

# ETS Connect UK – Contributor: Production & UAT Onboarding Process

## Introduction

Contributors to ETS Connect UK preparing to onboard and test ready for UAT go live have three key aspects to consider:

- Connectivity
- Legal
- Support

Key milestones for contributor onboarding and the launch of the operational CT are available on the [ETS Connect UK website](#).

## 1. Connectivity

ETS Connect UK has provided three documents which set out the technical requirements for real-time data submission. The materials are intended to assist contributors in preparing their systems for integration with the UK bond CT leveraging an API developed in collaboration with the FIX Trading Community.

Contributors should refer to:

- [ETS Connect UK Contributor Connectivity Guide](#) – Technical guidance including network connectivity, supported connection models, routing, resiliency and infrastructure responsibilities.
- [ETS Connect UK Contributor FIX API](#) – Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) defining information to be sent between Contributors and the Consolidated Tape Provider.
- [ETS Connect UK FIX Contributor Rules of Engagement](#) – Detailing contributor onboarding, test scenarios and approach, certification, FIX session behaviour, data quality, incident handling and service management processes.

## 2. Legal

Contributors will be required to sign terms with ETS Connect UK.

The terms are split into a Letter Agreement for UAT, and a Letter Agreement for Production, and can be found [here](#).

The respective terms set out expectations for contributors on topics related to:

- CTP testing in UAT
- Supply of data to the CT
- Contributor obligations for the CT
- Interactions with the concession agreement and regulations
- Other typical contractual requirements

The terms for data contributors will be standard across all contributors.

The Letter Agreement for UAT must be signed before taking part in UAT onboarding.

### 3. Support

A dedicated Relationship Manager or Project Manager will be allocated to contributors to aid onboarding. As part of the process, the contributors will be requested to complete the onboarding readiness form in **Annex 1**.

If additional support is required, ETS Connect UK has a support team available at [support@ets-connect.co.uk](mailto:support@ets-connect.co.uk) who will triage items to ensure timely resolution.

ETS Connect UK will also be publishing informational materials such as an FAQ to support contributors with their onboarding.

# Annex 1 – Contributor Onboarding Milestones

## UK Bond Consolidated Tape

### Contributor Onboarding Milestone Overview

**Contributor name:**

**Primary contact:**

**Submission date:**

### 1. Purpose

This template is intended to support onboarding coordination and provide visibility of Contributor readiness for connection to the UK Bond Consolidated Tape.

Completion of this template does not create binding commitments and does not transfer responsibility for delivery or timing to ETS.

### 2. Indicative onboarding milestones

Contributors are invited to indicate their current status and anticipated timing against the milestones below, or to provide equivalent information in an alternative format if preferred.

| Milestone                                 | Status | Indicative date | CTP Date    | Notes / dependencies |
|---|--------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Development complete                      |        |                 | 31 March 26 |                      |
| Test environment certification – start    |        |                 | 13 April 26 |                      |
| Test environment certification – complete |        |                 | 27 April 26 |                      |
| Production onboarding readiness           |        |                 | 27 April 26 |                      |
| Go-live                                   |        |                 | 22 June 26  |                      |

### 3. Key risks or dependencies (optional)

Please highlight any known dependencies, constraints, or risks that may affect onboarding progression.

#### **4. Confirmation**

This information is provided for planning and transparency purposes only and does not constitute a delivery commitment.

**Contributor representative:**

**(Name and Role Title)**

**Date:**