

**NPCI/2022-23/NETC/007**

**10<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

To,

**All Members participating in NETC Product**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Mandate of ICD 2.5 implementation and discontinuation of ICD 2.4 for all NETC Plazas**

At the inception of NETC Program, Banks, NPCI, IHMCL and Concessionaires had adopted SFTP based transaction processing between toll plaza and Acquirer banks in-order to achieve faster implementation of the product. The roles, responsibilities, compliances and business/technical rules were defined between Acquiring Member Bank and Concessionaires/ Toll Plaza Operators for NETC program and the same was captured under Interface Control Document Version 2.4 (ICD 2.4). After the widespread of the program, NPCI updated the ICD 2.4 into an API based Near real time transaction processing framework which was released to the ecosystem as ICD 2.5 in 2017. Today we are processing around 80% of the NETC transactions on ICD 2.5. To achieve a goal of 100% ICD 2.5 implementation, members are requested to note the following two action items:

- 1. Mandatory implementation of ICD 2.5 across all plazas by 31st January 2023**
- 2. ICD 2.4 will act as an interim backup till 31st March 2023 and discontinued thereafter. Banks/NPCI shall decline transactions initiated via ICD 2.4 post 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Acquiring Banks, Concessionaires, System Integrators, Plaza operators and all other stakeholders are requested to make a note of contents herein and disseminate the same to the relevant stakeholders. It is imperative that best efforts are made to complete the implementation.

Yours faithfully,

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**Chief of Products**