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**Title: Solution on exposure architecture and related API**

**Document for: Approval**

**Agenda Item: 6.5.22**

# 1 Decision/action requested

***The group is asked to agree the text in detailed proposal.***

# 2 References

Not applicable

# 3 Rationale

So far, there is an ongoing discussion on how to expose the MnS to the external customer in the case that the external customer can consume exposed MnS directly from OSS. Two possible options are listed below:

1) Exposed MnS is exposed directly via MnS producer for exposed MnS, for example NSMF, NSSMF, etc

2) Exposed MnS is exposed via a dedicated proxy (e.g. EGMF)

In order to address this issue, the exposure function defined in SA2 can be a good reference. In SA2, a dedicated function named Network Exposure Function is used for exposing any information from 5GC to AF that is external to the Network Operator. NEF has the following functionalities:

* Exposure of capabilities and events:

- NF capabilities and events may be securely exposed by NEF for e.g. 3rd party, Application Functions, Edge Computing as described in clause 5.13.

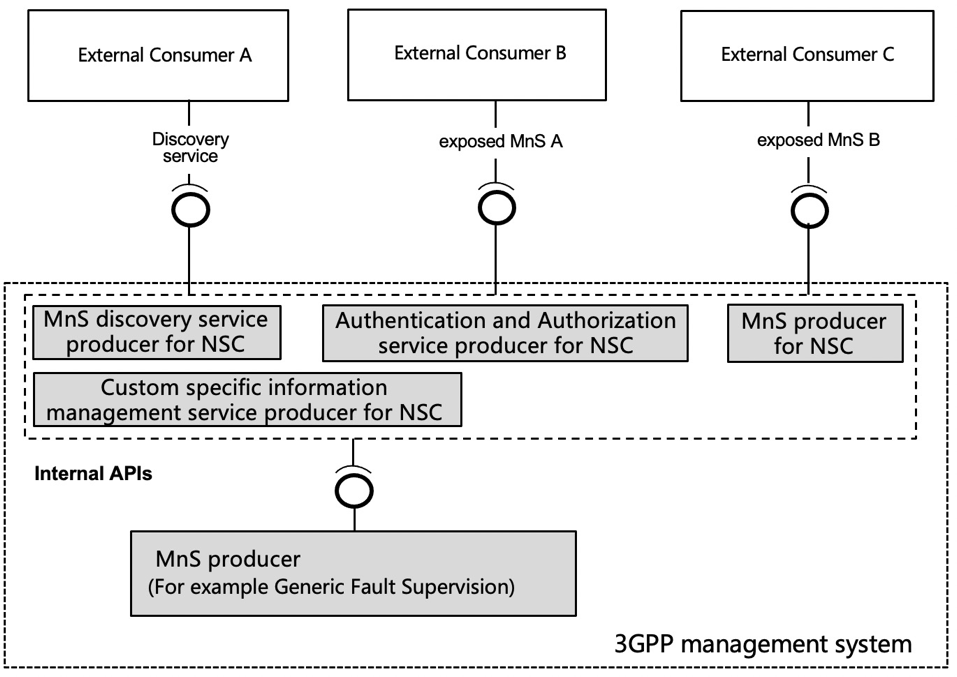
* Secure provision of information from external application to 3GPP network:

- It provides a means for the Application Functions to securely provide information to 3GPP network, e.g. time synchronization service information and service specific information. In that case the NEF may authenticate and authorize and assist in throttling the Application Functions.

* Translation of internal-external information:

- It translates between information exchanged with the AF and information exchanged with the internal network function. For example, it translates between an AF-Service-Identifier and internal 5G Core information such as DNN, S-NSSAI.

SA5 may leverage the same design principle and specifies MnS producers for managing the NF capability exposure, secure provision of information from external application to 3GPP management system, and also translation of internal-external information.



**Figure 1 Exposure via MnS producers serving NSC**

Figure 1 shows an architecture where the exposure goes through several MnS producers in the context that the external customer can consume exposed MnS directly via OSS.

The external API is used for external customer to discovery and consumer exposed MnS from exposure function, exposure function collects the MnS from MnS producer within the 3GPP management system and expose to external customer.

External customer can reuse the operation from generic management service (defined in TS 28.532) to request for exposed MnS from exposure function.

Apart from the generic operation, enhancement is needed, for example, the external customer needs to carry the authorization information (e.g. token) for consuming the MnS discovery service for NSC or exposed MnS.

The internal API is used for MnS producer to offer service (e.g. MnS, discovery related information) to exposure function based on the request from external customer.

