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Reference	Version	Date	Title	Source
PGM/DCM/TEM/0001			Fujitsu Services Post Office Account	Dimensions
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SVM/SDM/SD/0015			Reconciliation Service: Service Description	Dimensions

Unless a specific version is referred to above, reference should be made to the current approved versions of the documents.

0.5 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
APS	Automated Payments Service
A&L	Alliance and Leicester
BIMS	Business Incident Management Service
CAPO	Card Account for the Post Office
CCD	Contract Controlled Document
D&CC	Debit & Credit Card
DCS	Debit & Credit Card Services
DRS	Data Reconciliation Service
ETS	Electronic Top Up Services
ETU	Electronic Top Up
FI	Financial Institution
HSD IMT	Horizon Service Desk Incident Management Team
LINK	Link Interchange Network
MER	Manual Error Report
NBS	Network Banking Services (A&L, CAPO, LINK)
POA	Post Office Account
POLFS	Post Office Ltd Financial Systems
POLMIS	Post Office Ltd Management Information Systems
POL Finance	Post Office Ltd Finance Department
SSC	Service Support Centre (Fujitsu Third Line Support)
TES	Transaction Enquiry Service
TPS	Transaction Processing Service

0.6 Glossary

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Term	Definition
Business Incident	Any exception (as defined below) reported via NB102 or via the HSD requiring investigation and the provision of corrective information to allow Post Office Ltd to settle or reconcile. A Business Incident relates to the 'Symptom' and not to the root cause of the exception.
Customer Critical Exception	A Priority Exception (see below for definition) where Fujitsu have received a DBTN, (see below for definition).
DBTN	Disputed Banking Transaction Notice: Where Fujitsu has received notification from Post Office Ltd via the Enquiry Service following a query by the 'End' customer relating to the state of his / her account.
EBBT	Enquiry Based Banking Transaction: Where Fujitsu has received notification from Post Office Ltd via the HSD wishing to query a particular transaction.
Exception Types	 Within all reports the 'Exceptions' category will include: 'Incomplete States', i.e. those transactions where one or more transaction component is missing – a C4 without a C12 etc Genuine exceptions where transaction components belonging to the same high level transaction have been exceptioned, e.g C12 (amount) not = to C4 (amount) etc. DRS corruptions
Reconciliation Service Day	Between 08.00hrs and 17.30hrs Monday – Friday inclusive, excluding English bank holidays
On Line Services	Transactions completed via the Horizon system within the Post Office branch that require real time communication with Post Office Ltd Financial Institutions or Clients. Currently this includes: Banking transactions (Alliance & Leicester, Card Account for the Post Office (CAPO) & LINK), Debit & Credit Card transactions and Electronic Top Up (ETU)transactions.
Priority Exception	An exception reported within NB102 section 5 relating to system states 4 or 12 following confirmation of a corresponding C4 or D message
System Incident	Any exception (as defined above) reported via NB102 or via the HSD requiring the investigation and repair of the root cause of the exception.

0.7 Changes Expected

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1 Introduction

This document provides a high level summary of Reconciliation within the baseline Horizon solution so that it can be understood how Reconciliation Service can best support the HNG-X transitioning and thereafter.

This document also outlines the Reconciliation incident management procedures required to investigate, report and resolve all reconciliation incidents, which are identified via the DRS (Data Reconciliation Service) reports and also incident raised via HSD (Horizon Service Desk).

1.1 What is Reconciliation?

End to end Reconciliation within Horizon is the mechanism by which Post Office Ltd and POA establish which transactions are complete and correct, and which are not. An incomplete transaction is not necessarily a Reconciliation error, but it might become one if it is not completed in a timely manner. An incorrect transaction is a Reconciliation error.

Each and every Reconciliation error is the result of some system fault. That fault might, for example, be a software bug (introduced through either design or coding), a system crash, or a telephone line being dug up. Such faults may affect transactions, thus it is the job of Reconciliation Service to detect when and how any transaction is affected by any system fault.

A reported Reconciliation error provides:

- A business impact in terms of an error report on a transaction, and
- Evidence of a system fault that may need some corrective action.

It is acknowledged that not all system faults will lead to corrective action as this is generally done on a contractual and/or cost benefit basis.

1.2 What does Reconciliation look like?

Reconciliation is delivered as a set of printable electronic reports (typically .txt files). The content and layout of the reports reflect the system architecture. This has been detailed in the SVM/SDM/SD/0020: End to End Reconciliation Reporting document.

1.3 How is Reconciliation used?

Reconciliation is used by Post Office Ltd:

- To provide Financial and Business Reconciliation at transaction level, i.e. to prove that each
 transaction is complete and correct and to report any transaction that is either not complete or
 not correct. Whilst zero value transactions might not affect settlement or accounts, excessive
 numbers can represent lost business. In addition, some APS transactions are zero value, but
 they must still be passed through to the end client, e.g. Card Account transactions, some DVLA
 transactions.
- To prove the accounts are correct and to enable individual transactions to be identified that are causing discrepancies in or incompleteness of the accounts.
- For settlement with Clients either by providing information to contribute towards the invoice or payment generation.

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Reconciliation is used by Reconciliation Service:

- For system diagnostics (fault finding) and to prove system integrity. Normally, all transactions
 are of interest including those with zero value. Zero value on-line transactions often indicate
 some 'network' issue that caused the transaction to time out at the Counter. While it may be
 acceptable for there to be a background level of these, they must be monitored so that
 corrective action can take place if the volumes become excessive.
- For explaining to Post Office Ltd why transactions are incomplete or incorrect and to provide evidence to support statements made;
- To prove that corrective action is effective.

Typically, Reconciliation reports fulfil the purposes of both Post Office Ltd and Royal Mail Group Account without the need for separate reporting for each organisation.

2 Scope

This document is intended to supplement the CCD SVM/SDM/SD/0020 - End to End Reconciliation Reporting

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The Banking and Related Services Reconciliation Report Set or the DRS Report set are used by Post Office Ltd for Reconciliation and settlement with Clients and by Reconciliation Service as input to error resolution and as evidence when advising POL of the true state of transactions.

Five different report sets are produced for transactions categorised below for the different Clients:

Network Banking transactions for Clients:

- Alliance & Leicester,
- Card Account for Post Office (CAPO),
- LINK

Electronic Top Ups transactions for Client EPAY

Debit & Credit Card (D&CC) transactions for Client Streamline

3.1 **DRS Reports**

The DRS is the Data Reconciliation Service for NBS, DCS and ETS. It is an implementation of a state table based on five input flows, [C12], [C112], [S], [C4], and [D]. It also has a [C2] output flow that is generated from the [C12] input flow.

- [C12] flow comes direct from the Counter
- [C112] flow comes from the Counter via TPS
- ISI flow is optional and is used by DCS only to reflect the extended IC21 feed to Streamline to enable Post Office Ltd to view a preliminary settlement position
- [C4] flow reflects the bank view of the transaction, and the
- [D] flow represents an error form of the [C4] flow when it can be determined that a transaction is inconsistent from the bank point of view.

