

# MEF Standard MEF 55.1.1

# **Amendment to MEF 55.1: Reference Architecture and Framework - Terminology**

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### 1 List of Contributing Members

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#### 2 Abstract

The normative changes in this amendment are to improve the definitions of certain terms defined in MEF 55.1, and to add definitions for other terms that are commonly used in other MEF LSO Standards. The amendment also makes editorial changes to order the terminology table correctly and align the body of the document with the clarified terminology.

### **3** Introduction

This amendment updates the Terminology and Definitions. The updates are detailed below.

- Table 1 Update Terminology and Abbreviations
- Section 8.1 Update to replace Product Instance with Product
- Section 8.2.2 Update to replace Product Instances with Product
- Section 10.2.2 Update to replace one Product with Product Offering and three Product Instance with Product
- Section 10.3.2 Update to replace Product Instance with Product
- Section 10.4.1 Update to replace two Product Instances with Product
- Section 10.5.1 Update to replace two Product Instances with Product
- Section 10.7.1 Update to replace Product Instances with Product
- Section 11 Update to replace seven Product Instance with Product
- Section 11.1 Update to replace five Product Instance with Product
- Section 11.2 Update to replace Product Instance with Product
- Appendix A Update to replace five Product Instance with Product

In this amendment, changes are shown as follows:

- Instructions for how to apply the amendment are shown in *blue italics*
- In content modified by the amendment, text to be removed is shown with red strikethrough
- In content modified by the amendment, text to be added is shown in red

# 4 Changes to Section 3

Replace Table 1 with Table 1 below.

Term	Definition	Reference
Adagio (ICM:ECM)	The element Management Interface Reference Point needed to manage the network resources, including element view related management	This document
	functions.	
Agile	Relating to a Service Provider's ability to rapidly introduce new, on demand services using new technologies without disrupting their top-to-bottom operational environment. Agility can be achieved via proper product / service / resource abstractions using APIs and orchestration.	This document
Allegro (CUS:SOF)	The Management Interface Reference Point that allows Customer Application Coordinator supervision and control of dynamic service of the LSO service capabilities under its purview through interactions with the Service Orchestration Functionality.	This document
Application Program Interface (API)	In the context of LSO, API describes one of the Management Interface Reference Points based on the requirements specified in an Interface Profile, along with a data model, the protocol that defines operations on the data and the encoding format used to encode data according to the data model.	This document
Assured	Relating to the Customer's expectations that a Service will provide consistent performance and security assurances to meet their needs.	This document
BUS-partner	Business Applications in the Partner domain.	This document
BUS-sp	Business Applications in the Service Provider domain.	This document
Business Applications (BUS)	The Service Provider functionality supporting Business Management Layer functionality.	This document
BUS partner	Business Applications in the Partner domain.	This document
Business Process Flow	Graphically represents the behavior of Process	TMF GB921P
	Elements in an "end-to-end" or "through"	[33]
	Process view across the business (i.e., Enterprise).	
BUS sp	Business Applications in the Service Provider	This document

Term	Definition	Reference
Buyer	Denotes the organization acting as the customer	This document
	in a transaction over the Cantata Interface	
	Reference Point (Subscriber <-> Service	
	Provider) or the Sonata Interface Reference	
	Point (Service Provider <-> Partner).	
Cantata (CUS:BUS)	The Management Interface Reference Point that	This document
	provides a Customer Application Coordinator	
	(including enterprise Customers) with	
	capabilities to support the operations	
	interactions with the Service Provider's	
	Business Applications for a portion of the	
	Service Provider service capabilities related to	
	the Customer's Products and Services.	
Connectivity Service	A service delivering network connectivity (i.e.	This document
	traffic) among service access points described	
	by a set of both static and/or dynamic service	
~	attributes.	
Customer	A Customer is the organization purchasing,	This document
	managing, and/or using Services from a Service	
	Provider1. This may be an end user business	
	organization, mobile operator, cloud operator,	
	or a partner network operator.	
Customer Application	A functional management entity in the $\hat{a}$	This document
Coordinator (CUS)	Customer domain that is responsible for	
	coordinating the management of the various	
	service needs (e.g., compute, storage, network,	
Deta Madal	etc.) of specific applications.	
Data Model	Models managed objects based on an	IEIF KFU 5444
	Information Wodel at a modeling language. Date	[0]
	using a specific data modeling language. Data	
Element Control and	The set of functionality supporting element	This document
Management (ECM)	management layer canabilities for individual	
Wallagement (LCWI)	network elements	
Flement Management	$\Delta$ management system used to manage the	MFF 7 3 [10][12]
System (FMS)	individual network elements as well as the	
System (Livis)	networks that connect them. One or more EMSs	
	may be deployed within a Service Provider	
	management domain depending on the different	
	supplier products and geographic distribution of	
	the network elements in the network.	
Ethernet Virtual Connection	An association of EVC End Points.	MEF 10.4
(EVC)		[12][13]Error! R
		eference source
		not found.

