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1. Abstract

This standard is intended to assist implementation of the Product Offering Qualification (POQ) function defined for the LSO Cantata and LSO Sonata Interface Reference Points (IRPs), for which requirements and use cases are defined in MEF 79 [MEF79], MEF 79.0.1 [MEF79.0.1] and MEF 79.0.2 [MEF79.0.2]. This standard consists of this document and complementary API definitions for Product Offering Qualification Management and Notification.

This Draft Standard normatively incorporates the following files by reference as if they were part of this document, from the GitHub repository

<https://github.com/MEF-GIT/MEF-LSO-Sonata-SDK>

- `productApi/serviceability/offeringQualification/productOfferingQualificationManagement.api.yaml`
- `productApi/serviceability/offeringQualification/productOfferingQualificationNotification.api.yaml`

<https://github.com/MEF-GIT/MEF-LSO-Cantata-SDK>

- `productApi/serviceability/offeringQualification/productOfferingQualificationManagement.api.yaml`
- `productApi/serviceability/offeringQualification/productOfferingQualificationNotification.api.yaml`

2. Terminology and Abbreviations

This section defines the terms used in this document. In many cases, the normative definitions of terms are found in other documents. In these cases, the third column is used to provide the reference that is controlling, in other MEF or external documents.

Term	Description	Reference
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. In this document, API is used synonymously with REST API.	[MEF55.1]
Buyer	In the context of this document, denotes the organization or individual acting as the customer in a transaction over a Cantata (Customer <-> Service Provider) or Sonata (Service Provider <-> Partner) Interface.	This document; adapted from [MEF80]

Deferred Response	A Seller's response to a Buyer's request whereby the Seller immediately acknowledges that the request was received, and, over time, sends notifications to update the Buyer on the status and results of the request (assuming the Buyer has subscribed to receive the notifications). The Buyer can also poll the Seller for the results and status associated with the request.	[MEF79]
Immediate Response	A Seller's response to the Buyer whereby the Seller responds immediately with the results of the request or indicates that the request cannot be processed. The maximum time to provide an Immediate Response is for further study, but is expected to be less than 30 seconds.	[MEF79]
OpenAPI	RESTful API Documentation Specification for machine-readable interface files for describing, producing, consuming, and visualizing RESTful web services.	[OAS-3] [OAS-V3]
POQ	Product Offering Qualification	[MEF79]
POQ Item	Product Offering Qualification Item	[MEF79]
Product Offering Qualification	One or more POQ Items formulated into a request made by a Buyer to a Seller.	[MEF79]
Product Offering Qualification Item	An individual article included in a POQ that describes a Product of a particular type (Product Offering). The objective is to determine if it is feasible for the Seller to deliver this item as described and for the Seller to inform the Buyer of the estimated time interval to complete this delivery.	[MEF79]
Requesting Entity	The business organization that is acting on behalf of one or more Buyers. In the most common case, the Requesting Entity represents only one Buyer and these terms are then synonymous.	[MEF79]
Responding Entity	The business organization that is acting on behalf of one or more Sellers. In the most common case, the Responding Entity represents only one Seller and these terms are then synonymous.	[MEF79]
REST API	Representational State Transfer. REST provides a set of architectural constraints that, when applied as a whole, emphasizes scalability of component interactions, generality of interfaces, independent deployment of components, and intermediary components to reduce interaction latency, enforce security, and encapsulate legacy systems.	[REST]
Seller	In the context of this document, denotes the organization acting as the supplier in a transaction over a Cantata (Customer <-> Service Provider) or Sonata (Service Provider <-> Partner) Interface.	This document; adapted from [MEF80]

3. Compliance Levels

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 (RFC 2119 [RFC2119], RFC 8174 [RFC8174]) when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here. All key words must be in bold text.

Items that are **REQUIRED** (contain the words **MUST** or **MUST NOT**) are labeled as [Rx] for required. Items that are **RECOMMENDED** (contain the words **SHOULD** or **SHOULD NOT**) are labeled as [Dx] for

desirable. Items that are **OPTIONAL** (contain the words MAY or OPTIONAL) are labeled as [Ox] for optional.

4. Introduction

This standard specification document describes the Application Programming Interface (API) for Product Offering Qualification functionality of the LSO Cantata Interface Reference Point (IRP) and LSO Sonata IRP as defined in the *MEF 55.1 Lifecycle Service Orchestration (LSO): Reference Architecture and Framework* [MEF55.1]. The LSO Reference Architecture is shown in Figure 1 with both IRPs highlighted.

