

EPEX SPOT Info – 18 September 2018

More detailed information on the migration from EuroLight[®] to M7



Important information – Action required

- Simulation environment details
- Admission freeze period from 22 October until 6 November 2018
- Liquidity Pool sessions planned on 23 and 24 October
- M7 GB Contract Naming Convention
- Mass conformance tests & bilateral test foreseen for API applications

Dear EPEX SPOT Member,

As already announced, the migration of the Intraday continuous trading system from EuroLight to M7 is scheduled for **6 November (first trading day)**, subject to successful implementation and testing.

The aim of this communication is to provide more detailed information related to the following topics:

- Obtaining M7 Trading Systems and Opening of Simulation Environment
- M7 GB Contract Naming Convention
- API
- Member readiness
- Admission freeze period
- Liquidity pool sessions
- Training & Certification

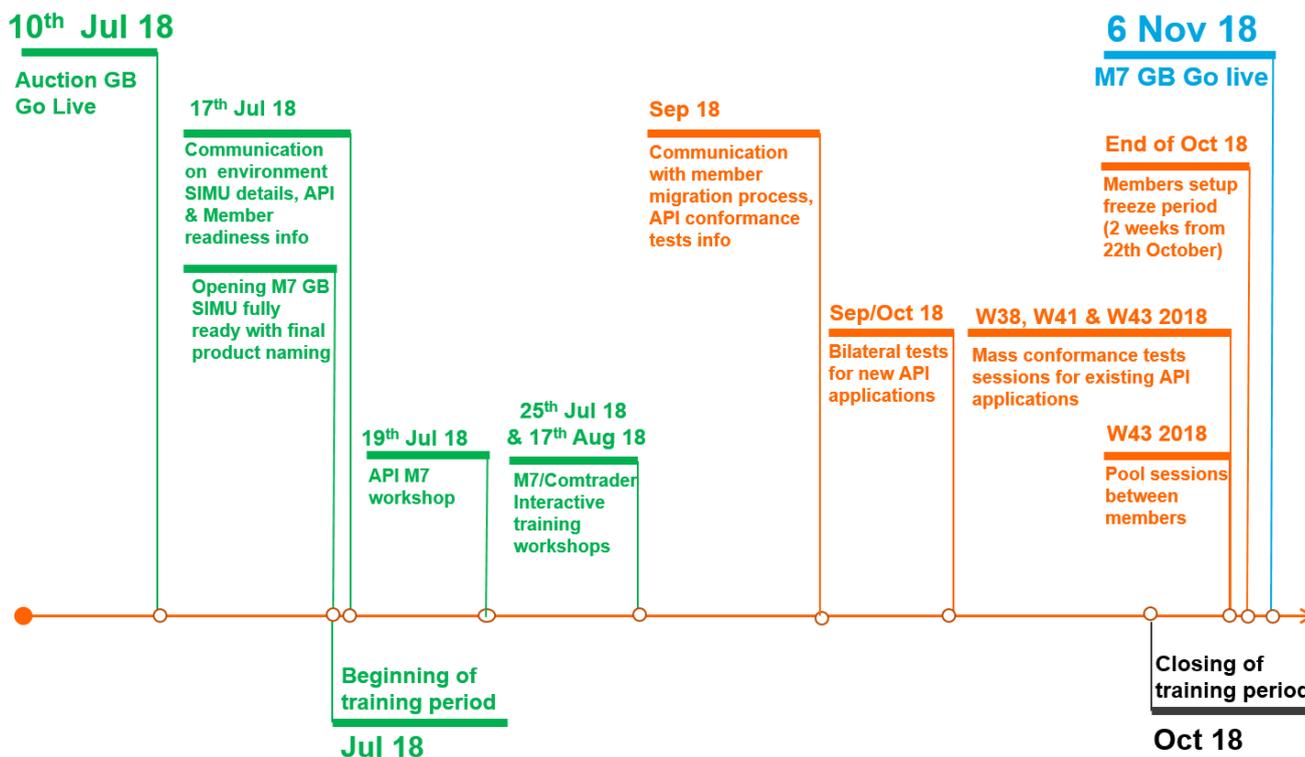
Information related to REMIT will be provided in a later communication.

