INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: PLUS ES CHANGE PROPOSAL: PERSONNAME DEFINITION SPECIFICATION CORRECTION

AGENDA ITEM: 8

1. PURPOSE

To seek approval from the IEC regarding accepting and progressing a Change Proposal submitted by PLUS ES.

2. SUMMARY

PLUS ES has submitted an Issue/Change Form (ICF) change proposal focused on delivering clarification and consistency by removing contradictions which currently appear in *Table 5 – Section 3.5 PERSONNAME definition* of the B2B Technical Delivery Specification Procedure v3.8.

The B2B-WG recommends that this Change Proposal (ICF) be developed into a B2B Procedures Change Pack for inclusion in the next B2B consultation.

3. PROPOSED CHANGES

In Table 5 – *Section 3.5 PERSONNAME definition* of the B2B Technical Delivery Specification Procedure v3.8, the description for the PersonNameTitle and the PersonNameGiven element contain perceived contradictions. Currently the fields are defined as such:

3.5. PERSONNAME definition

(a) While the PersonName element can be populated with more than one name, Participants must ensure that only one name is used. The fields in this format are defined below.

Table 5 Person Name field definition

Element	Field Format	Optional/ Mandatory or Required	Description	Allowed Values
PersonNameTitle	VARCHAR(12)	R	Defines a person's title as per Australian Standard AS4590-2017 – AMD1 2020 or Blank. (Where no title is available to populate PersonNameTitle, an empty string should be used to populate it instead)	
PersonNameGiven	VARCHAR(40)	R	Defines a person's given name as per Australian Standard AS4590-2017 – AMD1 2020 or Blank. (Where no given name is available to populate PersonNameGiven, an empty string should be used to populate it instead)	

Perceived contradictions in the Description column are as follows:

- The first paragraph allows for the field to be Blank,
- The second paragraph provides a condition for an empty string to be populated.

The requirement of an empty string contradicts the allowance for the field to be 'Blank'. For clarification, consistency and industry efficiency, the B2B-WG recommends that the following changes are applied to the procedure to clarify the requirements of the field:

- Remove the words 'or Blank' from the first paragraph related to the 'PersonNameTitle' and the 'PersonNameGiven' fields.
- Remove the parenthesis from the second paragraph.
- Replace the word 'should' with 'must' in the second paragraph to convey the requirement that an empty string has to be used – field must not be blank.
- Amend the requirement of the field to be Mandatory since something needs to be populated in each field. i.e. Person's title/name or an empty string.

These changes would result in the below:

Element	Field Format	Optional/ Mandatory or Required	Description	Allowed Values
PersonNameTitle	VARCHAR(12)	~~R~~M	Defines a person's title as per Australian Standard AS4590-2017 – AMD1 2020 ~~or Blank~~. ~~(~~Where no title is available to populate PersonNameTitle, an empty string ~~should~~ must be used to populate it instead~~)~~	
PersonNameGiven	VARCHAR(40)	~~R~~M	Defines a person's given name as per Australian Standard AS4590-2017 – AMD1 2020 ~~or Blank~~. ~~(~~Where no given name is available to populate PersonNameGiven, an empty string ~~should~~ must be used to populate it instead~~.)~~	

4. ISSUES

These perceived contradictions present a design/solution impact for system/business processes if not updated and communicated with B2B Participants in a timely manner.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The B2B-WG recommends that the IEC:

- accept the Change Proposal (ICF) as proposed by PLUS ES and the B2B-WG; and
- directs the B2B-WG to prepare a consultation change pack to support the ICF.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. B006-22 –PERSONNAME Definition Spec Correction ICF