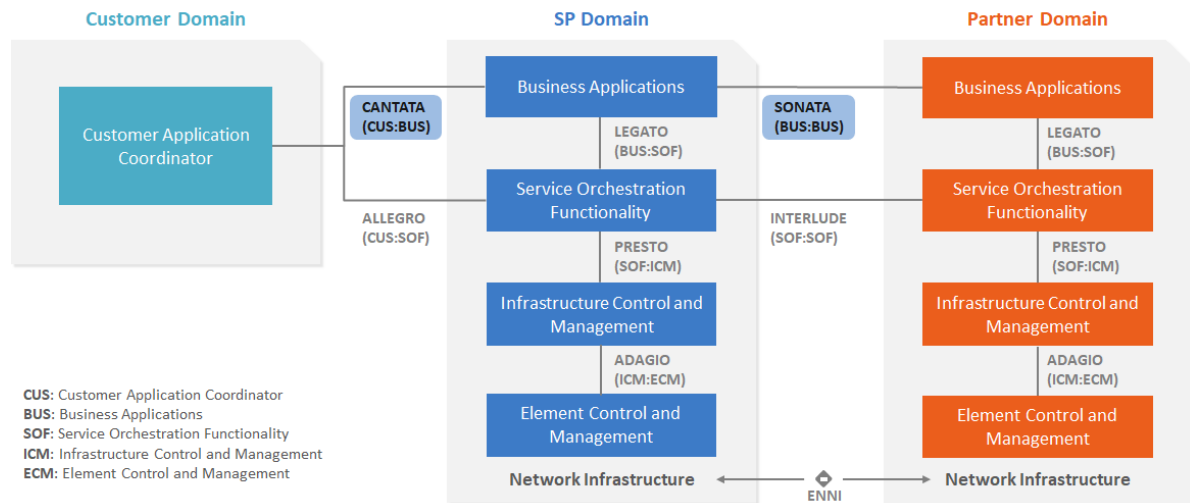


Figure 1. The LSO Reference Architecture

Cantata and Sonata IRPs define pre-ordering and ordering operations that allow automated exchange of information between business applications of the Buyer (Customer or Service Provider) and Seller (Service Provider or Partner) Domains. Those are:

- Product Catalog
- Address Validation
- Site Retrieval
- Product Offering Qualification
- Product Quote
- Product Inventory
- Product Ordering
- Trouble Ticketing
- Billing

The business requirements and use cases for Product Offering Qualification are defined in:

- *MEF 79: Address, Service Site, and Product Offering Qualification Management Requirements and Use Cases* [MEF79],
- *MEF 79.0.1: Amendment to MEF 79: Address, Service Site, and Product Offering Qualification Management, Requirements, and Use Cases* [MEF79.0.1], and
- *MEF 79.0.2: Amendment to MEF 79: Address Validation* [MEF79.0.2].

This document focuses on implementation aspects of POQ functionality and is structured as follows:

- [Section 4](#) gives a technical introduction to POQ functionality.
- [Section 5](#) provides an overview of the operations, data models, and design patterns of API definition.
- [Section 6](#) focuses on API interactions with the help of end-to-end sequence diagrams and usage examples.

- [Section 7](#) complements Section 5 with an in-depth API description.

4.1. Description

The Product Offering Qualification (POQ) API allows a Buyer to check whether the Seller can deliver a product or set of products from among their product offerings at the geographic address or a service site specified by the Buyer; or modify a previously purchased product.

The API payloads exchanged between a Buyer and the Seller during the POQ execution consist of product-independent and product-specific parts. The product-independent part is technically defined in this standard. The product-specific part is defined in the product specifications of the concerned product. Both definition types must be used in combination to validate the correctness of the payloads. [Section 5.2.1](#) explains how to use product-specific definitions with POQ API definition.

This document uses examples of Access E-Line Product specified by [\[MEFW106\]](#). These sample product specification definitions are used to construct API payloads examples that illustrate API usage in [Section 6](#).

Note: The Access E-Line product is valid only in the Sonata context. It is used only for the explanation of the rules of combining the product-agnostic (envelope) and product-specific (payload) parts of the APIs. It is out of the scope of this document to explain the details of any product.

Product specifications are defined using JSON Schema (draft 7) standard [\[JS\]](#), whereas POQ API is defined using OpenAPI 3.0 standard [\[OAS-V3\]](#). The payloads exchanged through POQ endpoints must comply with these definitions as well as with MEF 79 [\[MEF79\]](#), MEF 79.0.1 [\[MEF79.0.1\]](#), and MEF 79.0.2 [\[MEF79.0.2\]](#) requirements for POQ functionality and with product specifications that are in use.

4.2. Conventions in the Document

- Code samples are formatted using code blocks. When notation `<< some text >>` is used in the payload sample it indicates that a comment is provided instead of an example value and it might not comply with the OpenAPI definition.
- Model definitions are formatted as in-line code (e.g. `GeographicAddress`).
- In UML diagrams the default cardinality of associations is `0..1`. Other cardinality markers are compliant with the UML standard.
- In the API details tables and UML diagrams required attributes are marked with a `*` next to their names.
- In UML sequence diagrams `{{variable}}` notation is used to indicate a variable to be substituted with a correct value.

4.3. Relation to Other Documents

The requirements and use cases for POQ functionality are defined in MEF 79 [\[MEF79\]](#), MEF 79.0.1 [\[MEF79.0.1\]](#) and MEF 79.0.2 [\[MEF79.0.2\]](#). The API definition builds on TMF 679 version 19.0.1 [\[TMF679\]](#). POQ functions must allow using any MEF product specifications, in particular the ones defined for the Access E-Line Product Specification in MEF W106 [\[MEFW106\]](#).

4.4. Approach

As presented in Figure 2, both Cantata and Sonata API frameworks consist of three structural components:

- Generic API framework
- Product-independent information (Function-specific information and Function-specific operations)
- Product-specific information (MEF product specification data model)