Internal API can reuse the operation from generic management service.

This contribution proposes exposure architecture and related API.

# 4 Detailed proposal

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# 2 References

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] TM Forum TMF622 Product Order API REST Specification

[3] TM Forum TMF641 Service Ordering API

[4] TM Forum TMF652 Resource Order Management API

[5] 3GPP TS 28.531: "Management and orchestration; Concepts, use cases and requirements"

[6] 3GPP TS 28.532: "Management and orchestration; Generic management services"

[7] 3GPP TS 28.202: "Charging management; Network slice management charging in the 5G System (5GS); Stage 2"

[8] 3GPP TR23.700-99 “Study on Network Slice Capability Exposure for Application Layer Enablement (NSCALE)”

[9] 3GPP TS23.434 “Service Enabler Architecture Layer for Verticals (SEAL); Functional architecture and information flows.”

[10] 3GPP TS 28.541: "Management and orchestration; 5G Network Resource Model (NRM); Stage 2 and stage 3"

[11] 3GPP TS 28.537: "Management and orchestration; Management capabilities"

[12] 3GPP TS 28.533: "Management and orchestration; Architecture framework"

[13] 3GPP TS 28.622: "Generic Network Resource Model (NRM) Integration Reference Point (IRP); Information Service (IS)"

[14] TM Forum TMF633 Service Catalogue Management API

[15] TM Forum TMF620 Product Catalogue Management API

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## 7.4 Potential solution for exposed MnS consumption via OSS. interface

This clause introduces the solution for the use case described in clause 5.6, where the NSC can directly interact with OSS for the consumption of exposed MnS.

