

A-NZ Peppol All Stakeholders Working Group Meeting Summary

Date	Wednesday 12 February
Meeting Host	Erin Adams (DSPANZ)
Co-Chairs	Simon Foster (DSPANZ) and Matt Lewis (DSPANZ)
Admin	Maggie Leese (DSPANZ)

Item	Summary	Presenter
1	<p>Welcome & Opening Remarks Erin Adams welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement of Country and Māori welcome. Erin reminded attendees about the working group's purpose - facilitating open discussion and collaboration.</p>	Erin Adams, Co-Chairs & A-NZ Peppol Authorities
2	<p>Peppol Adoption Update Mark Stockwell provided an overview from the ATO as the Australian Peppol Authority about adoption statistics and updates from the Asia-Pacific region, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations have increased from 45,415 in January 2024 to over 412,000 in December 2024 • Mandates in Malaysia and Singapore are creating flow on effects in the region • Positive impact bulk registrations are having on the network. <p>Lisa Ringleff provided an update on statistics and activity in New Zealand, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations have reached 50,000 (considered to represent approx. 20% of the addressable market) and noted the impact of bulk registrations • MBIE has been working with stakeholders on the changes to the Government Procurement Rules to determine the government agencies in scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Around 75 agencies will be required to implement receiving capability and pay eInvoices within 5 working days ○ 35 of these agencies have already implemented receiving capability, with around 40 to implement by January 2026 ○ Around 30 agencies are required to 	Mark Stockwell (ATO), Lisa Ringleff (MBIE)

	<p>implement sending capability, including high volume senders such as ACC, NZTA and NZ Customs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBIE is seeking a decision from Cabinet on the potential for additional eInvoicing requirements targeting certain types of government suppliers. ● MBIE's engagement with large businesses is tracking well and there is a strong 2025 pipeline of household names that have committed to adopting eInvoicing send and/or receive capability ● A two-month-long advertising campaign will start later in February to boost adoption. 	
3	<p>A-NZ Peppol Roadmap Priorities</p> <p>Following the adoption update from ATO and MBIE, Matt Lewis provided further insights on eInvoicing activity across Asia-Pacific and the globe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The United Arab Emirates has proposed using Peppol from 2026 ● Recent announcements across APAC, with countries considering adopting e-invoicing (e.g. Maldives). ● APEC is focused on interoperability across Asia-Pacific and produced the following paper: Interoperability of Electronic Invoicing Systems in the APEC Region. <p>Recognising the activity in the region, Matt shared that DSPANZ, ATO and MBIE are looking to create a roadmap that outlines key activities to support adoption and evolving eInvoicing in Australia and New Zealand. The roadmap is proposed to cover 24 months and address key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business opportunities and challenges ● Technical changes ● Regulatory changes. <p>The roadmap would also consider global Peppol trends to help determine what action Australia and New Zealand should take to continue providing value to end users.</p> <p>Matt encouraged attendees to consider their priorities for the roadmap and share these with DSPANZ by emailing hello@dspanz.org. Matt will draft an initial skeleton of the roadmap and will consult with this working group and other forums to refine it and its key milestones.</p> <p>There was a question about the progress of the MLS (Message Level Status), which is a message to provide more information between Service Providers to support</p>	<p>Matt Lewis, Mark Stockwell (ATO), Lisa Ringleff (MBIE)</p>

	<p>the certainty of delivery and outcome of sending eInvoices. Simon Foster provided an update that the outcomes from the MLS working group are with the OpenPeppol eDelivery Community, which will ensure there is the underlying infrastructure to support MLS. It was recognised that changes such as MLS would be considered in the roadmap to support implementation timeframes and investments.</p>	
4	<p>Invoice Content Industry Practice Statement Adam Reece updated the working group on the proposed changes and uplifts to the Invoice Content Industry Practice Statement. Adam acknowledged that the document is aimed particularly at sending solution providers and supports interoperability across Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p>The document categorises Peppol fields and provides recommendations (best practice, good practice and optional) for implementation to facilitate a basic level of interoperability between trading partners. The best practice fields form the basis of the requirements software providers must meet to achieve the eInvoicing Ready+ certification.</p> <p>Adam shared the key changes in the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to clarify the principles • Uplifting buyer contact email to best practice • Other changes to improve clarity. <p>Adam noted that the ATO and MBIE are considering changes to the current best practice, good practice and optional rating system to make more clear which fields are key to interoperability.</p> <p>The ATO and MBIE have been consulting with DSPANZ and Service Providers on the proposed uplifts. A draft document will be circulated with this working group and other stakeholder groups for consultation and feedback. Adam recognised that changes to the document impact eInvoicing Ready+ providers and acknowledged the need to ensure a suitable timeframe for implementing changes to maintain this certification.</p>	Adam Reece (ATO), Lise Archbold (MBIE)
5	<p>A-NZ Peppol eInvoicing Guide Lise Archbold introduced the A-NZ Peppol eInvoicing Guide, which the ATO and MBIE have been developing to assist businesses and government with their technical implementations.</p> <p>Lise shared that the guide will cover the following:</p>	Lise Archbold (MBIE)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peppol 101 and how traditional invoicing methods translate • Information about implementation options • Peppol specifications and documentation, sample payloads • Information about the invoice content and data mapping industry practice statements • Invoice validation, rejection and suggested “do’s and dont’s” to promote interoperability • Troubleshooting, known issues and constraints. <p>Lise shared that the guide has been reviewed internally by the ATO and MBIE as well as shared with eInvoicing champion networks and New Zealand government agencies and large businesses at the beginning of their journeys. The draft will be shared with this working group in the near future.</p> <p>The group discussed the document and provided feedback and suggestions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be important to have information that is tiered to job functions • The guide will help fill the education gap between the high-level “why to invest” information and the technical layers • Providing examples and user experiences or success stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The current draft does not include this level of information, but it will be considered for future versions • How the guide would be updated alongside significant changes, noting it can be challenging to keep pace with continued updates. <p>Mark Stockwell thanked the group for raising questions and suggestions, which will support how these ideas and issues are addressed.</p>	
6	<p>GST Rounding Adrian Gearing provided the background on a known issue with GST rounding, which can lead to validation errors and rejections.</p> <p>In Peppol invoices, only the tax category and percentage are recorded at the line level, not the GST amount. The Schematron rules validate the GST amounts by aggregating the taxable net amounts from all lines. The Peppol validation rules include a tolerance of \$1 to account for rounding differences. If the variation between the GST amount and the GST calculation in the validation rule is more than \$1, the eInvoice is invalid. However,</p>	Adrian Gearing (ATO)

	<p>generating a rounding error of this magnitude normally requires hundreds of line items.</p> <p>Adrian presented an example to the group to illustrate how a rounding error could occur. The ATO became aware of the issue, which is a barrier to adoption for some businesses. Adrian advised that the ATO and MBIE need to see more examples of this scenario to determine the impacts across the Peppol network, and to inform any future change. Adrian asked attendees to send examples to their Peppol Authority.</p> <p>Attendees noted that GST rounding errors have been a barrier to adoption. It was also noted there is activity happening globally to address GST rounding issues. Australia and New Zealand have an opportunity to lead work in supporting a solution.</p>	
7	<p>Meeting close</p> <p>Erin Adams thanked attendees for joining and participating in the meeting and recognised this group aims to meet more this year. Erin reminded attendees to send any questions or issues to DSPANZ or your Peppol Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DSPANZ - hello@dspanz.org ● AU Peppol Authority - elvoicing@ato.gov.au ● NZ Peppol Authority - support@nzpeppol.govt.nz 	Erin Adams