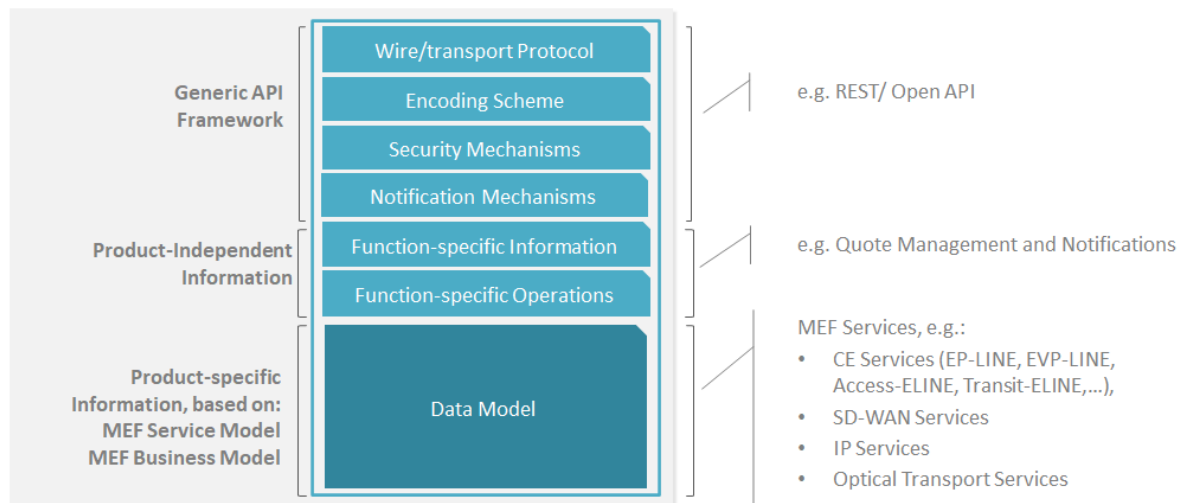


Figure 2. Cantata and Sonata API framework

The essential concept behind the framework is to decouple the common structure, information and operations from the specific product information content. Firstly, the Generic API Framework defines a set of design rules and patterns that are applied across all Cantata or Sonata APIs. Secondly, the product-independent part of the framework focuses on a model of a particular Cantata or Sonata functionality and is agnostic to any of the product specifications. For example, this standard is describing Product Offering Qualification model and operations that allow performing qualifications of any product that is aligned with one of MEF or custom product specifications. Finally, the product-specific information part of the framework focuses on MEF product specifications that define business-relevant attributes and requirements for trading MEF subscriber and MEF operator services. This standard is not defining MEF product specifications, however, can be used along with any product specification defined by or compliant with MEF.

4.5. High-Level Flow

Quote management is part of a broader Cantata and Sonata End-to-End flow. Figure 3. below shows a high-level diagram to get a good understanding of the whole process and Quote Management's position within it.

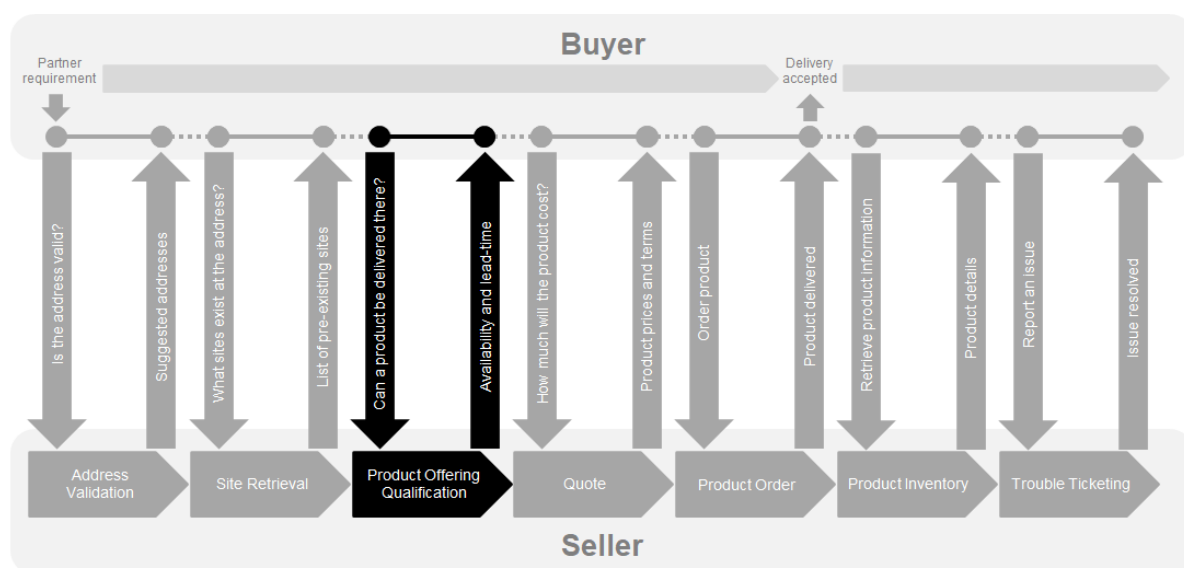


Figure 3. Cantata and Sonata End-to-End Function Flow

- Address Validation:
 - Allows the Buyer to retrieve address information from the Seller, including exact formats, for addresses known to the Seller.

- Site Retrieval:
 - Allows the Buyer to retrieve Service Site information including exact formats for Service Sites known to the Seller.
- Product Offering Qualification (POQ):
 - Allows the Buyer to check whether the Seller can deliver a product or set of products from among their product offerings at the geographic address or a service site specified by the Buyer; or modify a previously purchased product.
- Quote:
 - Allows the Buyer to submit a request to find out how much the installation of an instance of a Product Offering, an update to an existing Product, or a disconnect of an existing Product will cost.
- Product Order:
 - Allows the Buyer to request the Seller to initiate and complete the fulfillment process of an installation of a Product Offering, an update to an existing Product, or a disconnect of an existing Product at the address defined by the Buyer.
- Product Inventory:
 - Allows the Buyer to retrieve the information about existing Product instances from Seller's Product Inventory.
- Trouble Ticketing:
 - Allows the Buyer to create, retrieve, and update Trouble Tickets as well as receive notifications about Incidents' and Trouble Tickets' updates. This allows managing issues and situations that are not part of normal operations of the Product provided by the Seller.