The diagram below 'Reconciliation in Horizon' gives the overview of the following data flows:

- [R] Request message, [A] Authorisation message, [C0] Confirmation for 0 Value and [E] Reversal that form the RACE that is captured by the NPS (NBX Persistent Store).
- REC (Reconciliation file) to A&L. CAPO
- LREC (Link Reconciliation file) from LINK,
- DTF (Daily Transaction Feed) from EPAY,
- Payment file to Streamline which contains [S],
- EMIS (Electronic Management Information Service) from Streamline
- APS Client transaction files to Clients

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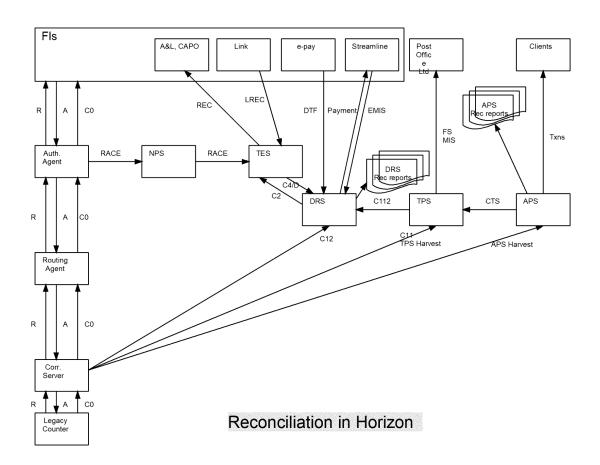
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If any of the transaction data flows are unavailable, this results in the creation of an 'Exception State' as defined in Section 3.5 of this document.

In addition, a transaction may well receive the full set of transaction sub components described above however one or more of these sub components may be for a differing or corrupt value when compared to the others. In such cases, an "ERROR STATE" will be created as defined in Section 3.5 of this document.

The reports produced are:

- NB000 DRS Summary Report. This is a single daily report covering NBS, DCS, and ETS. It lists all reports produced and identifies those not produced as there is no data with which to populate
- NB101 Network Banking Settlement Statement. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is the baseline used for Client settlement subject to corrections based on the error reports. Essentially, it reports the [C4] position.
- NB102 section 1 All Uncleared Confirmed. Unconfirmed & Post Office Ltd FS exceptions. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is an error report used to correct the settlement figure.

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- NB102 section 2 Uncleared Exception Client Transactions. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is an error report used to correct the settlement figure.
- NB102 section 3 Uncleared corruptions. This is a separate daily report for each client. It is an error report used to correct the settlement figure.
- NB102 section 4 Uncleared Timing Differences. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is an error report used to correct the settlement figure.
- NB102 section 5 Uncleared Confirmed, Unconfirmed & Post Office Ltd FS exceptions >24 hours.
 This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is an error report used to correct the settlement figure. Transactions do not appear on it unless they have not changed state for more than 24 hours (i.e. there is no transaction progression). In addition, where the only fault is a missing [C112] and the Branch not harvested flag is set, then the transaction is inhibited from appearing on this report.
- NB102 section 6 Uncleared Future Dated Transactions by Client. This is a separate daily report
 for each of NBS and DCS (ETS is treated as though it is a Client within NBS). It is used to report
 summaries of transactions that are 'future dated' and therefore do not fall into the normal scope
 of Reconciliation until a future Reconciliation overnight. Future Dated refers to the Reconciliation
 date, not the date on which the transaction took place.
- NB102 section 7 All Cleared Confirmed, Unconfirmed & Post Office Ltd FS exceptions. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is used to demonstrate that errors were 'cleared' from the DRS correctly.
- NB102 section 8 Cleared Exception Client Transactions. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is used to demonstrate that errors were 'cleared' from the DRS correctly.
- NB102 section 9 Cleared corruptions. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is used
 to demonstrate that errors were 'cleared' from the DRS correctly.
- NB102 section 10 Cleared Timing Differences. This is a separate daily report for each Client. It
 is used to demonstrate that errors were 'cleared' from the DRS correctly.
- NB102 section 11 Cleared Confirmed, Unconfirmed & Post Office Ltd FS exceptions >24 hours.
 This is a separate daily report for each Client. It is used to demonstrate that errors were 'cleared'
 from the DRS correctly.
- NB102 section 12 Cleared Future Dated Transactions by Client. This is a separate daily report
 for each of NBS and DCS (ETS here is treated as though it is a Client within NBS). It is used to
 report summaries of transactions that were future dated but are now entered in to the main
 Reconciliation stream.

The report definitions are common to all applications although differences of the RAC model mean that for each of NBS, DCS and ETS the interpretation of the reports for each application must vary significantly.

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3.2 Report Distribution

Reconciliation reports will be delivered to Server 'ng171tdapp35' in Post Office Ltd in accordance with the following Service Level Targets:

Delivery of reconciliation & settlement report (Normal)	By 08.05hrs day B
Delivery of reconciliation & settlement report (where DRS failure in overnight batch window)	By 10.05hrs day B
Delivery of reconciliation & settlement report (where there is system failure that is not DRS or TES)	By 12.00hrs day B
Delivery of reconciliation & settlement report (where there is DRS or TES failure)	By 18.00hrs day B
Enrichment with LREC data	
LREC received	Added to reconciliation & settlement report
LREC received by 23.59.59hrs day A	By 08.05hrs day B
LREC received by 01.59.59hrs day B	By 08.05hrs day B
LREC received between 02.00hrs and 22.00hrs day B	By 08.05hrs day C

All reports will be produced as ASCII text files – one for each report. The report layout will be fixed format with space characters providing the blank space. This will allow for 'Excel' input, using fixed field width facilities. Any formatting, (lines and shading) will not be included within the file.

3.2.1 Contingency in the Event on Non delivery of reports to Post Office Ltd

If Fujitsu Services is unable to deliver any or all reports to the Post Office Ltd. / POLFS gateway by 08.00hrs the day following the run date of the report, Fujitsu Reconciliation Service will liaise with POL Finance to arrange an e-mail transmission via the Fujitsu corporate account. Fujitsu Reconciliation Service will operate this contingency under 'reasonable endeavours' and will aim to have the reports with POL Finance by 09.00hrs in contingency. However this timescale may not be achievable if processing problems have also delayed receipt of the reports into the DRS workstation.

NB: Should the Fujitsu corporate e-mail service unavailable, Fujitsu Reconciliation Service will liaise with POL Finance and agree facsimile of reports NB101 and NB102 section 1 and 2.

Any distribution list for these reports is considered by both Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd to be of a dynamic nature and therefore specific addressees are not covered within this document

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Reconciliation Service shall study and monitor the DRS reports and report on any Banking and Related Services transaction states which are:

- intrinsically anomalous, in that their occurrence implies malfunction in End to End On Line Services; or
- anomalous in that an expected state has persisted for an unexpected duration (e.g. where C1 Confirmations are received from the Confirmation Agent and C4 Confirmations are received from Alliance and Leicester, LINK CAPO, D&CC and ETU but the Confirmation from the TPS Host has not been received after an abnormal delay),

Exceptions reported within the DRS Report Set will be applicable to:

- Communication difficulties between the Post Office branch and the Campus, Agents, Correspondence servers, etc.
- Errors within the DRS (with corresponding errors returned via the TES)
- Corruption's within the DRS

3.3.1 Generation of Business Incidents

It is envisaged that Business Incidents will only be generated by the following groups within Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd.

- Fujitsu Reconciliation Service for all exceptions reported via the DRS report set.
- POL Finance for any 'Enquiry Based Banking Transactions' (EBBT) or 'Disputed Transaction Notice' (DBTN) discovered by Post Office Ltd. that has not been reported by Fujitsu Reconciliation Service via the DRS report set
- Fujitsu Third Line Support (SSC) for any system fault or database adjustment which is considered by Fujitsu to have a reconciliation or settlement implication within Post Office Ltd. in respect of banking and related transactions.

3.3.1.1 **Business Incident raised by Reconciliation Service**

Reconciliation Service will raise an appropriate Business Incident when needed via the BIMS database for all exceptions that require reconciliation reported on the NB102 Section 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the DRS report set.

EBBT incidents raised by POL Finance via HSD 3.3.1.2

It is important that POL Finance supply sufficient information to the HSD when generating a Business Incident in respect of an EBBT to ensure the timescales for the resolution of Business Incidents referred to in section 3.4.2 can be achieved. Achievement of such timescales is dependent upon the following information being provided by POL Finance when generating a Business Incident via the HSD:

- 1. A valid 'PATH' code must be quoted, e.g. 'PATH040' etc.
- Prefix all narrative with 'This is a Business Incident for Reconciliation Service, PLEASE ROUTE THIS CALL TO EDSC' The following transaction detail:
 - Branch code
 - Horizon Transaction Identifier
 - Value of transaction
 - Date of transaction

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NB: Where Post POL Finance raise a business incident for an EBBT Business which may require a large amount of supporting information, summary detail only may be given to the HSD and the additional information may be sent via e-mail to Fujitsu Reconciliation Service.

