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NaPTAN SUBMISSIONS

1 Background

With the increasing take-up of EBSR, there is a growing need to ensure that NaPTAN information is up to date. With this in mind, data managers will be encouraged to submit NaPTAN updates at least once each calendar month with effect from the start of 2010

2 Why Monthly Submissions?

Since EBSR relies so heavily on NaPTAN data, operators using that data to create and manage their EBSRs need to be confident that the data they are using is as up to date as possible.

Up to now data managers have been encouraged to make NaPTAN submissions at least once every three months, even if there have been no changes to their NaPTANs during that period. This has provided some confidence that the data is relatively up to date. As take-up of EBSR grows, there is an even greater reliance on NaPTAN data and an even greater need to ensure that the data is up to date.

3 The Impact of Monthly Submissions

For most data managers the switch to at least monthly submissions will have no impact on them, as many already make at least one submission every month. Analysis of the NaPTAN Submissions made between January and October 2009 reveals some interesting facts:-

- There are 146 data sets maintained in NaPTAN (every local transport authority plus a number of national datasets e.g. rail, air, ferry, etc).
- Between Jan 2009 and Oct 2009, a total of 3,165 NaPTAN submissions were made to Thales. That is an average of about 316 per month and suggests on average more than 1 submission from every data manager
- In practice it is more varied than that, however:-
 - 34 data managers made on average 4 or more submissions per month; an average of at least once per **week**
 - A further 49 made on average 2 or 3 submissions each month

- A further 35 made on average at least 1 submission every month
- 116 datasets (80% of the total) are therefore currently submitted on average at least once per month
- This means that only 28 data managers were not making on average at least one NaPTAN submission each month during that period

Based on this broad analysis, the decision to move to at least one NaPTAN submission per month will have little or no impact on the majority of data managers. Even if there has been no change to the NaPTAN data during the month a submission to Thales confirms that is the case and removes any possible concerns about the currency of the data for that area.

4 How Do I Get Further Information?

If you would like further information or believe that the move to monthly updates of your NaPTAN data would not be practical, please let us know.

You can do that by sending an email to Transport Direct at ebssr@dft.gsi.gov.uk and we will do our best to help.

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