5. API Description

This section discusses the API structure and design patterns. It starts with a description of available REST endpoints. Then, an overview of the API data model is given together with the description of the extension design pattern that is used to combine product-agnostic and product-specific parts of API payloads. Finally, payload validation and API security aspects are discussed.

5.1. Resource/endpoint Description

5.1.1. Seller Side Endpoints

BasePath for Cantata: <https://{{server}}:{{port}}/mefApi/cantata/productOfferingQualification/v1/>

BasePath for Sonata: <https://{{server}}:{{port}}/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualification/v7/>

The following API endpoints are implemented by the Seller and allow the Buyer to send POQ requests, retrieve existing POQs or POQ details, and manage notification registrations. The endpoints and corresponding data model are defined in

[productApi/serviceability/offeringQualification/productOfferingQualificationManagement.api.yaml](#).

API endpoint	Description	MEF 79 Use case Mapping
POST /productOfferingQualification	A request initiated by the Buyer to determine whether the Seller can feasibly deliver a particular Product (or Products) to a specific set of geographic locations	UC 6: Create Product Offering Qualification

API endpoint	Description	MEF 79 Use case Mapping
GET /productOfferingQualification	A request initiated by the Buyer to retrieve a list of POQs (in any state) from the Seller based on a set of POQ filter criteria.	UC 7: Retrieve POQ List
GET /productOfferingQualification/{id}	A request initiated by the Buyer to retrieve full details of a single Product Offering Qualification based on a POQ identifier.	UC 8: Retrieve POQ by Identifier
POST /hub	A request initiated by the Buyer to instruct the Seller to send notifications of POQ create and/or state changes if the Buyer has registered for these notifications. The state change notifications are sent only in the Deferred scenario as in the Immediate scenario once the response to POQ Request is provided (create notification), there will be no further state changes.	UC 5: Register for POQ Notifications
DELETE /hub/{id}	A request initiated by the Buyer to instruct the Seller to stop sending notifications of POQ create and/or state changes.	UC 5: Register for POQ Notifications

[R1] The Buyer implementation **MUST** be able to use all REST methods for /productOfferingQualification endpoint that are listed in the table above. [MEF79 R1].

5.1.2. Buyer Side Endpoints

BasePath for Cantata: <https://{server}:{port}/mefApi/cantata/productOfferingQualificationNotification/v1/>

BasePath for Sonata: <https://{server}:{port}/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualificationNotification/v7/>

The following API endpoints are implemented by the Buyer and are used by the Seller to send POQ related notifications. The endpoints and corresponding data model are defined in

[productApi/serviceability/offeringQualification/productOfferingQualificationNotification.api.yaml](#)

API endpoint	Description	MEF 79 Use case Mapping
POST /listener/poqCreateEvent	A request initiated by the Seller to notify Buyer on POQ creation	UC 9: Notify of POQ State Change
POST /listener/poqStateChangeEvent	A request initiated by the Seller to notify Buyer on POQ state change	UC 9: Notify of POQ State Change
POST /listener/poqItemStateChangeEvent	A request initiated by the Seller to notify Buyer on POQ Item state change	UC 9: Notify of POQ State Change

5.1.3. Specifying the Buyer ID and the Seller ID

A business entity willing to represent multiple Buyers or multiple Sellers must follow requirements of MEF 79 [MEF79] chapter 8.8, which states:

For requests of all types, there is a business entity that is initiating an Operation (called a Requesting Entity) and a business entity that is responding to this request (called the Responding Entity). In the simplest case, the Requesting Entity is the Buyer and the Responding Entity is the Seller. However, in some cases, the Requesting Entity may represent more than one Buyer and similarly, the Responding Entity may represent more than one Seller.

While it is outside the scope of this specification, it is assumed that the Requesting Entity and the Responding Entity are aware of each other and can authenticate requests initiated by the other party. It is further assumed that both the Buying Entity and the Requesting Entity know:

- a) the list of Buyers the Requesting Entity represents when interacting with this Responding Entity; and
- b) the list of Sellers that this Responding Entity represents to this Requesting Entity.

In the API the `buyerId` and `sellerId` are represented as query parameters in each operation defined in `productOfferingQualificationManagement.api.yaml` and as attributes of an event (`PoqEvent`) as described in `productOfferingQualificationNotification.api.yaml`.

[R2] If the Requesting Entity has the authority to represent more than one Buyer the request **MUST** include `buyerId` query parameter that identifies the Buyer being represented [MEF79 R80]

[R3] If the Requesting Entity represents precisely one Buyer with the Responding Entity, the request **MUST NOT** specify the `buyerId` [MEF79 R81]

[R4] If the Responding Entity represents more than one Seller to this Buyer the request **MUST** include `sellerId` query parameter that identifies the Seller with whom this request is associated [MEF79 R82]

[R5] If the Responding Entity represents precisely one Seller to this Buyer, the request **MUST NOT** specify the `sellerId` [MEF79 R83]

[R6] If `buyerId` or `sellerId` attributes were specified in the notification registration request, the same attributes **MUST** be used in notification payload.

5.2. Data Model - Key Entities

Sections below describe the most important entities (aka data types) from the data model which can be found in the API specification (definitions section). Each entity is a simple or composed type (using `allOf` keyword for data types composition). A simple type defines a set of properties that might be of an object, primitive, or reference type.

[R7] If an entity is used in the request or response payload all properties marked as required **MUST** be provided.

A detailed description of the data types is provided in [Section 7](#) and the OpenAPI definition. The examples that illustrate the usage of the data model are included in [Section 6](#).

5.2.1 Request View on Key Entities

Figure 4 depicts a view on the data model that is used in the Product Offering Qualification request (`POST /productOfferingQualification`) that is sent by a Buyer (see [Section 5.1.1](#) for details).

