

NPCI/2022-23/AePS/008

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

To,

All Members of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Sun-setting ISO 8583 messaging structure and migration to XML common code platform for AePS services**

This is with reference to the circular number NPCI/2012-22/AePS/001 dated 05<sup>th</sup> August 2021, whereby AePS members were advised to implement changes for migration from ISO 8583 messaging format to XML common code base by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It was also informed that post the migration, ISO 8583 platform would be sunset. Further, the timelines were extended till 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 vide circular No. NPCI/AePS/2022-23/068 dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

Most of the member banks have already migrated to XML common code base and have implemented FMR-FIR modality for figure print based biometric authentication requests as per UIDAI mandate. However, some members are yet to migrate to XML common code and few members are still sending non FMR-FIR values in some of the authentication requests.

We would like to bring to your notice that UIDAI has informed that from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, UIDAI shall decline all non FMR-FIR modality based biometric authentication requests.

Banks which are yet not migrated to XML common code base will not be able to do AePS transactions post above mentioned date.

NPCI will also sunset ISO 8583 messaging format for AePS transactions on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. Further, we also advice all the members who have already migrated to XML common code base should ensure that all authentication request should be sent with FMR-FIR modality for AePS & eKYC transactions to avoid any business impact (declines).

All member banks are requested to take a note of above timelines and disseminate the information contained herein to the officials concerned.

Yours Sincerely,

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