Subject to agreement by the parties to the contrary, Post Office branch calls to the HSD will not generate Business Incidents. However calls from Post Office branches will be monitored and if it is considered necessary by Fujitsu, difficulties reported to the HSD will be elevated to Business Incident status.

3.3.1.3 DBTN incidents raised by POL Finance via HSD

This facility is to support requirements in respect of Disputed Banking Transaction Notice (DBTN) where Post Office Ltd. has received notification via either the Post Office branch or the Network Business Support Centre (NBSC). POL Finance will contact Reconciliation Service directly by telephone, requesting urgent investigation within the timescales quoted in section 3.4.2

Achievement of such timescales is dependent upon the following information being provided by POL Finance when generating a DBTN enquiry via the Enquiry Service:

- 1. The following transaction detail:
 - Client Account Number (the PAN)
 - Branch code
 - Horizon Transaction Identifier
 - Value of transaction
 - · Date of transaction

NB: If incorrect or insufficient information is provided by POL Finance to allow resolution of the DBTN enquiry, no further action will take place until new information is supplied and the enquiry will not be monitored in accordance with the timescales referred to in section 3.4.2.

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3.4 Business Incident Reporting

3.4.1 BIM Reports

The Business Incident Management System (BIMS) has been designed to report the progress to resolution of a Business Incident to allow Post Office Ltd. to complete an accurate reconciliation or settlement with their clients. For ease of identification and association, BIM report references will mimic the Fujitsu fault logging (PEAK) reference. In all cases each BIM report will have a unique identifier.

3.4.1.1 Format & content of BIM report

A BIM report will be issued for each Business Incident generated. BIM reports are designed to notify POL Finance of the detail required to assist in the reconciliation or settlement process within Post Office Ltd. domain. BIM reports communicate information concerning the resolution of the symptom of an underlying cause, not the cause itself. BIM reports will not advise any detail as to the underlying 'Cause' of the problem if this is a result of a software error etc. This information is supplied via the Problem Management route (if escalated to this level).

Where a System Incident is generated to eradicate the cause of a particular problem and there is one or more associated Business and Related Services Business Incidents, cross-references will be supplied on the Business and Related Services Business Incident BIM report / MER and via the Problem Management process to allow tracking of the System Incident.

3.4.1.2 BIM Report Distribution

Reconciliation Service will distribute BIM reports to POL Finance, using the Fujitsu corporate e-mail network. In the event that this facility is temporarily unavailable, reports will be distributed via mutually agreed methods (CD/Floppy etc).

BIM reports distributed in accordance with this section will be deemed to have been issued to POL Finance at the time of transmission by mail.

Examples of BIM reports are shown in Section 6

3.4.1.3 Clearance Criteria

Reconciliation Service anticipates that it will provide information concerning On Line Services Business Incidents to POL Finance on a 'drip feed' basis, by issuing updated versions of the initial BIM report / MER.

- A BIM report is 'Cleared' when Reconciliation Service has provided the necessary reconciliation / settlement information.
- Additionally, the exception is cleared from the appropriate section of NB102 after necessary F99 authorisation has been obtained from POL.

POL Finance will advise via spreadsheet on a monthly basis of any payments it considers are payable to Post Office Ltd (as compensation for Post Office Ltd. costs in dealing with MER). For the avoidance of doubt, NO charges are payable in respect of MER issued for On Line Services incidents not affecting the POLFS transaction stream.

If the parties disagree whether the POLFS transaction stream has been affected or not, or consequential loss has been incurred by Post Office Ltd and after discussion no agreement can be reached the specific incidents will then be escalated via a 'Case Law Referral' form, to the Commercial Forum for a final decision to be made.

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3.4.2 BIMS for Banking and Related Services - SLT conditions

Reconciliation Service will raise an initial BIM report relating to a new Business Incident, on the same working day as the Business Incident is generated via the HSD or the Enquiry Service, or in any event on the morning of the next working day. This will be made available in accordance with Section 3.4.1.1 to POL Finance. This initial, incomplete, BIM report will serve to notify POL Finance that a Business Incident has occurred and that the completed BIM report will be provided to POL Finance within the agreed timescales below.

In the event of the DRS Report Set not being available to Fujitsu Reconciliation Service in time to enable any exceptions to be notified within this timescale, Fujitsu Reconciliation Service will contact the POL Finance to agree a temporary extension to the timescale.

All enquiries and transaction searches within 90 days of the original transaction date will be carried out by Reconciliation Service via the DRS/Transaction Enquiry Services (TES) Workstation(s). Enquiries and transaction searches where the original transaction date is in excess of 90 days will be carried out by Reconciliation Service using the Audit Archive via the Fujitsu POA security team.

Reconciliation Service will ensure the final cleared BIM report, in accordance with the following timescales:

1. For DBTN enquiries where the <u>transaction date is within 90 days of the date the transaction is disputed by the end customer</u> and raised by POL via the HSD in accordance with Section 3.3.1.3:

95% must be resolved within <= 8 hours of notification based upon all DBTN enquiries (Customer Critical Exceptions) received within the quarterly reporting period

The following conditions apply to DBTN enquiries:

The calculation of the time to resolution within the above SLT will only commence from either the receipt of the C4 or D transaction component within the DRS, or the reporting of a Priority Exception, (which becomes a 'Customer Critical Exception by way of the associated DBTN), within NB102 section 5 of the DRS report set.

- 2. For any DBTN enquiries where the <u>transaction date is in excess of 90 days of the date</u> the <u>transaction is disputed by the end customer</u> and raised by POL via the HSD in accordance with section 3.3.1.3:
 - All attempts will be made to resolve this within 5 Reconciliation Service days of notification, but if there is a delay in obtaining evidence from the Security team, SLA will be suspended after agreement with POL.
- 3. For any 'Priority' exception relating to incomplete states 4 or 12 reported within NB102 section 5 and raised by Fujitsu Reconciliation Service in accordance with section 3.3.1.1:

95% must be resolved within <= 8 hours commencing at 08.00hrs on the <u>SECOND</u> Reconciliation Service day following receipt by the DRS of the exception, based upon all Priority exceptions received within the quarterly reporting period.

4. For all non 'Customer Critical' exceptions reported within NB102 sections 2 – 5 and raised via the HSD by Fujitsu Reconciliation Service in accordance with section 3.3.1.1:

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- They must be resolved within 5 Reconciliation Service days of notification via NB102 sections 2 -5.
- 5. For EBBT Business and Related Services reconciliation errors raised by POL via the HSD in accordance with section 3.3.1.2:
 - All attempts will be made to resolve this within 5 Reconciliation Service days from the date they were reported to the HSD, but if there is a delay in obtaining evidence from the Security team, SLA will be suspended after agreement with POL..

NB: All time is calculated using the Reconciliation Service day (08.00 to 17.30) and Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding English bank holidays.

3.4.1.1 SLT Exclusion / Suspension Criteria

- Where an exception has been generated due to factors outside of Fujitsu control, e.g. where
 a Post Office branch has failed to communicate due to fire, flooding or other agreed
 'Enforced Closure' conditions, the exception will be removed from the BIM SLT calculation in
 agreement with Post Office Ltd and resolved using 'Reasonable Endeavours'.
- Where an exception necessitates the retrieval of information from, or access to, a Post
 Office branch to enable successful resolution and this is not available. The period whilst
 Fujitsu waits, having requested that information or access be provided, shall not count
 towards the time for resolution of that exception.