Term	Definition	Reference
Extensible Markup Language	A markup language that defines a set of rules	W3C XML [37]
(XML)	for encoding documents in a format which is	
	both human-readable and machine-readable.	
External Network Network	A reference point representing the boundary	MEF 26.2
Interface (ENNI)	between two Operator CENs that are operated	<del>[16]</del> [17]
	as separate administrative domains.	
Forwarding Construct (FC)	Enabled forwarding between two or more LTPs	ONF TR-512.1
	which supports any transport protocol including	<del>[30]</del> [31]
	all circuit and packet forms.	
Forwarding Domain (FD)	The topological component which represents	ONF TR-512.1
	the opportunity to enable forwarding between	<del>[30]</del> [31]
	points represented by LTPs.	
Functional Management	A set of specific management layer	This document
Entity	functionality within the LSO Reference	
	Architecture.	
Hypertext Transfer Protocol	A stateless application-level protocol for	IETF RFC 7230
(HTTP)	distributed, collaborative, hypertext information	<del>[7]</del> [8]
	systems.	
Information Model	Models managed objects at a conceptual level,	IETF RFC 3444
	independent of any specific implementations or	<del>[5]</del> [6]
	protocols used to transport the data. Information	
	models may be described using UML class	
	diagrams.	
Infrastructure Control and	The set of functionality providing domain	This document
Management (ICM)	specific connectivity, application and topology	
	view resource management capabilities	
	including configuration, control and supervision	
	of the infrastructure.	
Interface Profile	Defines the structure, behavior, and semantics	This document
	supporting a specific Management Interface	
	Reference Point identified in the LSO	
	Reference Architecture. The Interface Profile	
	specification contains all the necessary	
	information to implement the related API,	
	including objects, attributes, operations,	
	notifications, and parameters.	
Interlude	The Management Interface Reference Point that	This document
(SOF:SOF)	provides for the coordination of a portion of	
	LSO services within the partner domain that are	
	managed by a Service Provider's Service	
	Orchestration Functionality within the bounds	
	and policies defined for the service.	

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	Reference Architecture. The Interface Profile	
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	information to implement the related API,	
	including objects, attributes, operations,	
	notifications, and parameters.	
Internal Network Network	A reference point representing the boundary	MEF 4 <mark>[9]</mark> [10]
Interface (INNI)	between two networks or network elements that	
	are operated within the same administrative	
	domain.	
JavaScript Object Notation	A text format that facilitates structured data	ECMA-404
(JSON)	interchange between all programming	<del>[37]</del> [1]
	languages.	
Legato (BUS:SOF)	The Management Interface Reference Point	This document
	between the Business Applications and the	
	Service Orchestration Functionality needed to	
	allow management and operations interactions	
	supporting LSO Services.	
Lifecycle Service	Open and interoperable automation of	This document
Orchestration (LSO)	management operations over the entire lifecycle	
	of Services. This includes fulfillment, control,	
	performance, assurance, usage, security,	
	analytics and policy capabilities, over all the	
	network domains that require coordinated	
	management and control in order to deliver the	
	Service.	
Logical Termination Point	Termination point that encapsulates the	ONF TR-512.1
(LTP)	termination, adaptation and OAM functions of	[31]
	one or more transport layers.	
LSO Reference Architecture	A layered abstraction architecture that	This document
	characterizes the management and control	
	domains and entities, and the interfaces among	
	them, to enable cooperative orchestration of	
	Services.	
Logical Termination Point	Termination point that encapsulates the	ONF TR-512.1
(LTP)	termination, adaptation and OAM functions of	<del>[30]</del>
	one or more transport layers.	
Management Abstraction	A management view of information categories	This document
	and high-level information classes that hides the	
	details of the underlying complexity. LSO	
	identifies Management Abstractions for the	
	Product, Service, and Resource views.	
Management Interface	The logical point of interaction between specific	This document
Reference Point	management entities.	

