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STC Panel Headline Report 20 May 2026

The Headline Report is produced after every Panel and aims to provide an overview of the key decisions made. Minutes for this meeting will be published separately.

Approval of Panel Minutes

The Panel discussed the 29 April 2026 minutes, but approval is still pending subject to a Panel member’s amendments and feedback on the circulated draft.

New Modifications

There have been no new Modification Proposals.

New / Pending Authority Decisions

There have been no new Authority decisions on STC Modifications.

In-flight Modifications

There have been no in-flight Modifications

Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) Prioritisation

The Panel discussed the new SDS prioritisation framework for code modifications. New proposals will be assessed against three equally weighted criteria: alignment with the SDS, importance, and complexity. Based on this, modifications will be classified as either standard or high priority, while the urgent modification process will remain unchanged.

Panel members supported the need for a clear and practical prioritisation approach and discussed whether a scoring system could improve consistency and transparency across codes. Panel members also cautioned against making the process overly complex during the SDS transition. The Panel noted that modifications outside SDS scope, such as housekeeping or unforeseen technical changes, should still be progressed where resources allow.

Industry Resource Constraints

Panel discussed the industry resource constraints following the recent influx of Urgent Modifications. It was highlighted that there has been an increase, in the amount of workgroups in May 2026, which has seen around 24 workgroups across the four codes that NESO administer. Panel members noted the intense workload and compressed

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timescales associated with urgent modifications, where given these timescales, there is the risk of suboptimal industry engagement and decision-making. The Panel noted that resource constraints are being felt across industry during this period.

Key Activities ahead of the next STC Panel meeting

Modification Proposal Deadline for June STC Panel: **09 June 2026**

Papers Day for June STC Panel: **16 June 2026**

Questions or feedback?

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