Post Office Ltd. will be informed via the BIM report applicable to the exception being investigated that SLT suspension is being invoked in respect of the above.

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3.5 System States & Exception Tables

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3.5.1 Banking and Related Services Exceptions explained

Service	Exception Type	Post Office Ltd Implications	Fujit	su Reconciliation Service Action	Post Office Ltd Action	
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM		
All On Line Services	State 1	Transient State – None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action	
All On Line Services	State 2	Transient State – due to branch non polling	N	No Action	No Action	
All On Line Services	State 3	Final State – not on exception report	N	No Action	No Action	
All On Line Services	State 4	Banking (Alliance & Leicester, CAPO & LINK) & ETU: Potential for incorrect settlement with FI and /or incorrect adjustment of End Customer Account. Debit & Credit Card: Exceptions will always be cleared upon receipt of Refund instruction from POL Finance, Exception will not be investigated and ultimately cleared from the reports by F99 action.	Y (Banking A 8hr Priority) (ETU B Priority 5 day)	Banking & ETU: If branch appears on the Non Polling report, wait for comms to be re-established then exception will be cleared. If exception still appears once polling commences – see action below. Banking & ETU: If branch does not appear on the Non Polling report, issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment was made or accepted by End Customer. F99 exception to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required	

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Service	Exception Post Office Ltd Implications Type		Fujit	su Reconciliation Service Action	Post Office Ltd Action
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report	
All On Line Services	State 5	Transient State – None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action
All On Line Services	State 6	If D&CC potential for transaction to have settled but no debit to end Customer account. Value is only "ring fenced" by FI for three days.	Y (A Priority)	Issue BIM report with PAN details of the transaction so that POL are able to provide the same to Streamline for processing the incomplete transaction.	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
All On Line Services	State 7	Transient State – None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action
Debit & Credit Card	State 8	Transient State – None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action
Debit & Credit Card	State 9	Transient State – None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action
Debit & Credit Card	State 10	Transient State – None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action
Debit & Credit Card	State 11	Streamline do not send Confirmation back until after internal checks are complete. This will then change the state to E39.	N	No Action	No Action
All On Line Services	State 12, 13 & 14	Potential for incorrect settlement with FI and /or incorrect adjustment of End Customer Account. "D" exception type signifies that the FI is aware	N	Issue final BIM report when State progresses to State 15 or exception remains at State 12, 13, or 14. F99 to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required

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		of the error.				
Service	Exception Type	Post Office Ltd Implications	Fujitsu Reconciliation Service Action		Post Office Ltd Action	
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report		
All On Line Services	State 15	Final State with a "D" signifying that the FI is aware of the error	N	Issue final BIM report. F99 to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required	
Debit & Credit Card	State 16	None envisaged	N	No Action.	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 17	None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 18	Transient State – due to branch non polling	N	No Action	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 19	Final State – not on exception report	N	No Action	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 20	None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 21	None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 22	None envisaged	N	No Action	No Action	
Debit & Credit Card	State 23	Final State – will appear on exception report. D state implying FI is aware of error	N	Final BIM report issued. F99 to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required	
All On Line Services	E01	Assumed C112 and / or C12 exception has no reconciliation implication as they are derived	Y	No Action	No Action	

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		from the same transaction component.			
Service	Exception Type	Post Office Ltd Implications	Fujitsu Reconciliation Service Action		Post Office Ltd Action
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report	
All On Line Services	E02	Assumed C112 and / or C12 exception has no reconciliation implication as they are derived from the same transaction component	Y	No Action	No Action
All On Line Services	E03 & E04	Possibility of a duplicate transaction having been created which may require settlement adjustment with FI and / or End Customer Account	Y	Issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment or deposit was duplicated and whether or not End Customer Account has been affected. F99 to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
Debit & Credit Card	E05, E06, E07	Possibility of a duplicate transaction having been created which may require settlement adjustment with FI and / or End Customer Account	Y	Issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment was duplicated and whether or not End Customer Account has been affected. F99 n to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required

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Service	Exception Type	<u> </u>		su Reconciliation Service Action	Post Office Ltd Action
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report	
All On Line Services	E08 & E09	Possibility of a duplicate transaction having been created which may require settlement adjustment with FI and / or End Customer Account	Y	Issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment or deposit was duplicated and whether or not End Customer Account has been affected. F99 n to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
All On Line Services	E10	Assumed C112 and / or C12 exception has no reconciliation implication as they are derived from the same transaction component	Y	No Action	No Action
All On Line Services	E11	Assumed C112 and / or C12 exception has no reconciliation implication as they are derived from the same transaction component	Y	No Action	No Action
All On Line Services	E12 & E13	Possibility of a duplicate transaction having been created which may require settlement adjustment with FI and / or End Customer Account NB: A large number of ZERO value E12 exceptions appear daily for EPAY which are automatically sent to F99 with no further action.	Y	Issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment or deposit was duplicated and whether or not End Customer Account has been affected. F99 to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required

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Service	Exception Type	Post Office Ltd Implications	Fujit	su Reconciliation Service Action	Post Office Ltd Action
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report	
Debit & Credit Card	E14	Possibility of a duplicate transaction having been created which may require settlement adjustment with FI and / or End Customer Account	Y	Issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment or deposit was duplicated and whether or not End Customer Account has been affected. F99 n to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
NOT USED	E15, E16, E17, E18, E19				
All On Line Services	E20	Assumed C112 and / or C12 exception has no reconciliation implication as they are derived from the same transaction component	Y	No Action	No Action
All On Line Services	E21	Potential settlement error with FI: Possible failure to send reversal to either Alliance & Leicester, CAPO, LINK and Debit & Credit Card; or Transaction timeout after 50 minutes in relation to EPAY	Y if not resolved via DRS	Reconciliation Service issue interim BIM Report. If resolved via DRS, Final BIM Report issued. If not resolved via DRS, confirm via BIM what happened at the Horizon counter and whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe there are settlement implications with the FI and / or End Customer Account	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
Service	Exception	Post Office Ltd Implications	Fujit	su Reconciliation Service Action	Post Office Ltd Action

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	Type				
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report	
Debit & Credit Card	E22	Potential settlement error with FI	Y if not resolved via DRS	Reconciliation Service issue interim BIM Report. If resolved via DRS, Final BIM Report issued. If not resolved via DRS, confirm via BIM what happened at the Horizon counter and whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe there are settlement implications with the FI and / or End Customer Account	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
All On Line Services	E23	Potential settlement error with FI: Possible failure to send reversal to either Alliance & Leicester, CAPO, LINK and Debit & Credit Card; or Where a reversal transaction has not reached the agent within 50 minutes in relation to EPAY, this is not forwarded to EPAY NB: If discrepancy type " 3", no action.	Y if not resolved via DRS	Fujitsu Reconciliation Service issue interim BIM Report. If resolved via DRS, Final BIM Report issued. If not resolved via DRS, confirm via BIM what happened at the Horizon counter and whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe there are settlement implications with the FI and / or End Customer Account	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required
Debit & Credit Card	E24	Potential settlement error with FI	Y	Reconciliation Service issue interim BIM Report. If resolved via DRS, Final BIM Report issued. If not resolved via DRS, confirm via BIM what happened at the Horizon counter and whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe there are settlement implications with the FI and / or End Customer Account	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required

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Service	Exception Type	Post Office Ltd Implications	Fujit	su Reconciliation Service Action	Post Office Ltd Action	
			To SSC?	Reconciliation Service / BIM Report		
All On Line Services	E25 & E26	Potential settlement error with FI: Possible failure to send reversal to either Alliance & Leicester, CAPO, LINK and Debit Card; or Transaction timeout after 10 minutes in relation to ETU	Y if not resolved via DRS	Fujitsu Reconciliation Service issue interim BIM Report. If resolved via DRS, Final BIM Report issued.	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required	
All On Line Services	E27 & E28	Assumed C112 and / or C12 exception has no reconciliation implication as they are derived from the same transaction component	Y	No Action	No Action	
All On Line Services	E29 & E30	Possibility of a duplicate transaction having been created which may require settlement adjustment with FI and / or End Customer Account	Y	Issue BIM report detailing as far as possible how far the transaction progressed via the Horizon counter – confirm whether Fujitsu Reconciliation Service believe payment or deposit was duplicated and whether or not End Customer Account has been affected. F99 exception to clear from reports	Adjust settlement with FI with instructions to FI to adjust End Customer Account if required	
All On Line Services	E39	No action required	N	F99 from report, if all elements match	No Action	
All On Line Services	F99	Will not appear on report.	N	This transaction state implies that the transaction had a Reconciliation error that has been cleared by manual procedures	No Action	

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3.5.2 Incomplete States

This table identifies the NB102 series report section where incomplete and discrepancy States are reported in detail.