`ProductOfferingQualification_Create` is the root entity of a product offering qualification request. It contains one or more `ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Create`. An item (`ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Create`) defines an item inquiry details (in `MEFProductRefOrValue` structure) and allows for the definition of related contact information (`relatedContactInformation`) or relations to other items (`QualificationItemRelationship`). `MEFProductRefOrValue` allows for the introduction of MEF product-specific properties to the POQ payload. The extension mechanism is

described in detail in [Section 5.2.3](#). Also, a [MEFProductRefOrValue](#) may be used to specify relations to places (using specializations of [RelatePlaceOrValue](#)) or/and to a product that exists in the Seller's inventory (using [ProductRelationshipWithGrouping](#)).

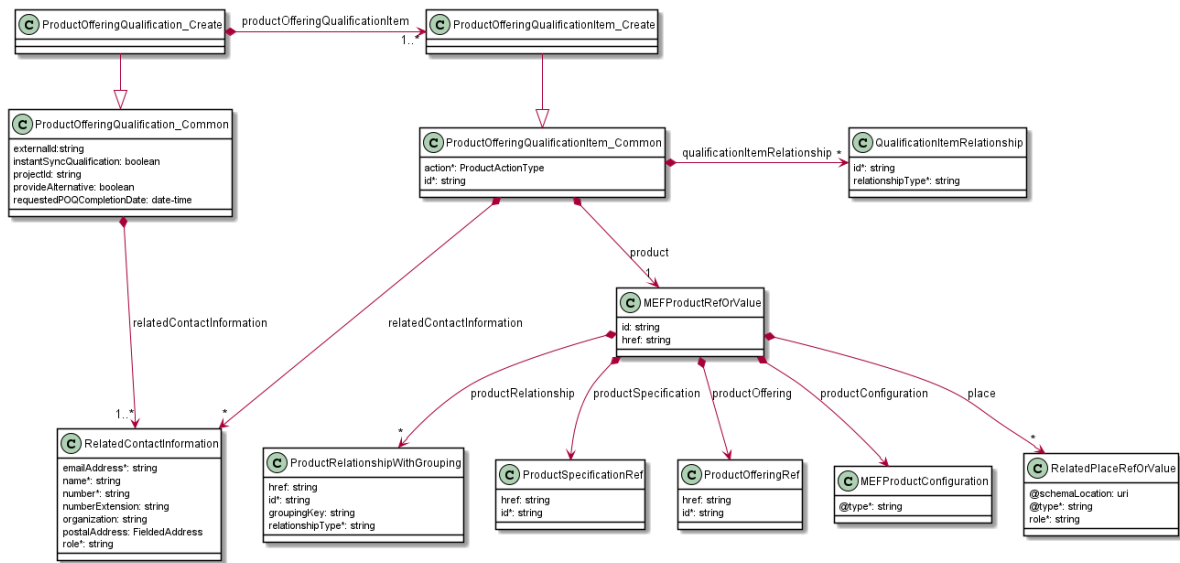


Figure 4. The POQ Management API Data model - request view on key entities

5.2.2 Response/Inventory View on Key Entities

Figure 5 depicts a view on the data model that is used to provide a response to a Buyer's Product Offering Qualification request ([POST /productOfferingQualification](#)) or to retrieve POQ by an identifier ([GET /productOfferingQualification/{id}](#)).

[ProductOfferingQualification](#) is the root entity of a product offering qualification response and it is managed by the Seller. [ProductOfferingQualification](#) extends [ProductOfferingQualification_Common](#) (which represents Buyer's request) with a number of attributes, i.e. unique identifier or state information.

[R8] The properties provided in the requests by the Buyer **MUST NOT** be modified by the Seller.

[ProductOfferingQualification](#) contains one or more items ([ProductOfferingQualificationItem](#)). For each item, the Seller provides the processing state and if applicable the final response to a particular item from Buyer's request.

[R9] In case of a successful response ([status](#) equals to [done.ready](#)) the Seller **MUST** provide serviceability confidence level and if applicable might provide an alternate product proposal ([AlternateProductOfferingProposal](#)).

[R10] If [status=done.ready](#), and the [serviceabilityConfidence](#) is [yellow](#) or [green](#), the Seller **MUST** specify the [installationInterval](#) in the response. [MEF79 R56]

[R11] If [status=done.ready](#), then the Seller **MAY** specify the [guaranteedUntilDate](#) in the response [MEF79 O5]