In addition, a Q&A is available on our [website](#) providing comprehensive information on the Continuous Trading System Migration.

I. GB member Roadmap

Please find below an overview of the updated roadmap.

Members Roadmap – M7 GB migration



II. Obtaining M7 Trading Systems and Opening of Simulation Environment

The M7 trading platform can be accessed using the ComTrader trading client, which is available for download on the following link: <http://comtrader-simu.epexspot.com/>

Connection details and login credentials were sent to members. If you don't have the details, or for further questions on access to M7 please contact powerspot@epexspot.com.

The simulation environment for M7 is open. EPEX SPOT started running a script in order to simulate liquidity pooling and suitable market conditions. Members will be able to test and adapt to the functionalities, look, and interfaces (import/export, report etc.).

Simulation environment details and **Technical documentation** can be found [on our website](#).

III. M7 GB Contract Naming Convention

M7 features 2 contract names:

1. Contract **short name**:

- from contract creation until delivery day included: The short name is aligned on EuroLight.

In the 'Market overview' order book panels:

Market Overview (Predefined products)													
R	+	Area	Ctrct	TmZ	Cur	Phase	State	BVWA	BAcc	OBid	BQty	Bid	Ask
⊗	⊕	NGET	HH180914-21	Euro	GBP	CONT	ACTI	37.00	14.0		14.0	37.00	
⊗	⊕	NGET	HH180914-22	Euro	GBP	CONT	ACTI	31.00	12.0		12.0	31.00	35.00

In the 'Own trade' panel:

Own Trade		
TradeID	Ctrct	LCtrct
12308512	HH180914-21	20180914 10:00-20180914 10:30
12307924	HH180913-30	20180913 14:30-20180913 15:00

- after delivery day:

- for Hourly and Half Hourly contracts : short name = long name
 - this is not visible in order book panels since only tradable contracts are displayed in those panels,
 - but this is visible in the "Own Trade" panel: the short name has been updated with the long name ("LCtrct" column)

Own Trade		
TradeID	Ctrct	LCtrct
12308512	20180914 10:00-20180914 10:30	20180914 10:00-20180914 10:30
12307924	20180913 14:30-20180913 15:00	20180913 14:30-20180913 15:00

- for contracts with a delivery period > 1 hour: short name remains unchanged (for historical reason related to continental markets)

- The short name pattern takes into account the product time zone (London time for GB products)

2. Contract **long name**:

- contains the delivery period in the product time zone (London time for GB products)
- does not change along the contract life cycle

Own Trade		
TradeID	Ctrct	LCtrct
12308512	HH180914-21	20180914 10:00-20180914 10:30
12307924	HH180913-30	20180913 14:30-20180913 15:00

Example with a Half Hour contract:

Contract name	In ComTrader	In API Contract messages	Content
Short Name	"Ctrct" column, displayed in: - Order book panels - Own Trade	"name" attribute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> until 14 Sept.: HH180914-21 as of 15 Sept: 20180914 10:00-20180914 10:30
Long Name	"LCtrct" column	"longName" attribute	Always: 20180914 10:00-20180914 10:30

Caution:

- API wise we recommend to identify contracts by their *product + delivery start + delivery end* rather than by contract names.
- in the corresponding API ContractInfoRprt message Delivery Start and End are in UTC time format: *dlvryStart="2018-09-14T09:00:00.000Z" dlvryEnd="2018-09-14T09:30:00.000Z"*

IV. API

Conformance tests

We would like to focus your attention regarding the organization of the **conformance tests** for the GB migration from EuroLight to M7.

Please be kindly reminded, it will be mandatory¹ to perform a conformance test in Simulation **if you want to trade GB products via API** as of GB migration from EuroLight to M7 that is scheduled for 6 November 2018.