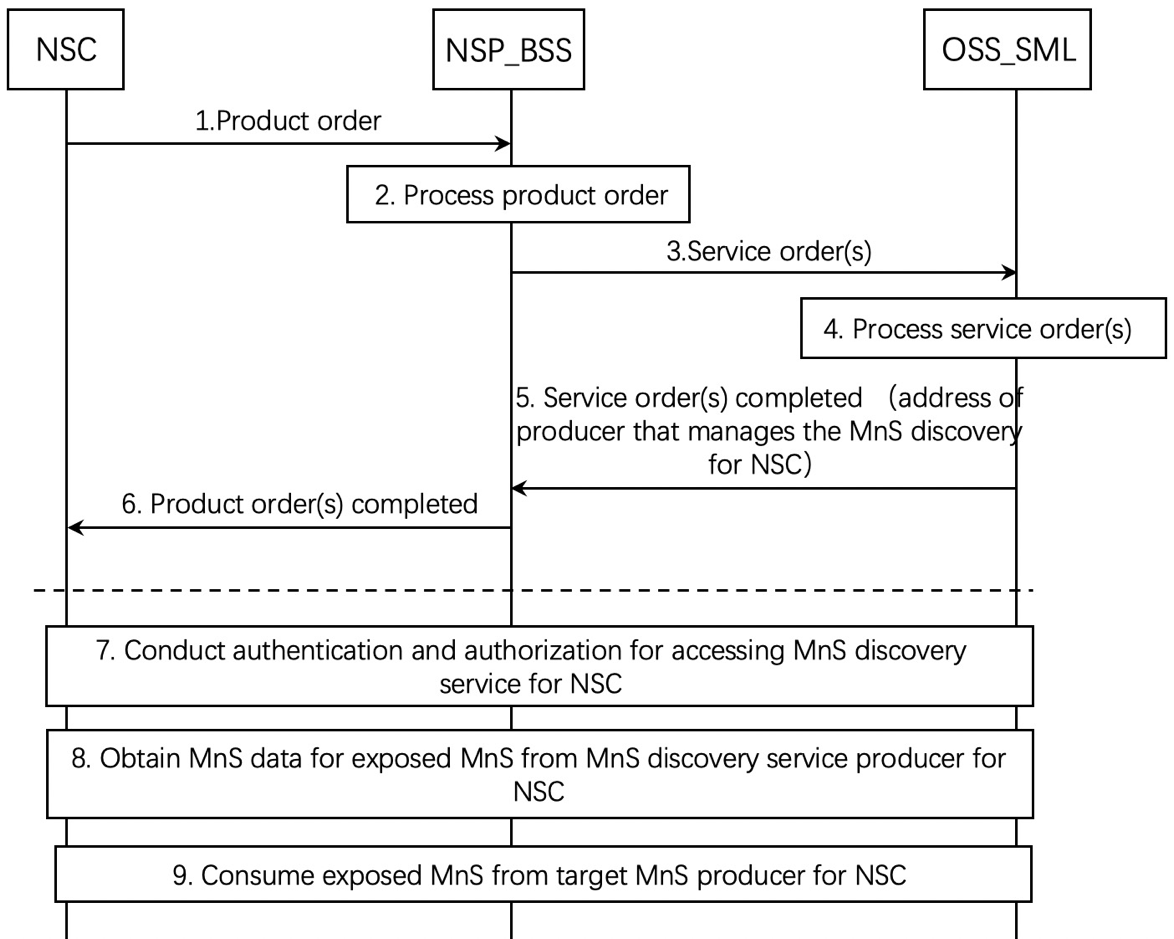


Figure 7.4.1 Exposed MnS consumption via OSS interface

1. The NSP receives a product order from the NSC through BSS. The interface used towards the BSS is specified by TM Forum specifications [2].

2. The BSS processes the product order and when applicable converts it to appropriate service order(s) for the OSS Service Management Layer. This is internal to BSS and there are no interface requirements.

3. The OSS Service Management Layer receives a service order from the BSS. The interface used is specified by TM Forum specifications [3].

4. The MnS producer for NSC (e.g. NSMF) on the OSS Service Management Layer processes the service order and when applicable converts it to appropriate request(s) for the OSS Network Management Layer as requests for management and orchestration of resources. In addition, MnS producer on the OSS Service Management Layer can decides to expose MnS directly from OSS\_SML and prepares the address of MnS discovery service producer for NSC that can be accessed by the NSC and related authorization information (e.g. token) for accessing the MnS discovery service for NSC. The service order may trigger a procedure of resource order with OSS\_NML.

5. The MnS producer for NSC on OSS Service Management Layer notifies the BSS that the service order has been completed. In addition, the notification may contain the address of producer that manages the MnS discovery service for NSC to access and also identities of the related MOIs which is related to the exposed MnSs that the NSC requests. The interface used is specified by TM Forum specifications [3].

NOTE 1: The MnS discovery service producer for NSC can be within the OSS or outside the OSS.

6. The BSS notifies the NSC that the product order has been completed. In addition, the address of MnS discovery producer for NSC and the related authorization information (e.g. token) for accessing the MnS discovery service for NSC are sent to the NSC by the product order completed message. The interface used the interface towards the BSS is specified by TM Forum specifications [2].

7. If the notification in step 6 contains the address of MnS discovery service producer for NSC, the NSC conducts authentication and authorization for accessing exposed MnS discovery service.

8. After the authentication and authorization, the NSC obtains the MnS data for exposed MnS, which contains the information of the exposed MnS instance and the address of target MnS producer for NSC. The MnS data for exposed MnS is the data for authorized NSC to identify proper MnS producer which produces the exposed MnS.

9. After obtaining the information of the MnS data for exposed MnS, the NSC identifies the target MnS producer for NSC and consumes the exposed MnS. To consider the security, the MnS producer may leverage a dedicated MnF which controls the exposure governance as a proxy for exposing MnS.

The NSC has to consume several MnSs e.g., for authentication, authorization, and MnS discovery. When the NSC consumes an MnS, the MnS may rely on other MnSs to be able to produce the service.

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| **Step** | **Description in step** | **Interface** | **Reference** | **Description in reference** |
| 1 | product order | External | TM Forum TMF622 [2] | Product Order |
| 2 |  | None | - | - |
| 3 | service order | Internal | TM Forum TMF641 [3] | Service Order |
| 4 |  | None | - | - |
| 5 | service order completed | Internal | TM Forum TMF641 [3] | Service Order State Change Event with the address of MnS producer |
| 6 | product order completed | External | TM Forum TMF622 [2] | Product Order State Change Event with the address of MnS producer |
| 7 | Authentication and Authorization | External | - | Authentication and authorization of the NSC’s MnS consumers. Dedicated operation for Authentication and Authorization is missing in current specification. |
| 8 | MnS discovery | External | 3GPP TS 28.532 [6], TS 28.622 [13] | MnS discovery of MnS producers may require enhancement of TS 28.532 and TS 28.622 for registry. |
| 9 | MnS consumption | External | 3GPP TS 28.532 [6], 3GPP TS 28.531 [5] | Consumption of MnS may need enhancement to TS 28.532 and TS 28.531, for authorization. |



Figure 7.X.1 Exposed MnS consumption via OSS interface

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| **End of changes** |