Term	Definition	Reference
Network Control Domain	Represents the scope of control that a particular	This document
	network controller or WAN controller has with	
	respect to a particular network	
Network Domain Controller	Manages the subnetwork boundary edge to	This document
	subnetwork boundary edge aspects of the	
	network connectivity along with the resources	
	and infrastructure under its control within a	
	specific subnetwork domain.	
Network Function	The principle of separating network functions	ETSI GS NFV
Virtualisation (NFV)	from the hardware they run on by using virtual	003 [4]
	hardware abstraction.	
NFV Orchestrator (NFVO)	The functionality that coordinates the	ETSI GS NFV-
	management of the connectivity lifecycle,	MAN 001 [2]
	Virtualized Network Functions (VNF) lifecycle,	
	and Network Functions Virtualization	
	Infrastructure (NFVI) resources to ensure an	
	optimized allocation of the necessary supporting	
	resources and connectivity.	
Object Class	Used to convey the representation of an entity,	This document
	including behavior, properties and attributes. An	
	instance of an Object Class may be referred to	
	as an Object.	
Operational Thread	Describes the high-level Use Cases of LSO	This document
	behavior as well as the series of interactions	
	among management entities, helping to express	
	the vision of the LSO capabilities. May be	
	further described by a series of detailed use	
	cases spanning a top down approach from	
On anoton Wintuch Connection	Product to Service to Resource.	MEE 26.2
(OVC)	An association of OVC End Points	MEF 20.2 $[16][17]$
Orchestrated	Palating to automated service management	This document
Orenestrated	across potentially multiple operator networks	This document
	which includes fulfillment, control	
	performance assurance usage security	
	analytics and policy canabilities which are	
	achieved programmatically through APIs that	
	provide abstraction from the particular network	
	technology used to deliver the service	
Partner	An organization providing Products and	This document
	Services to the Service Provider in order to	
	allow the Service Provider to instantiate and	
	manage Service Components external to the	
	Service Provider domain.	
PNF	Physical Network Function	ETSI GS NFV
		002 [2][3]

Term	Definition	Reference
Physical Network Function	A purpose-built network element providing	This document
	specific network function (s) consisting of a set	
	of software modules deployed on dedicated	
	hardware.	
Presto (SOF:ICM)	The resource Management Interface Reference	This document
	Point needed to manage the infrastructure,	
	including connectivity, application and topology	
	view related management functions.	
Process	A systematic, sequenced set of functional	TMF GB921P
	activities that deliver a specified result. In other	[33]
	words, a Process is a sequence of related	
	activities or tasks required to deliver results or	
	outputs.	
Process Element	The building blocks or components, which are	TMF GB921P
	used to 'assemble' end-to-end business	[33]
	Processes performed in an organization.	
Product	The realization of a Product Offering to create a	This document
	single instance for a specific Buyer.	
Product Catalog	Describes the Product Specifications and	This document
	Product Offerings made available by a Seller to	
	potential Buyers.	
Product Offering	Commercial realization of a Product	This document
	Specification achieved by defining Product	TMF GB922 [34]
	Offering Terms and specifying constraints on	
	the possible values of the Product-Specific	
	Attributes and relationships. An externally	
	facing representation of a Service and/or	
	Resource procurable by the Customer.	
Product Offering	An identifiable set of Product-Specific	This document
Configuration	Attributes and their values.	
Product Instance	Specific implementation of a Product Offering	TMF GB922 [34]
	dedicated to the benefit of a party.	
Product Lifecycle	The sequence of phases in the life of a Product	MEF 50.1 [21]
	Offering, including definition, planning, design	
	and implementation of new Product Offerings,	
	changes for existing Product Offerings, and the	
	withdrawal and retirement of Product Offerings.	
Product Offering Terms	Commitment durations under which a Product	This document
	Offering is available to Buyers.	