Incomplete State	Transac	tion Comp	onents	Exception NB102 Section			report tion
	C112	C12	C4	S	D	Uncleared	Cleared
1		√				1 & 5	7 & 11
2		√	√			1 & 5	7 & 11
4			√			1 & 5	7 & 11
5	V					1 & 5	7 & 11
6	V	√				1 & 5	7 & 11
7	V		√			1 & 5	7 & 11
8				√		1&5	7 & 11
9	V			1		1 & 5	7 & 11
10		1		1		1 & 5	7 & 11
11	V	1		V		1 & 5	7 & 11
12					$\sqrt{}$	2	8
13		√			V	2	8
14	V				√	2	8
15	V	√			√	2	8
16			Then √	V		1&5	7 & 11
17	V		Then √	1	5 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 /	1 & 5	7 & 11
18		1	Then √	1		1 & 5	7 & 11
20				1	Then √	2	8
21	V			V	Then √	2	8
22		1		V	Then √	2	8
23	V. Harrison	V		1	Then √	2	8

Shaded lines represent System States refer to D&CC exception states only.

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3.1.3 Exception States

This table identifies the NB102 series report section where an exception is reported in detail.

Exception State	Description	Exception Section	report NB102
		Uncleared	Cleared
E01	Additional C112	1 & 5	7 & 11
E02	Additional C12	1 & 5	7 & 11
E03	Additional D	2	8
E04	Additional C4	1 & 5	7 & 11
E05	Additional S	1&5	7 & 11
E06	S after C4	1&5	7 & 11
E07	S after D	2	8
E08	C4 after D	2	8
E09	D after C4	2	8
E10	C112 after final state	1 & 5	7 & 11
E11	C12 after final state	1 & 5	7 & 11
E12	C4 after final state	1 & 5	7 & 11
E13	D after final state	2	8
E14	S after final state	1 & 5	7 & 11
E15	Not Used		
E16	Not Used		
E17	Not Used		
E18	Not Used		
E19	Not Used		
E20	Amount of C112#C12	1 & 5	7 & 11
E21	Amount of C112#C4	1 & 5	7 & 11
E22	Amount of C112#S & C112#0	1&5	7 & 11
E23	Amount of C12#C4	1 & 5	7 & 11
E24	Amount of C12#S & C12#0	1 & 5	7 & 11
E25	Amount of C112#D	2	8
E26	Amount of C12#D	2	8
E27	Incomplete/corrupt C112	3	9
E28	Incomplete/corrupt C12	3	9
E29	Incomplete/corrupt C4	3	9
E30	Incomplete/corrupt D	3	9
E31	Incomplete/corrupt S	3	9
E32	Amount of C4#S & C4#0	1&5	7 & 11
E33	Amount of D#S	2	8
E34	C112 arrived after state F99	1 & 5	7 & 11
E35	C12 arrived after state F99	1 & 5	7 & 11
E36	C4 arrived after state F99	1 & 5	7 & 11
E37	D arrived after state F99	2	8
E38	S arrived after state F99	1&5	7 & 11
E39	Settlement Date # Reconciliation Date	4	10

Shaded lines represent System States refer to D&CC exception states only.

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The APS Report Set produced by Fujitsu central systems and the End-to-End APS reconciliation have been designed to enable APS transactions completed in Post Office branches to be reconciled to the transaction stream received by Post Office Ltd, via Post Office Ltd Financial Systems (POLFS) to enable settlement to be made with Post Office Clients. This also applies to transactions of ZERO value, while these transactions do not affect financial reconciliation they will be reported in cases where they were not properly transferred to the Automated Payment (AP) Clients or POLFS.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no formal reconciliation produced between the POLFS and POLMIS transaction stream. The POLMIS stream should therefore not be used to verify financial integrity and Post Office Ltd should ensure the TPS report set and POLFS transaction stream are used for this purpose

4.1 **APS Reports**

The following reports are sent daily to POL Finance:

- 1. APSS2133 The APS Daily Account Balancing Report
- 2. APSS2133b The APS Client Summary Report
- 3. APSS2133c The APS Delayed Transaction Report (See Section 4.1.2)
- 4. APSS2136 The Daily TPS / APS Transaction Reconciliation Summary Report
- 5. APSS2139 The Daily APS Office Harvesting Report

4.1.1 Report Distribution

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As governed by E Mail availability, Reconciliation Service will ensure all reports are made available to POL Finance by 08.00hrs daily, on a Monday to Friday basis only. For example, on a Monday or the day after a bank holiday, reports will be delivered for all days having occurred since the delivery of the last set of reports.

Reports are initially sent to POL Finance using the Fujitsu corporate account. If the Fujitsu mail is not available fall back measures will be made, i.e. floppy disk hand delivered to the Post Office Ltd member within POL RDT (Ref Data Team) located on the 4th floor at the Fujitsu site at Bracknell.

NB: Due to the size of these reports, e.g. APSS2133b is often in excess of 100 pages, Fujitsu is unable to resort to facsimile transmission should the corporate e mail service of either organisation be unavailable except in situations where any failure is deemed to be long term. In such cases, the Reconciliation Service will liaise with POL Finance to agree a contingency distribution.

The distribution list is considered by both Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd to be of a dynamic nature and therefore specific addressees are not covered within this document.

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4.1.2 APSS2133c report explained



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Report

Report

APS Delayed Transactions Report

Processing Date: 15/06/2005

Date: 15/06/2005

Time: 22:02:33

Transaction Date Transaction Details

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15/06/2005

CCM 2654 Local Collect 5654 4271 0123110 07:40:35 13211001300603558251 01 H 7191

DVLA 2422 D.V.L.A. 3 5927 0123110 08:35:59 09010214626193524587 01 H 7197

CardAccount 2685 Card Account 5685 4747 0123110 07:39:49 63364110803854137 01 H 7 190 0

DVLA 2422 D.V.L.A. 3 5927 0123110 08:35:42 09010213308202964440 01 H 7196

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DVLA 2422 D.V.L.A. 3 5927 0123110 08:36:22 09010213453464647554 01 H 7198 0
DVLA 2422 D.V.L.A. 3 5927 0123110 08:36:41 09010214408686229879 01 H 7199 0
DVLA 2422 D.V.L.A. 3 5927 0123110 08:36:58 09010214379121878192 01 H 7200 0
DVLA 2422 D.V.L.A. 3 5928 0123110 08:35:03 09010215679293600152 01 H 7194 0
QUANTUM 2413 Siemens Metering Ltd 3333 3206 1915045 16:36:25 CA1005453483657 02 H

710 **0**

TOTAL

Reconciliation Error 0

End of Report APSS2133c

Clearing Agent

Client Account & Name

Time of transaction

2413 Siemens Metering Ltd

Various stuff about receipt numbers

Client code

3333 3206
APSSEQ, in this case is 020710, counter=2

Item (product)

3.00

0.00

Value (£) Error Message

0.00 Digital Signature Failure

3.00 CRY INVALID DIGITURE

16:36:25 CA1005453483657 02 H 710

O Transaction type?

