

<b>Reference number(s)</b>	<b>023 - Combining Certification Stickers</b>
<b>Relevant clause(s)</b>	Clause 41 of Schedule 10.7 – Certification stickers Clause 8 of Schedule 10.8 – Metering component certification stickers
<b>Problem definition</b>	<p>Under clause 8(1) of Schedule 10.8, an ATH must, when certifying a metering component under Part 10, confirm the certification by attaching a metering component certification sticker to the metering component. If this is not practicable, the ATH must provide the sticker with the metering component.</p> <p>An ATH may certify a metering component on the same day the ATH certifies the metering installation the component is part of. Some ATHs have requested they be permitted to use a single certification sticker for a metering component and a metering installation, in instances when the ATH certifies both on the same date.</p> <p>They consider this to be more efficient than using separate certification stickers.</p>
<b>Proposal</b>	<p>The Authority proposes to amend the Code to permit an ATH to use a single certification sticker for both a metering component and the metering installation the component is part of, if the ATH certifies the component and the installation on the same day.</p> <p>The expiration date of the single certification sticker would be the earlier expiration date of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) metering component's certification; or</li> <li>b) metering installation's certification.</li> </ul> <p>The single certification sticker would become invalid immediately if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) any part of the metering installation were to change, so that the metering installation's certification expiry date changed; or</li> <li>b) the metering component to which the sticker related were to be removed.</li> </ul> <p>However, the certification of any metering components that were not removed would remain valid even if the sticker itself is no longer valid. new replacement single certification sticker for the metering installation must include the details of these unchanged metering components. These components would not need recertifying.</p>
<b>Proposed Code amendment</b>	<p><b>Schedule 10.7</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>41 Certification stickers</b></p> <p>(1) An <b>ATH</b> must, except as provided for in clause 16(6) and subclause (4), if it has <b>certified a metering installation</b> under this Part, confirm the <b>certification</b> by attaching a <b>metering installation certification sticker</b> as physically close as practicable to (including, if practicable, on) the <b>meter</b> while maintaining reasonable visibility of the <b>certification sticker</b> and the <b>meter</b>.</p>

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- (5) If an **ATH certifies a metering component** of a **metering installation** on the same day that the **ATH certifies the metering installation**, the **ATH** may combine the **metering installation certification sticker** under subclause (1) with the **metering component certification sticker** under clause 8(1) of Schedule 10.8.
- (6) If an **ATH** combines a **metering installation certification sticker** with the **metering component certification sticker** under subclause (5), the **ATH** must:
- (a) ensure that the combined sticker shows all the information required by subclause (2) and clause 8(2) of Schedule 10.8;  
and
  - (b) meet the requirements of subclauses (1), (3) and (4), as if the combined sticker were a **metering installation certification sticker**.
- (7) Unless clause 16(6) applies, the combined sticker described in subclause (6) expires on the earlier of—
- (a) the expiration of the **metering installation's certification**;
  - (b) the expiration of the **metering component's certification**.
- (8) The combined sticker under subclause (6) is immediately invalid if—
- (a) the **metering installation** certification expiry date changes; or
  - (b) a **metering component** to which the combined **certification sticker** relates is removed from the **metering installation**.
- (9) For the avoidance of doubt, the **certification** of any **metering component** that is not removed from the **metering installation** does not become invalid under subclause (8).

#### **Schedule 10.8**

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#### **8 Metering component certification stickers**

- (1) An **ATH** must, when **certifying a metering component** under this Part, confirm the **certification** by attaching a **metering component certification sticker** to the **metering component** or, if not practicable, provide the sticker with the **metering component**.

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- (4) If an **ATH** certifies the **metering component** on the same day that it certifies the **metering installation** the **metering component** is installed in, the **ATH** may combine the and attach the **metering component certification sticker** under subclause (1) and the **metering installation certification sticker** under clause 41 of Schedule 10.7 for the **metering installation** in accordance with clause 41 of Schedule 10.7.

<b>Assessment of proposed Code amendment against section 32(1) of the Act</b>	<p>The proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Authority's objective, and section 32(1) of the Act, because it would contribute to the efficient operation of the electricity industry, by lowering the cost of certifying metering components and metering installations.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is expected to have no effect on competition or reliability of supply.</p>
<b>Assessment against Code amendment principles</b>	The Authority is satisfied the proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Code amendment principles, to the extent they are relevant.
Principle 1: Lawfulness.	The proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Act, as discussed above in relation to the Authority's statutory objective and the requirements set out in section 32(1) of the Act.
Principle 2: Clearly Identified Efficiency Gain or Market or Regulatory Failure	The proposed Code amendment is consistent with principle 2 because it addresses an identified efficiency gain, which requires a Code amendment to resolve.
Principle 3: Quantitative Assessment	Please refer to the assessment of costs and benefits in section 3 of the consultation paper.
<b>Regulatory statement</b>	
Objectives of the proposed amendment	The objective of the proposal is to reduce the cost of certifying metering components and metering installations.
Evaluation of the costs and benefits of the proposed amendment	There are no costs as this change is optional at the ATH's discretion. The Please refer to the assessment of costs and benefits in section 3 of the consultation paper.
Evaluation of alternative means of achieving the objectives of the proposed amendment	The Authority has not identified any alternatives to the proposed Code amendment that would meet the objectives of the proposal.