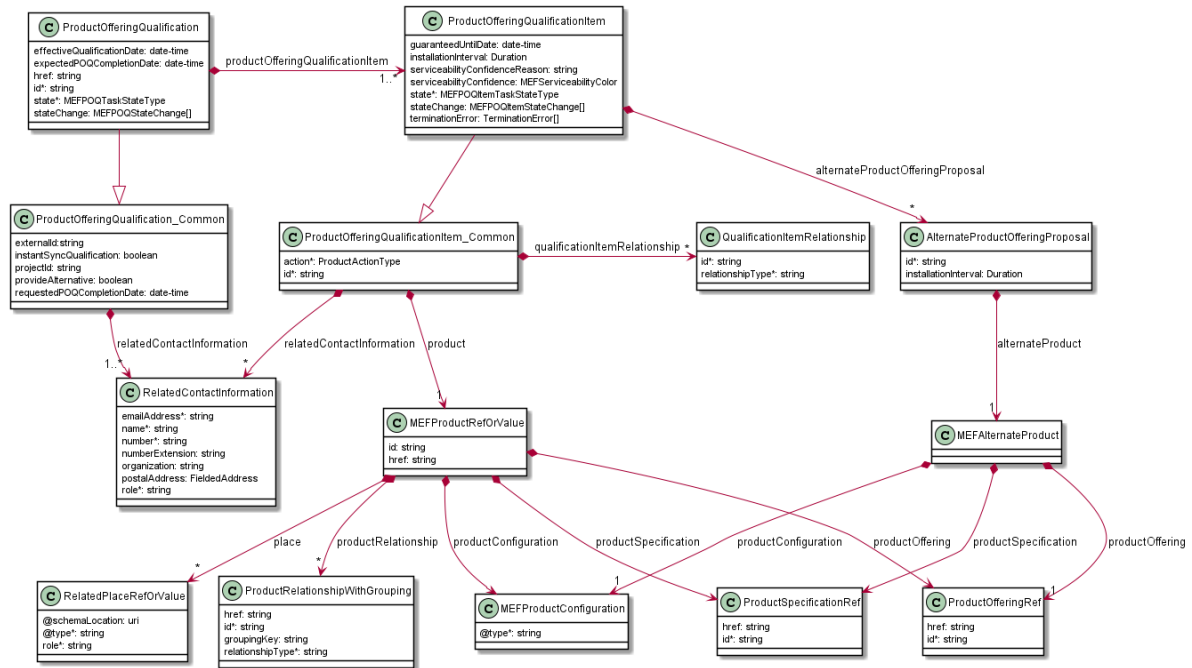


Figure 5. The POQ Management API Data model - response/inventory view on key entities

5.2.3. Integration of Product Specifications into Product Offering Qualification Management API

Product specifications are defined using JsonSchema (draft 7) format and are integrated into a POQ payload using TMF extension pattern.

The extension hosting type in API data model is `MEFProductConfiguration`. The `@type` attribute of that type must be set to a value that uniquely identifies the product specification. A unique identifier for MEF standard product specifications is in URN format and is assigned by MEF. This identifier is provided as root schema `$id` and in product specification documentation. Use of non-MEF standard product definitions is allowed. In such case the schema identifier must be agreed between the Buyer and the Seller.

The example below shows a header of a Product Specification schema, where "`$id`":

`urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:access-eline:v1.0.0:poq` is the abovementioned URN:

```
'$schema': http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#
'$id': urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:access-eline:v1.0.0:poq
title: MEF LSO Sonata - Access Eline OVC (POQ) Product Specification
```

Product specifications are provided as Json schemas without the `MEFProductConfiguration` context.

Product-specific attributes can be introduced into `MEFProductRefOrValue` (defined by the Buyer) or into `AlternateProductOfferingProposal` (may be defined by the Seller while responding to POQ) using `MEFAlternateProduct`. Each of these types introduces the `productConfiguration` attribute of type `MEFProductConfiguration` which is used as an extension point for product-specific attributes.

Implementations might choose to integrate selected product specifications to data model during development. In such case an integrated data model is built and product specifications are in inheritance relationship with `MEFProductConfiguration` as described in OAS specification. This pattern is called **Static Binding**. The SDK is additionally shipped with a set of API definitions that statically bind all product-related APIs (POQ, Quote, Order, Inventory) with all corresponding product specifications available in the release. The snippets below present an example of a static binding of the POQ API with a number of MEF product specifications, from both `MEFProductConfiguration` and product specification point of view:

```

MEFProductConfiguration:
  description:
    MEFProductConfiguration is used as an extension point for MEF specific
    product/service payload. The '@type' attribute is used as a discriminator
  discriminator:
    mapping:
      urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:v1.0.0:poq: '#/components/schemas/AccessElineOvcPoq_v1.0.0'
      urn:mef:lso:spec:cantata-sonata:SubscriberUni:v1.0.0:poq:
        '#/components/schemas/SubscriberUniPoq_v1.0.0'
      urn:mef:lso:spec:cantata-sonata:EplEvc:v1.0.0:poq: '#/components/schemas/EplEvcPoq_v1.0.0'
      urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:OperatorUNI:v1.0.0:poq: '#/components/schemas/OperatorUNIPoq_v1.0.0'
    propertyName: '@type'
  properties:
    '@type':
      description:
        The name of the type, defined in the JSON schema specified above, for
        the product that is the subject of the POQ Request. The named type must
        be a subclass of MEFProductConfiguration.
      type: string

```

```

AccessElineOvcPoq_v1.0.0:
  allOf:
    - $ref: '#/components/schemas/MEFProductConfiguration'
    - description:
        OVC Service Attributes control the behavior observable at and between
        External Interfaces to the Carrier Ethernet Network (CEN). The
        behaviors are achieved by the Network Operator and the Operator's
        client (the Service Provider in this case) agreeing on the value for
        each of the Service Attributes.

```

Alternatively, implementations might choose not to build an integrated model and choose different mechanism allowing runtime validation of product specific fragments of the payload. The system is able to validate given product against a new schema without redeployment. This pattern is called **Dynamic Binding**.

Regardless of chosen implementation pattern, the HTTP payload is exactly the same. Both implementation approaches must conform to requirements specified below.

[R12] `MEFProductConfiguration` type is an extension point that **MUST** be used to integrate product specifications' properties into a request/response payload.

[R13] The `@type` property of `MEFProductConfiguration` **MUST** be used to specify the type of the extending entity.

[RXXX] Product attributes specified in payload must conform to the product specification specified in the `@type` property.



Figure 6. The Extension Pattern with Sample Product Specific Extensions

Figure 6. depicts two MEF `<<ProductSpecifications>>` that represent Access E-Line and Operator UNI products. When these products are used in POQ payload the `@type` of `MEFProductConfiguration` takes `"urn:mef:iso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:1.0.0:poq"` or `"urn:mef:iso:spec:sonata:OperatorUNI:1.0.0:poq"` value to indicate which product specification should be used to interpret a set of product-specific properties included in the payload.