Term	Definition	Reference
Product Specification	A specification comprising the following, for	This document
	use with MEF APIs:	TMF GB922 [34]
	• a set of schemas that define all of the	
	attributes of a Product and their possible	
	values	
	• definition of relationships with other	
	Products and/or locations	
	Ordering inflestones	
	The detailed description of product	
	characteristics and behavior used in the	
	definition of Product Offerings	
Product-Agnostic Attribute	An attribute defined by an LSO Cantata/Sonata	This document
	API which is independent of a Product	
	Offering.	
Product-Specific Attribute	An attribute defined within a Product	This document
L L	Specification, or a parameter of such an	
	attribute, used to describe an aspect of a Product	
	or Service that is agreed between the Buyer and	
	Seller of the Service.	
Resource	A physical or non-physical component (or some	TMF GB922 [34]
	combination of these) within a Service	
	Provider's infrastructure or inventory.	
SDN Controller	Translates SDN applications' requirements and	ONF TR-504 [30]
	exerts more granular control over network	
	elements, while providing relevant information	
<u> </u>	up to SDN applications.	
Seller	Denotes the organization acting as the supplier	This document
	In a transaction over the Cantata Interface	
	Reference Folint (Subscriber <-> Service	
	Point (Service Provider $<$ -> Partner)	
Service	Represents the Customer experience of a	TMF GB922 [34]
Service	Product Instance that has been realized within	Tivit (3D)22 [34]
	the Service Provider's and / or Partners'	
	infrastructure.	
Service Access Point	The endpoint of a specific Service at a Service	This document
	Interface (e.g., UNI, ENNI).	
Service Attribute	Specific information that is agreed between the	This document
	Buyer and the Seller of the Service, as described	
	in a MEF Standard, that describes some aspect	
	of the Service behavior or capability.	
Service Component	A segment or element of a Service that is	This document
	managed independently by the Service	
	Provider.	

Term	Definition	Reference
Service Access Point	The endpoint of a specific Service at a Service Interface (e.g., UNI, ENNI).	This document
Service Interface	A service level demarcation point between administrative domains, including between a Customer and a Service Provider, between two Service Providers, or between internal administrative domains within a single Service Provider. A Service Interface (e.g., UNI, ENNI, INNI) may include a collection of Service Access Points, each representing an endpoint of a specific Service.	This document
Service Level Agreement (SLA)	A contract specifying the service level commitments and related business agreements for a service.	MEF 10.4 [13]
Service Level Specification (SLS)	Technical details of the service level, in terms of Performance Objectives, agreed between the Service Provider and the Customer as part of the Service Level Agreement.	This document; adapted from MEF 10.4 [13]
Service Operations, Administration, and Maintenance (SOAM)	Mechanisms for monitoring connectivity and performance of Services (e.g., Carrier Ethernet).	This document
Service Orchestration Functionality (SOF)	The set of service management layer functionality supporting an agile framework to streamline and automate the service lifecycle in a sustainable fashion for coordinated management supporting design, fulfillment, control, testing, problem management, quality management, usage measurements, security management, analytics, and policy-based management capabilities providing coordinated end-to-end management and control of Services.	This document
Service Specification	The detailed description of the characteristics and behavior of a Service.	TMF GB922 [34]
SOF-partner	Service Orchestration Functionality in the Partner domain.	This document
SOF-sp	Service Orchestration Functionality in the Service Provider (SP) domain.	This document
Software Defined Networking (SDN)	An architecture that provides open interfaces that enable the development of software that can control the connectivity provided by a set of network resources and the flow of network traffic though them, along with possible inspection and modification of traffic that may be performed in the network.	ONF TR-504 [30]