FAD (ignore last digit)

1915045

3.00 Amount three pounds

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4.2 APS Reconciliation & Incident Handling

4.2.1 APS Business Incidents

4.2.1.1 Reconciliation Errors within APSS2133 report

Reconciliation errors within the APS Daily Account Balancing Report should be minimal and, if they do occur, will be applicable to:

- Software errors
- Unidentified differences classed as 'Reconciliation Errors' within APSS2133.

4.2.1.2 Delayed Transactions on APSS2133c Report

Where transactions have been harvested by the APS harvester and have failed to be delivered to Post Office Clients, they are referred to as Delayed Transactions.

In normal circumstances, these transactions will be input by Fujitsu SSC into the APS data file via the APS secure workstation and will be received by Post Office Client, 24 hours later subject to the client's delivery agreement. There may be occasions when transactions cannot be sent via the data file process and have to be delivered to 'Manual'. In such cases, full detail of the transaction is supplied via the BIM report / Manual Error Report (MER) route which are NOT chargeable.

4.2.2 APS Business Incident Originators

It is envisaged that APS Business Incidents will only be generated by the following groups within Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd:

- Fujitsu for errors reported via the APS report set & End-to-End APS reconciliation
- POL Finance or POL RDT for any other reconciliation or settlement error discovered by POL Finance that has not been reported by Fujitsu Services
- Fujitsu SSC for any system fault or data 'surgery' which is considered by Fujitsu to have a reconciliation or settlement implication within Post Office Ltd.

Subject to agreement by the parties to the contrary, Post Office branch raised calls to the Horizon Service Desk (HSD) will not generate APS Business Incidents. However calls from Post Office branches will be monitored and if it is considered necessary by Fujitsu difficulties reported to the HSD will be elevated to APS Business Incident status.

4.2.3 Generation of Business Incidents

In line with the generic incident management policy agreed between Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd, APS Business Incidents will only be recognised as such if generated by Fujitsu or Post Office Ltd as appropriate, via the HSD. This ensures that the APS Business Incident is properly logged, enabling Fujitsu to ensure that corrective information can be supplied and any underlying system fault can be rectified.

It is important that POL Finance supply sufficient information to the HSD when generating an APS Business Incident to ensure the timescales for the resolution of APS Business Incidents referred to in section 5.4 can be achieved. Achievement of such timescales is dependent upon the following information being provided by POL Finance when generating an APS Business Incident via the HSD:

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- A valid 'PATH' code must be quoted, e.g. 'PATH040' etc.
- Prefix all narrative with 'This is a Business Incident for Reconciliation Service, PLEASE ROUTE THIS CALL TO EDSC'
- Relevant details like the Branch code, date of the transaction, APS sequence number etc. should also be supplied.

NB: Where POL Finance raises an APS Business Incident which may require a large amount of supporting information, summary detail only may be given to the HSD and the additional information sent via e-mail to Fujitsu . (A current contact list will be made available to POL Finance).

4.3 Incident Reporting

4.3.1 BIM Reports / MER

BIMS has been designed to report the progress to resolution of an APS Business Incident to allow POL Finance to complete an accurate reconciliation (within POLFS) or settlement with their clients.

A BIM report will be issued for each APS Business Incident generated via the HSD. As part of that BIM report, Fujitsu will issue a MER for each error associated with the relevant APS Business Incident where it is necessary to do so to advising POL Finance of the transaction detail required to enable reconciliation or settlement to take place.

BIM reports / MER are designed to notify POL Finance of the detail required to assist in the reconciliation or settlement process within POLFS. They communicate information concerning the resolution of the symptom of an underlying cause, not the cause itself. BIM reports / MER will not advise any detail as to the underlying 'Cause' of the problem if this is a result of a software error etc. This information is supplied via the Problem Management process. Where a Problem incident is generated to eradicate the cause of a particular problem, and there is one or more associated APS Business Incidents, cross-references will be supplied on the APS Business Incident BIM report / MER to allow tracking of the System Incident.

MER which are raised for "lost" AP transactions which cannot be delivered to the AP Client will only be chargeable on the basis of the transaction face value if it can be proven that:

- the End Customer has settled for that transaction,
- Fujitsu cannot provide the transaction detail; and
- the Post Office Client confirms non receipt.

4.3.1.1 Clearance Criteria

Reconciliation Service anticipates that it will provide information concerning APS Business Incidents to POL Finance on a 'drip feed' basis, by issuing updated versions of the initial BIM report / MER.

A BIM report is 'Cleared' when Fujitsu has provided the information required to be contained in the relevant BIM report.

Fujitsu will advise Post Office Ltd Operations Control via spreadsheet on a monthly basis of any payments it considers are payable to Post Office Ltd (as compensation for cost incurred by Post Office Ltd in dealing with MER) and / or its charges for dealing with widespread errors. For the avoidance of doubt, **NO** charges are payable in respect of MER issued for APS incidents affecting the Post Office Client transaction stream only.





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If Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd cannot come to a specific agreement on financial settlement in respect of costs incurred by Post Office Ltd, the specific incident(s) will then be escalated via a 'Case Law Referral' form, to the Commercial Forum for a final decision to be made.

4.3.1.2 **Report Distribution**

Reconciliation Service will distribute APS BIM reports / MER using the Fujitsu mail system.

BIM reports / MER distributed in accordance with this section will be deemed to have been issued to POL Finance, and / or POL Finance given notice of any errors described therein, at the time of transmission by mail.

Examples of BIM reports are shown in Section 6

4.3.2 **Reporting Timescales**

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Reconciliation Service will use reasonable endeavours to raise an initial BIM report relating to a new APS Business Incident within 24 hours of the notification of the incident. This will be made available to POL Finance, on the same working day as the APS Business Incident is generated via the HSD, or in any event on the morning of the next working day.

In the event of the APS report set not being available to Fujitsu in time to enable any errors to be notified within this timescale, Fujitsu will contact POL Finance to agree a temporary extension to the timescale. This initial, incomplete, BIM report will serve to notify POL Finance that a Business Incident has occurred and that the completed BIM report will be provided to POL Finance within the agreed timescales.

Reconciliation Service will use reasonable endeavours to ensure the final completed BIM report / MER, is made available in accordance with section 5.1.and is cleared within five working days from the date the APS Business Incident was generated via the HSD.

Where there is a need to correct APS / TPS Data Errors, Fujitsu will use reasonable endeavours to deliver the corrected data file to POLFS within five working days from the date the APS Business Incident was generated via the HSD. This may however, not always be practical due to the technicalities of creating a corrected data file if there is a high volume of data.

There is no strict timescale for the resolution of a System Incident as the time taken to develop a fix or correct erroneous reference data cannot be determined. Obviously however, Fujitsu will give every System Incident the priority it deserves (including the Problem Management escalation process) taking into account Post Office Ltd's requirement and would aim to deliver an initial analysis of the root cause within 5 working days and a final analysis and evidence of remedial action, within 10 working days.

If the Problem Management route is taken the issue will be closed by mutual agreement, usually after certain criteria are met such as a relevant fix has been developed and tested, or a correction to the relevant erroneous reference data has been authorised or approved for release through the appropriate agreed procedures between Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd.

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4.4 Client File Delivery

4.4.1 Variable File Transfer

Post Office Clients take transaction delivery from Fujitsu in accordance with their own processing requirements. NB: Specific Client requirements are described elsewhere for each Client – this document is not intended to describe each in detail.

APS transactions are harvested from Post Office Ltd branches on a seven-day basis and all are available for onward transmission on each day to the Post Office Clients should they require it. However, some Post Office Clients only require transactions to be delivered on a five day, or one day etc., per week basis. This has no impact upon the reconciliation between the actual Post Office Client transmission and the CTS.