The *poq* suffix after the product type name comes from the approach that the product schemas may differ depending on the Interface Reference Point function they are used with.

5.3. Model Structural Validation

The structure of the HTTP payloads exchanged via POQ API endpoints is defined using:

- OpenAPI version 3.0 for product-agnostic part of the payload
- JsonSchema (draft 7) for product-specific part of the payload

[R14] Implementations **MUST** use payloads that conform to these definitions.

[R15] A product specification may define additional consistency rules and requirements that **MUST** be respected by implementations. These are defined for:

- relations to other items in the same product offering qualification request (e.g. required relation type, multiplicity) (as specified in [MEF79 R37], [MEF79 A1-R2])
- relations to entities from the inventory managed by the Seller (as specified in [MEF79 R37], [MEF79 A1-R1])
- related contact information that is to be defined at an item level
- relations to places (locations) that are to be defined at an item level [MEF79 R35 & R36]

5.4. Security Considerations

There must be an authentication mechanism whereby a Seller can be assured who a Buyer is and vice-versa. There must also be authorization mechanisms in place to control what a particular Buyer or Seller is allowed to do and what information may be obtained. However, the definition of the exact security mechanism is outside the scope of this document.

6. API Interaction & Flows

This section discusses the most important aspects of end-to-end interactions that result in completed product qualification inquiries. It starts with a description of product specifications which are used in the remainder of the section in example payloads. Then the end-to-end flows are presented for the immediate and deferred interaction patterns. Next, the structure of the POQ request and response is described. This part highlights different variants of POQ interactions for different item action types, place definitions, and alternative responses. Finally, the mechanism of notifications is briefly discussed.

6.1. Sample Product Specification

The Sonata SDK contains draft product specification definitions, from which UNI and Access E-Line are used in the payload samples in this section. The product specification data model definitions are available as JsonSchema (version **draft 7**) documents. Figure 7 and Figure 8 depict simplified UML views on these data models in which:

- the mandatory attributes are denoted with *****,
- the mandatory relations have a cardinality of **1** or **1..***,
- relations and attributes that are not essential to the understanding of the product specification model are omitted.

The detailed Access E-line product specification description is provided in MEF W106 [[MEFW106](#)].