Term	Definition	Reference
Sonata	The Management Interface Reference Point	This document
(BUS:BUS)	supporting the management and operations	
	interactions (e.g., ordering, billing, trouble	
	management, etc.) between two Operators, e.g.,	
	Service Providers and Partners).	
Topology and Orchestration	A specification defining the structure, properties	TOSCA OASIS
Specification for Cloud	and behavior expressed by TOSCA Service	BPEL2.0 [26]
Applications (TOSCA)	Templates.	
TOSCA Service Template	The combination of a TOSCA Topology	TOSCA OASIS
	Template and TOSCA Plans (or Orchestration	BPEL2.0 [26]
	processes).	
	In this document, a TOSCA Service Template	
	can be used for Products or Services or Decourage in MEELSO	
TOSCA Topology Topplate	A TOSCA Topology Tomplete (also referred to	
TOSCA Topology Template	as the topology model of a service) defines the	PDEL 2 0 [26]
	structure of a service. It consists of a set of	DI EL2.0 [20]
	TOSCA Node Templates and TOSCA	
	Relationship Templates that together define the	
	topology model of a service as a (not	
	necessarily connected) directed graph	
TOSCA Node Template	A node in a topology graph is represented by a	TOSCA OASIS
	TOSCA Node Template. A TOSCA Node	BPEL2.0 [26]
	Template specifies the occurrence of a TOSCA	
	Node Type as a component of a service.	
TOSCA Node Type	A TOSCA Node Type defines the properties	TOSCA OASIS
	and the operations available to manipulate a	BPEL2.0 [26]
	component of a service.	
TOSCA Plans	TOSCA Plans define the (Orchestration)	TOSCA OASIS
	process models that are used to create and	BPEL2.0 [26]
	terminate a service as well as to manage a	
	service during its whole lifetime.	
	In this document, TOSCA Plans are similar to	
	the term Business Process Flows in some	
	entities e g SOF or ICM of I SO RA	
TOSCA Relationship	A TOSCA Relationship Template specifies the	TOSCA OASIS
Template	occurrence of a relationship between nodes in a	BPEL 2.0 [26]
	TOSCA Topology Template.	
TOSCA Relationship Type	A TOSCA Relationship Type defines the	TOSCA OASIS
	semantics and any properties of the relationship	BPEL2.0 [26]
	between TOSCA Nodes.	

Term	Definition	Reference
TOSCA Plans	TOSCA Plans define the (Orchestration)	TOSCA OASIS
	process models that are used to create and	BPEL2.0 [26]
	terminate a service as well as to manage a	
	service during its whole lifetime.	
	In this document, TOSCA Plans are similar to	
	the term Business Process Flows in some	
	entities, e.g., SOF or ICM, of LSO RA.	
Unified Modeling Language	A general-purpose, developmental, modeling	OMG UML [29]
(UML)	language in the field of software engineering	
	that is intended to provide a standard way to	
	visualize the design of a system.	
Use Case	In UML, a Use Case represents one particular	OMG UML [29]
	type of a system's behavior based on stimuli	
	from an external source (i.e., an actor). A	
	system may have several Use Cases that define	
	all its behavior.	
User Network Interface	The demarcation point between the	This document;
(UNI)	responsibility of the Service Provider and the	Adapted from
	responsibility of the Customer.	MEF 11 [14]
Virtual Network Element	An abstraction representing a set of network	This document
(VNE)	functions providing network element	
	capabilities implemented in a virtualized	
	environment.	
VNF	Virtual Network Function	ETSI GS NFV
		002 [3]
Virtual Network Function	A network function that is provided through	This document
	software virtualization techniques.	

#### **Table 1 - Terminology and Abbreviations**

#### 5 Changes to Section 8.1

Replace the third bullet in this section referencing Product Instance with the following text.

