



**LETTER OF ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**EU Hub Release 1.6**

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Dear all,

EMVO can now officially announce Release 1.6 of the EU Hub, which is planned to be available in IQE in mid-October, and in PRD in mid-November.

Though Release 1.6 will not change the OBP interface schema, it will bring the following functionalities for OBPs:

- An enhanced Product Master Data Report;
- A simpler serial number randomisation test;
- Enable bulk management of sample packs;
- Make the provision of a 'National Code' in the Product Master Data mandatory for countries who have this requirement in place. Currently this is only relevant to Portugal, Austria, Germany and Spain;
- Provide for more distinctive descriptions for the O1 error;
- The time stamp format in alerts will now be in Zulu-time (aka Z-time).

Please note that this has been described in the SDK for a long time; therefore, it is expected that the OBPs systems are already prepared to receive the Z-time format for the timestamps in alerts. For the avoidance of doubt, we recommend OBPs should test the receipt of alerts as soon as Release 1.6 is available in the EU Hub IQE environment (planned for the second half of October, as stated above).

The OBP Interface Schema 2016 will remain available with this release.

Release 1.6 will also include a new functionality which does not directly impact OBPs. This is to prepare the EMVS to report data to the NCAs, which they require in case of investigations.

EMVO will communicate on the latest status of the deployment of Release 1.6 and provide more concrete delivery dates in good time.

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