	2 nd June	(5 working days following the publish, as specified in AP509)

CONCLUSION

9. It is recommended that ISRA and MDDM are implemented a week later than NHHDA and EAC/AA, in accordance with the milestones proposed in section 2.4 above, as this will minimise the risk to implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

10. TS2 is invited to:

- a) **Note the proposed approach to implement ISRA and MDDM a week later than NHHDA and EAC/AA;**
- b) **Endorse the proposal that Release 5 of ISRA is implemented on 22nd May, with the effective date for the first Release 5 version of MDD targeted for 2nd June (see section 2.4).**

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