Conformance tests ensure that the GB market specificities are well taken into account (e.g. specific products, currency in product messages, separate EUR and GBP trading cash limits, product time zone affecting contracts short name while date time values in API messages are in UTC time).

We will offer:

- **for existing API software that will be amended: 3 weeks of mass conformance tests** from Monday to Thursday in week 38, 41 and 43. (Please see the attached Mass conformance test procedure for details).
- **for any newly implemented APIs** that have not yet passed any conformance test: We are available for **bilateral tests**.

The conformance tests take place in the **simulation environment** from now until **26.10.2018**.

Specifications

Technical specifications (DFS180, DFS 200 for error messages, DFS130 for DST) and implementation documents can be found in the latest **M7 API package** which was sent in July 2018. It can also be obtained upon request, please send an e-mail to powerspot@epexspot.com.

¹ as long as your code has changed. If you only amended your application configuration, but did not change the code itself, then no conformance test is required.

V. Member Readiness

Production Setup

EPEX SPOT will honor your existing setup in EuroLight to the maximum extent possible for M7. Please note that users who did not connect to EuroLight PROD environment for the last 6 months, will not be migrated to M7. Please contact the Market Operations team (powerspot@epexspot.com), if you would like to reactivate your user.

Members new to M7:

We will apply an automatic mapping of EuroLight users to M7, so each trader currently authorized to trade in EuroLight, will be set up in M7 and will receive their own login and password.

Members with existing setup in M7:

We will apply an automatic mapping of EuroLight users to M7, so each trader currently authorized to trade in EuroLight, will be setup in M7 – if not yet existing – and will receive its own login and password. The GB delivery area will be added to your existing balancing group in M7:

- Each existing M7 trader will be able to trade in the GB area.
- Traders currently registered in EuroLight will be able to trade in all areas in M7 for which the member is admitted.

Upon request from the member, a dedicated M7 GB balancing group can be set up, allowing GB users to only perform trading activities in GB. Continental traders then would not be able to perform trading activities in the GB market.

If you wish to set up or delete traders, please request these changes in our Customer Center database.

If anything outside of this setup is required, it needs to be discussed with your Key Account Manager.

Customer Center

Please make sure that all contact details for traders and other contact persons are up to date in EPEX SPOT Customer Center. A user guide is available for download directly in the system. This way, you make sure to receive important market messages, perform trading on behalf and be authorized for password resets.

- Link to the platform: <https://www.customercenter.epexspot.com>
- Person authorized to update the Customer Center: Provided you have completed the D01a form, you will have access to the Customer Center.

Please contact membership@epexspot.com if you have any questions or need more detailed information.

VI. Admission Freeze Period

Due to system preparations, there will be a technical freeze period for all EuroLight-related changes and M7-related changes from 22 October 2018 until 6 November 2018 concerning the GB area.

Please kindly note that during this period the following changes cannot be processed:

- User and portfolio setups / deletions
- TSO setups / terminations
- New member setups / terminations

VII. Liquidity Pool Sessions

Two liquidity pool sessions prior to the GB migration go live will be organized by EPEX SPOT on **23 and 24 October, 14:00-15:00 GMT**. We encourage members to participate on the SIMU environment during the above mentioned times.

This session is designed to allow the GB market members to effectively test trading against other participants in near-production like conditions.

We ask members to **enter realistic orders** as the simulation environment does not have as high performance level as production.

For specific queries, please contact the Market Operations team at powerspot@epexspot.com.

VIII. Training & Certification

We advise you to consult the latest [ComTrader User Manual](#). Additionally, EPEX SPOT teams will ensure all questions are answered in order to facilitate a smooth transition towards M7.

Further training is available through the e-learning course 'EPEX SPOT trading handbook'. Please contact your account manager or elarning@epexspot.com for further details.

After the continuous migration, any new trader will need to pass the mandatory EPEX SPOT exam to be authorised to trade on any EPEX SPOT market.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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