The CTS accurately identifies the volume and value of the 'normal' transactions (not reversed / reversing transactions) that have been delivered to the Post Office Clients on a particular day in accordance with their specific requirements. It is important to note that the transactions actually delivered to Post Office Clients as recorded on the CTS will differ from the value shown on APSS2133 within the Delivery Sub Total (9). This figure represents the values harvested from the Post Office branches, which may, or may not yet have been delivered to Post Office Clients in accordance with their requirements.

4.4.2 Reconciliation in the event of non delivery of the CTS to Post Office Ltd

POL Finance will use the CTS as the basis for settlement with Post Office Clients. In the unlikely event that Fujitsu fails to deliver the CTS file to POLFS or POLFS reject the file, POL Finance will need to use the APSS2133b to manually calculate settlement due. The CTS only reports normal transactions whereas the APSS2133b includes reversed / reversing transactions. Consequently POL Finance can only use the APSS2133b to calculate the value (not the volume) of the settlements due.

It is also possible to send the CTS file to POL via email, if the normal means of delivery is not available.

Settlement is time critical and Fujitsu will ensure all the relevant system derived APS reconciliation reports are delivered on time to ensure that settlement can be made between Post Office Ltd and its Clients. In order to satisfy this requirement, Fujitsu has elected to make all reconciliation reports available by 08.00hrs as stated in section 4.1.1, on a daily basis.

4.4.3 Clerical Reconciliation Example in the event of non delivery of CTS to Post Office

When using the APSS2133b report to calculate settlements due, POL Finance will need to take account of the individual Post Office Clients file delivery pattern and settlement frequency, e.g. for Post Office Clients who have elected to take five day delivery – Monday to Friday the Monday delivery will include transactions harvested on the Friday / Saturday and Sunday. For Post Office Ltd Clients who have elected to take six day delivery – Monday to Saturday, the Monday delivery will include transactions harvested on the Saturday and Sunday.

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5 TPS Reconciliation

5.1 TPS Report Set

The Transaction Processing System (TPS) Report Set has been designed to enable reconciliation of the transactions carried out in Post Office branches using the Electronic Point of Sale Service (EPOSS) which are sent to Post Office Ltd Financial Systems (POLFS), and Post Office Ltd Management Information Systems (POLMIS). The TPS report set identifies errors that occur within counter transactions or during the harvesting process

NB: For the avoidance of doubt, there is no formal reconciliation produced between the POLFS and POLMIS transaction stream. The POLMIS stream should therefore not be used to verify financial integrity and Post Office Ltd should ensure the TPS Report Set and POLFS transaction stream are used for this purpose.

Fujitsu Services will generate three daily TPS exception reports (TPS Report Set) (from the Host and counter reconciliation software)

NB: These reports are not delivered to Post Office Ltd, however they can be provided for audit requirements if required.

1. Host Detected Transaction Control Errors:

This report shows detail for any Post Office branch where the control totals for the transactions output by the host to POLFS and POLMIS do not match the daily transaction totals calculated by the counters.

2. TPS Harvester Errors:

This report lists error conditions detected by the TPS Harvester when failing to process a transaction where one of the transaction message attributes is corrupted or incomplete within the Riposte message store.

3. Incomplete POLFS Summaries

This report identifies all Post Office branches on a daily basis in which the net total of transactions (debits/credits) does NOT net to a value of zero.

NB: It is not intended that this document describes the format or content of the individual reconciliation reports

The TPS Report Set will be made available to Fujitsu, on a daily basis by 08.00hrs, where they will be checked for completeness and accuracy of content. In the event that the reports do not arrive, or after checking appear to be incorrect, in the sense that the reporting process in itself has failed, Fujitsu will raise an incident via Post Office Account Third line support (SSC).

A BIM report will be issued to POL Finance where appropriate, i.e. where there has been a reporting error (the reconciliation reports are flawed but not the transaction stream), or in cases where 'delayed transactions' can be delivered later with out compromising the integrity of those transactions.

It is not intended that Fujitsu will deliver any of the TPS Report Set to POL Finance. An extract from the TPS Report Set may however be delivered as 'evidence' as an attachment to the BIM report / MER if it is considered by Fujitsu that this would aid the reconciliation or settlement process within POL Finance. However, the reports can be delivered to POL Finance upon request.





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5.2 Reconciliation and Incident Handling

5.2.1 Incident Originators

It is envisaged that Business Incidents will only be generated by the following groups within Fujitsu and POL Finance:

- · Reconciliation Service for errors reported via the TPS report set
- POL Finance for any other reconciliation or settlement error discovered by POL Finance that has not been reported by Reconciliation Service
- Fujitsu SSC, for any system fault, file or transaction rejection which cannot be repaired
 electronically or data base adjustment which is considered by Fujitsu Services to have a
 reconciliation or settlement implication within Post Office Ltd.

Subject to agreement by the parties to the contrary, Post Office branch raised calls to the HSD will not generate Business Incidents. However calls from Post Office branches will be monitored and if it is considered necessary by Fujitsu Services, difficulties reported to the HSD, either directly or via the Post Office Ltd Network Business Support Centre (NBSC), will be elevated to Business Incident status.

5.2.1.1 Generation of Business Incidents by POL

In line with the generic incident management policy agreed between Fujitsu and Post Office Ltd, Business Incidents will only be recognised as such if generated by POL Finance, as appropriate, via the HSD. This ensures that the Business Incident is properly logged, enabling Fujitsu to ensure that corrective information can be supplied and any underlying system fault can be rectified.

In all cases Fujitsu will raise a 'BIM' report to log incidents. All such BIM reports will have a unique identifier. This ID will mimic the Fujitsu PEAK reference however the BIM report will always contain any other relevant references as required.

It is important that POL Finance supply sufficient information to the HSD when generating a Business Incident to ensure the timescales for the resolution of Business Incidents referred to in section 5.3.5 can be achieved. Achievement of such timescales is dependent upon the following information being provided by POL Finance when generating a Business Incident via the HSD:

- A valid 'PATH' code must be quoted, e.g. 'PATH110' etc.
- Prefix all narrative with 'This is a Business Incident for Reconciliation Service, PLEASE ROUTE THIS CALL TO EDSC'
 - A full description of the issue, i.e. particular Branch(es), particular date(s), product(s), etc. The
 information should be of enough detail to allow Fujitsu to progress the incident and escalate if
 needed to the correct support teams.

Where POL Finance raise a Business Incident which may require a large amount of supporting information, summary detail only may be given to the HSD and the additional information sent via e-mail to Fujitsu. (A current contact list will be made available to POL Finance).

5.3 Incident Reporting

5.3.1 BIM Reports / MER

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The BIM system has been designed to report the progress to resolution of a Business Incident to allow Post Office Ltd to complete an accurate reconciliation or settlement with their clients. For ease of identification and association with the corresponding HSD/ PEAK call, BIM report references the unique PEAK reference.

- A BIM Report will be issued for each Business Incident generated via the HSD (by POL) or the PEAK incident tracking system (by SSC). As part of that BIM report, a MER is also issued for each error associated with the relevant Business Incident where it is necessary.
- BIM Reports / MER are designed to notify POL Finance of the detail required to assist in the reconciliation or settlement process within POL Finance. They communicate information concerning the resolution of the symptom of an underlying cause, not the cause itself.

5.3.2 Clearance Criteria & Charges Applicable to MER

Reconciliation Service anticipates that it will provide information concerning Business Incidents to POL Finance on a 'drip feed' basis, by issuing updated versions of the initial BIM Report / MER. On a monthly basis, the MER spreadsheet is populated by Fujitsu with details of chargeable and non chargeable errors together with the appropriate supporting information. This is then forwarded to Post Office Ltd, Operations Control for approval. For the avoidance of doubt, transactions or transaction corrections which are delivered by Fujitsu to POLFS via file transfer are NOT chargeable. Transactions or transaction repairs which are delivered manually to POL Finance via a BIM report are chargeable as defined in section 5.3.3

A BIM Report is 'Cleared' when Fujitsu has provided the information required to enable full reconciliation to take place, i.e. provide transaction detail, provide actions for POL Finance to undertake to correct a customer's bank account, etc.