• Product Instance to Service mapping rules for each Product Offering

#### 6 Changes to Section 8.2.2

#### Replace the first paragraph in this section referencing Product Instances with the following text.

At a high level, the Service Configuration and Activation Orchestration is responsible for the design of the end-to-end Service, including the selection and routing of the Service over the involved domains (e.g., Forwarding Domains) and the Service Component parameters, as well as the calculation of the list of technical actions (i.e., "delivery orchestration plan" or plan of tasks necessary to instantiate the Service) that must get executed for the implementation of the Service. Specifically, Service Configuration and Activation Orchestration encompasses allocation, design, and configuration of specific Services or Service Components in support of Product Instances Products to meet Customer requirements, or in response to requests from other processes to alleviate specific service capacity shortfalls, availability concerns or failure conditions. In support of Service Configuration and Activation Orchestration, LSO applies details from the Product Offering and the Customer Order to design the end-to-end Service, and identifies the Service Components composing the Service. Network and Application Domain Controllers design and configure each Service Component within their domain.

#### 7 Changes to Section 10.2.2

Replace numbered items 1, 2, 14 and 15 in this section referencing Product and Product Instance with the following text.

- Customer retrieves Product catalog and existing Product assets (e.g., existing service locations, existing UNIs, existing Product Instances Products, etc.): Customer-> Cantata -> Business Applications
- 2. Customer selects, specifies parameters and gets serviceability and a quote for the Product Product Offering: Customer -> Cantata -> Business Applications.
- 14. The customer is notified that the Product Instance is ready to use: Business Applications > Cantata -> Customer
- 15. Customer performs testing and accepts the Product Instance: Customer -> Cantata -> Business Applications
  - a) E.g., Billing capability for the product assets (can be staggered); Billing commences

#### 8 Changes to Section 10.3.2

Replace numbered item 14 in this section referencing Product Instance with the following text.

14. SOF-sp generates a Usage Event to the Business Applications for Product Instance: SOFsp -> Legato -> Business Applications

#### 9 Changes to Section 10.4.1

#### Replace the first paragraph in this section referencing Product Instances with the following text.

The Customer wishes to view performance and fault information related to its **Product Instances Products** and associated Services. In the Service Provider domain, LSO may receive fault and performance related information about the Service, either end-to-end or per each Service Component. This information is organized to facilitate the evaluation of the overall performance and status associated with the Customer's Services and **Product Instances Products**. LSO gathers the information requested by the Customer and assembles it into a report. The Customer may also request that reports be generated on a scheduled or exception basis.

#### 10 Changes to Section 10.5.1

Replace the first paragraph in this section referencing Product Instances with the following text.

Trouble Reports related with the Customer's Product Instances Products and Services may be placed by the Customer. In the Service Provider, LSO gathers and fuses trouble and fault information related to the Customer's Product Instances Products and Services and associates it to the Trouble Report. LSO would also attempt to remedy the reported trouble by reconfiguring, reassigning, and / or rerouting aspects of the Service. LSO also indicates if manual intervention is required to resolve the trouble, and tracks the status of any associated repair activities to help determine trouble resolution status. The status of trouble resolution is reported back to the Customer.

#### 11 Changes to Section 10.7.1

#### Replace the first paragraph in this section referencing Product Instances with the following text.

The Service Provider gathers relevant usage measurements and usage events in order to generate and provide a bill to the Customer as shown in Figure 9. LSO collects usage measurements, traffic measurements, and service-related usage events (e.g., Customer initiated changes in service bandwidth, etc.) describing the usage of Service Components and associated resources. This information is correlated to specific Services and Product Instances Products. The appropriate business applications perform rating and billing based on the usage information and business rules. Where Service Components have been used beyond their SLS commitments (e.g., counting yellow traffic that provides an opportunity to upsell the customer), exception reports may be generated. Note that Partner domains may also be involved in reporting usage and generation of billing information.

## 12 Changes to Section 11

Replace Figure 10 with Figure 10 below and the first two bullets in this section referencing Product Instance with the following text.