Post Office Ltd Operations Control will agree with Fujitsu on a monthly basis any payments it considers are payable to Post Office Ltd (as compensation for Post Office Ltd costs in dealing with MER).

5.3.3 MER Charges

To clarify, S80 brings about much simplification with chargeable errors. As the Cash Account no longer exists, having been replaced by the Branch Trading Statement, the only remaining chargeable aspect is in respect to individual transactions. These are only chargeable to Fujitsu if they have been corrupted in some way when delivered through a fault in the Horizon system or the related Fujitsu processes, i.e. an OBC issue where transactions are stranded when an outlet is not closed correctly, with charges based upon the following criteria and applicable to POLFS only and not POLMIS:

- £100 per transaction which can not be delivered to POLFS by electronic means and this has been discovered before it was due to be sent to POLFS (i.e. it has not been rejected by POLFS)
- £150 per transaction which can not be delivered to POLFS by electronic means and this has been discovered after it has been sent to POLFS (i.e. it has been rejected by POLFS)

In cases where transactions are lost due to fire, flood, or Post Master interference Fujitsu will not accept liability.

MER are delivered to Post Office Ltd Operations Control on a monthly basis for agreement by 10th working day of the following month. It is expected that in these exceptional cases that all issues will be addressed on a case by case basis.

5.3.4 Report Distribution

Fujitsu will distribute BIM reports / MER using the Fujitsu corporate mail network. In the event that Fujitsu corporate mail system is unavailable, Fujitsu will discuss with POL Finance the appropriate means of information transfer.

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5.3.5 Reporting Timescales

Reconciliation Service will use reasonable endeavours to raise an initial BIM report relating to a new Business Incident. This will be made available to POL Finance, on the same working day as the Business Incident is generated via the HSD or on the PEAK system where applicable. In the event of the TPS Report Set not being available to Fujitsu Services in time to enable any errors to be notified within this timescale, Fujitsu will contact POL Finance to agree a temporary extension to the timescale. This initial, incomplete, BIM report will serve to notify POL Finance that a Business Incident has occurred and that the completed BIM report will be provided to POL Finance within the agreed timescales.

Reasonable endeavours will be used to ensure the final completed BIM report / MER is cleared within five working days Service Level Target (SLT) from the date the Business Incident was generated via the HSD, or the PEAK system.

If the BIM report / MER is not cleared, or Fujitsu think it is unlikely to be cleared within five working days, Fujitsu shall immediately notify POL Finance and shall procure that Fujitsu Manager (or in his absence, his deputy) is made available to discuss with POL Finance to discuss the delay within two working days of such notification.

There is no strict timescale for the resolution of a System Incident as the time taken to develop a fix or correct erroneous reference data cannot be determined. Obviously however, Fujitsu will give every System Incident the priority it deserves taking into account Post Office Ltd requirement and would aim to deliver an initial analysis of the root cause within 5 working days and a final analysis and evidence of remedial action, within 10 working days. It is clear that at all times the relationship between Incident Management and Problem Management is clearly understood, and if need be escalations through Problem Management will happen to hasten the rectification of the system incident.

5.3.6 Repairing Data

Where Fujitsu corrects errors, ONE Business Incident will be raised to cover each error, which has been corrected, or group of errors if they are related to each other. A BIM report containing appropriate information will be issued relating to that error or group of errors.

Where there is a need to correct errors, Fujitsu may make corrective assumptions, based upon the format and content of previous valid records of the same type, if no other detail is available. For example, where a transaction mode is unknown, the mode used may be obtained from a previous transaction of the same type. In such cases, Fujitsu will promptly inform POL Finance of the assumption within the working day that the assumption has been made. POL Finance may wish to review and validate these assumptions on a case-by-case basis and it should be noted that any assumptions made would not necessarily set a precedent.

5.4 Links to Problem Management

The processes highlighted within this document are not intended to replace the current agreed Problem Management procedures, which will run side by side with the incident management process, as has always been the case.

By way of example, "problems" may be raised by Fujitsu or Post Office Ltd in the following scenarios:

- Where there is a trend of similar Business Incidents where there is no identifiable cause.
- Where a System Incident has been raised and the cause is unknown.

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Problem management expands the scope of the incident management process described in this document to include any wider issues, which must be dealt with in order to rectify problems and to ensure that the associated Business and / or System Incidents are not repeated.

A System Incident is generated by Fujitsu to ensure the relevant code or fix etc. is developed, tested and delivered to the live estate. However, resolution of problems which arise as a result of that System Incident will cover any additional requirements of both parties e.g. Operational Focus updates; briefings etc. and in many case the authority from Post Office Ltd to proceed with a relevant fix.

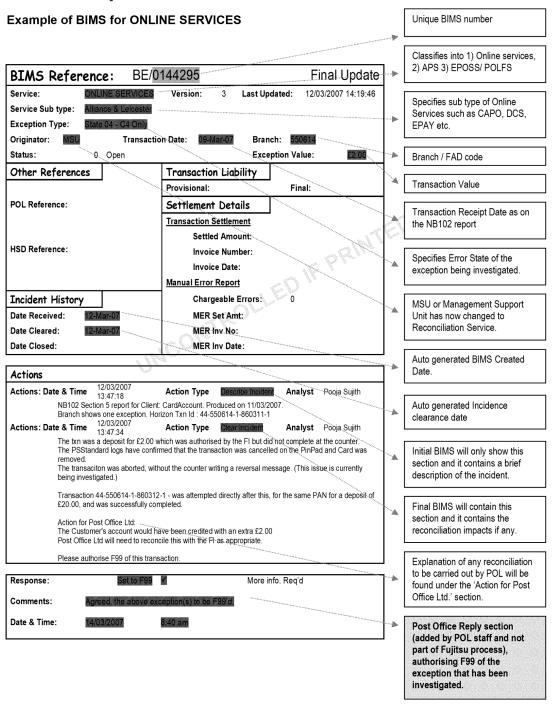






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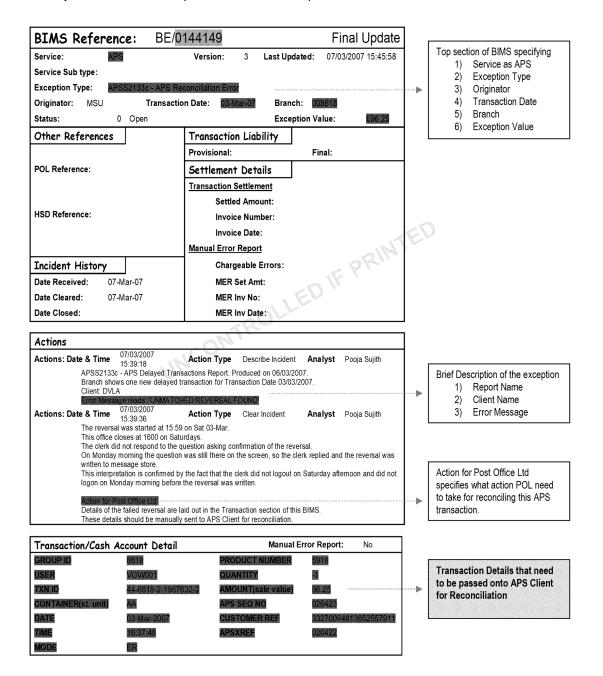






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Example of BIMS for APS (Unmatched Reversal)







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Example of BIMS for POLFS enquiry (SLA was suspended)