Management Abstractions	Information Class Examples per Management Abstraction View	LSO RA Context
Product View	Product Product Product Product Product	Business Applications
Service View	Service Service some Service Spec Servicess Services Service Service Spec Service Spec Service	Service Orchestration (Provider & Partner Domains)
Resource View Network, Application & Topology	Link Forwarding Forwarding Logical Connection Route	Infrastructure Control & Management
Element & Equipment	Fabric Connect Hernent Facility UNIT Port	Element Control & Management

**Figure 10 - A View of Management Abstractions** 

- **Product View:** The product domain is specific to the interaction between the Customer and the Product Offerings of a Service Provider. The Product Instance involves the purchasing, or procurement, of specific Product Offerings from a product catalog by a Customer, and all other commercial aspects related to the Customer's Product Instance, such as billing. Product Specifications define the individual product characteristics that are used to create differentiated Product Offerings. Software systems implementing Product Offering and Product Instance related functionality have traditionally been business support systems in the business management domain.
- Service View: A Product Instance is realized as one or more Services and associated resources; thus Services are tightly bound to Products Product Instances and may be viewed to represent the Customer experience of the Product Instance that has been realized within the Service Provider's infrastructure. A Service is visible and directly usable by the Customer, but may be divided within the Service Provider's infrastructure into one or more Service Components, for instance corresponding to forwarding domains at the resource layer or to underlying access services that the Service Provider has purchased from a Partner domain. Service Components are not visible to the Customer. Software systems

implementing service-related functionality have traditionally been operational support systems in the service management domain or service management systems.

Note that in the TM Forum SID (TMF GB922 [34]), a Service is referred to as a Customer Facing Service (CFS) and a Service Component is referred to as a Resource Facing Service (RFS).

### 13 Changes to Section 11.1

#### Replace paragraphs 1 thru 5 in this section referencing Product Instance with the following text.

Customers need to be able to express their needs in order to determine which Product Offerings can support their requirements and Service Providers need to be able to match these requirements to technical specifications to realize the Product Offering. A Product Offering represents what is externally presented to the market for the market's use. It can be assembled from a reusable Product Specification which describes characteristics of the Product Offering that are made externally available, both tangible and intangible objects. A product catalog contains a list of Product Offerings for sale, with prices and illustrations, for example in book form or on the web. A Product Instance represents the subscription of a Product Offering by a Customer, who normally is the purchaser of the Product Instance. Thus, the Product Instance is the instantiation of a Product Offering for a given Customer.

The Product Specifications can be used by Service Providers to create differentiated Product Offerings. For example, for Carrier Ethernet these specifications may define traditional E-Line, E-LAN, and E-Tree product characteristics for EVC based services, as well as specialty E-Access and E-Transit characteristics for OVC based services. These Product Specifications will define the characteristics of UNI / ENNI service interfaces, the EVC / OVC as Connectivity Services, and the associated service access points, or endpoints of the connection.

For the most part, these product characteristics will map 1-to-1 to the service characteristics found in a Service Specification in the Service View, and, in the case of Ethernet Services, reflect the service attributes found in MEF 6.3 [11], MEF 10.4 [13], MEF 51.1[23], and MEF 26.2 [17] technical specifications. The linkage from the Product View and the Service View is precisely through the Product Specification to the Service Specification, and from the Product Instance to the Service.

Table 2 and Table 3 below show an example of part of a Product Offering definition, e.g., "Super Metro Ethernet Line" being offered by Service Provider "World Telco". In this case, the Product Offering corresponds to an EPL service.

Note that the definition of the Product Offering is applicable to ALL Product Instances Products that are created by the Service Provider.

#### 14 Changes to Section 11.2

Replace the first sentence in this section referencing Product Instance with the following text.

The service represents the intent of the Service Provider to deliver the features as specified in the Customer's Product Instance.

## 15 Changes to Appendix A

Replace Table 4 with Table 4 below.

LSO Management Interface Reference Point	High Level Interaction Examples (non-exhaustive)	
Cantata (CUS:BUS)	Supports Product related management interactions between the Service Provider's Business Applications and the Customer Application Coordinator.	
	Customer Application Coordinator browses the product catalog for Product Offerings that are available for the Customer to select.	
	Based on Product Offerings, Customer Application Coordinator develops, places, tracks, and changes Product Orders.	
	Customer Application Coordinator requests modification of Product Instances Products.	
	Customer Application Coordinator receives information about the scheduled maintenance that may impact their <b>Product Instances</b> Products.	
	Customer Application Coordinator places and tracks trouble reports.	
	Customer Application Coordinator queries and views usage and billing information.	

LSO Management Interface Reference Point	High Level Interaction Examples (non-exhaustive)	
Allegro (CUS:SOF)	Supports Service-related management interactions between the Customer Application Coordinator and the Service Provider's Service Orchestration Functionality.	
	Customer Application Coordinator controls Service by requesting changes to dynamic parameters as permitted by service policies.	
	Customer Application Coordinator queries operational state of the Service.	
	Customer Application Coordinator requests change to administrative state or permitted attributes of a Service.	
	Customer Application Coordinator provides and views customer acceptance testing information.	
	Customer Application Coordinator views Service performance and fault information.	
	Customer Application Coordinator receives Service specific event notifications from the Service Provider.	
	Customer Application Coordinator receives Service specific performance information from the Service Provider.	
	Customer Application Coordinator request test initiation and receive test results from the Service Provider.	
Sonata	Supports Product related cross domain interactions between the Service Provider's Business Applications and the Partner's Business Applications.	
	Service Provider browses the Partner's product catalog (e.g., wholesale catalog) for Product Offerings that are available for the Service Provider to select. This may include some geographical and Service information to support availability queries of a Product Offerings at some geographical area.	
	Service Provider develops (based on Product Offerings), places, tracks, and changes Product Orders with the Partner	
(BUS:BUS)	Service Provider requests modification of Product Instances Products.	
	Service Provider receives Product Instance performance and fault information provided by the Partner.	
	Service Provider receives information from the Partner about the scheduled maintenance that may impact their <b>Product Instances Products</b> .	
	Service Provider places and tracks trouble reports.	
	Service Provider exchanges usage and billing information.	

LSO Management Interface Reference Point	High Level Interaction Examples (non-exhaustive)
Interlude (SOF:SOF)	Supports control related management interactions between the Service Provider and the Partner.
	Service Provider controls aspects of the Service within the Partner domain (on behalf of the Customer) by requesting changes to dynamic parameters as permitted by Service policies.
	Service Provider queries operational state of the Service.
	Service Provider requests change to administrative state or permitted attributes of a Service.
	Service Provider request creation of connectivity between two Service Interfaces as permitted by established business arrangement.
	Service Provider queries the Partner for detailed information related to Services provided by the Partner to the Service Provider.
	Service Provider receives Service specific event notifications from the Partner.
	Service Provider receives Service specific performance information from the Partner.
	Service Provider request test initiation and receive test results from the Partner.
	Supports interactions between the Business Applications and the Service Orchestration Functionality.
	Business Applications request Service feasibility determination.
Legato (BUS:SOF)	Business Applications request reservation of resources related to a potential Service.
	Business Applications request activation of Service.
	Business Applications receive Service activation tracking status updates.
	Business Applications receive request to initiate Product Order with a Partner provider (for off net portions of the service).
	Business Applications receive usage events due to a Customer initiating dynamic activity on their Service (e.g., increase in bandwidth).
	Business Applications receive a summary of Service quality and usage information.
	Business Applications receive Service Activation Testing results.
	Business Applications receive capability information about the Service layer.

LSO Management Interface Reference Point	High Level Interaction Examples (non-exhaustive)	
Presto (SOF:ICM)	Supports the management of the network infrastructure, including network and topology view related management functions.	
	SOF requests ICM to create network connectivity or functionality associated with specific Service Components of an end-to-end Connectivity Service within the domain managed by each ICM	
	SOF receives topology, connectivity and routing information from ICM	
	SOF receives performance and fault information from ICM.	
	SOF queries ICM for Resource Inventory (including capabilities) information.	
Adagio (ICM:ECM)	Support the management of discrete network resources, including element view related management functions.	
	ICM requests implementation of cross-connections or network functions on specific elements via the ECM functionality responsible for managing the element.	
	ICM requests the change in administrative state of specific resources management by the ECM.	
	ICM discovers element level configuration information from the ECM.	
	ICM receives element level fault and performance information from ECM.	

# Table 4 – Examples of High-Level Interactions per LSO Management Interface Reference Point

#### **16 References**

[1] MEF 55.1, *Lifecycle Service Orchestration (LSO): Reference Architecture and Framework*, January 2021

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