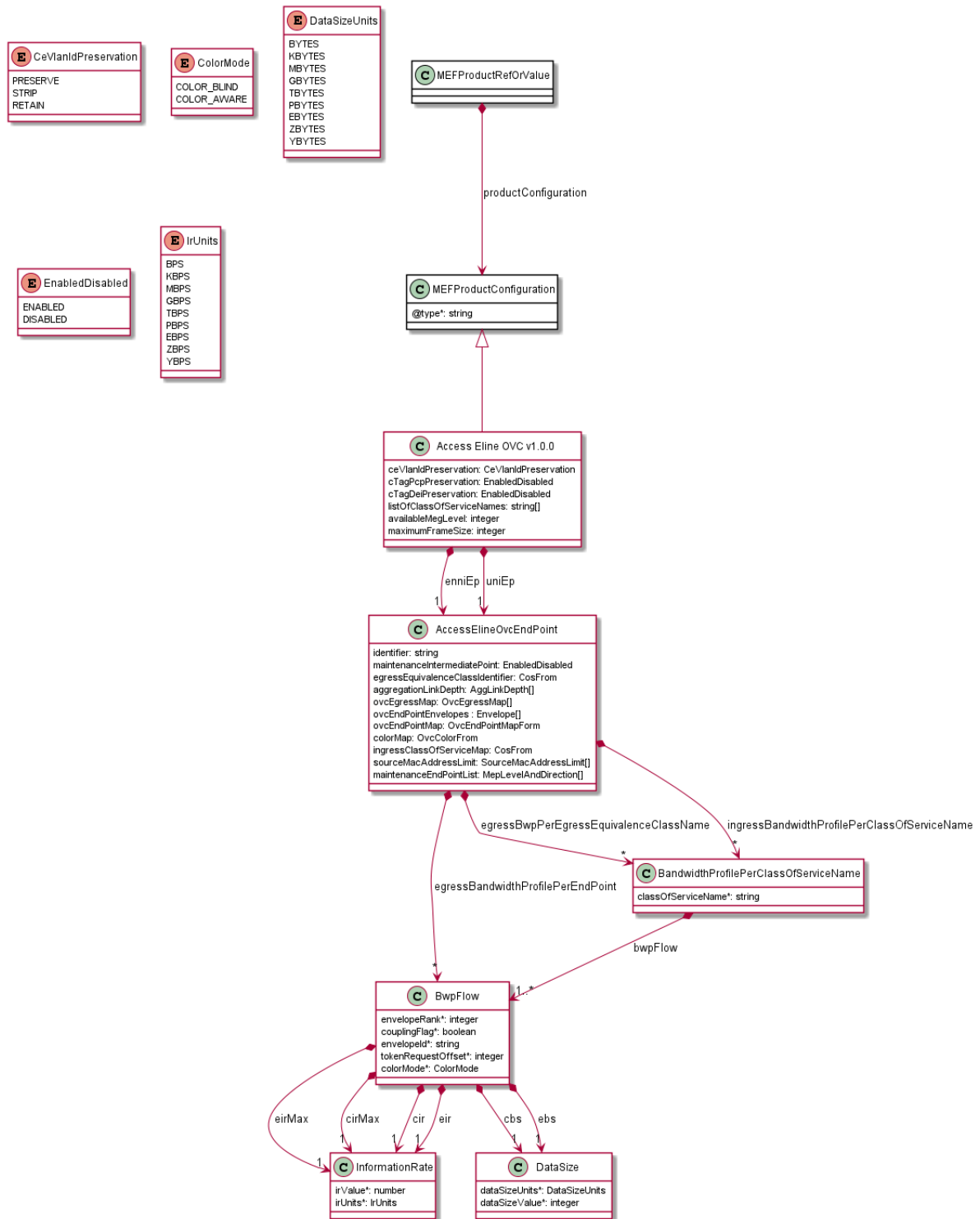


Figure 7. A simplified view on Access E-Line product specification data model

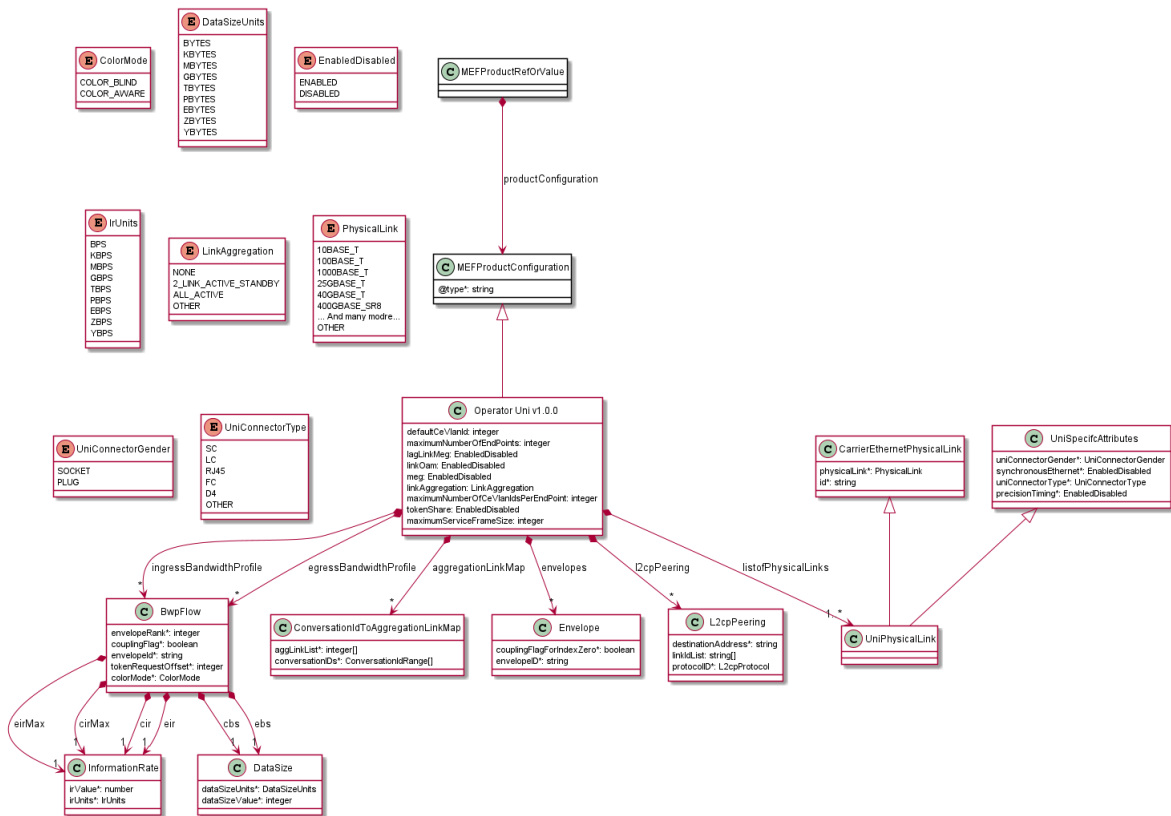


Figure 8. A simplified view on UNI product specification data model

Product specifications define a number of product-related and envelope-related requirements. Sample envelope-related requirements (as specified in MEF W106 [MEFW106]):

- an Access E-Line product specification defines two mandatory product relationship roles to ENNI (**ENNI_REFERENCE**) and operator UNI (**UNI_REFERENCE**) for **add** action. First must be realized as a product relationship, second might be realized as item or product relationship
- product relationships cannot be specified in case of **modify** or **delete** actions
- an operator UNI product specification defines a place relationship (**INSTALL_LOCATION**) that must be specified for **add** action
- place relationships cannot be specified in case of **modify** or **delete** actions

The product relationship (**product.productRelationship**) and the place relationship (**product.place**) are presented in Figure 4 and in more details at Figure 13.

In case some of both product-related or envelope-related requirements are violated the Seller returns an error response to the Buyer which indicates specific functional errors. These errors are listed in the response body (a list of **Error422** entries) for HTTP **422** response.

6.2. Interaction Patterns

To complete POQ inquiry three interaction patterns can be used depending on Buyer/Seller side capabilities.

6.2.1. Immediate Response

Immediate response can be requested by a Buyer using **instantSyncQualification** flag set to **true**. In case of successful processing, the Seller will respond with POQ in state **done.ready** (indicating success) or **terminatedWithError** (indicating that Buyer has not provided enough information). Otherwise, the appropriate error code and description are returned in case the payload doesn't pass initial validation. Please note that **done.unableToProvide** state is not supported in the immediate response case. The **done.unableToProvide** state is only

used during the Deferred Response pattern when the Seller is unable to provide a response in the time frame required by the Buyer.

Note: The term "Seller Response Code" used in the Business Requirements maps to HTTP response code, where **2xx** indicates *Success* and **4xx** or **5xx** indicate *Failure*.

[R16] The Seller **MAY** provide an immediate answer even when **instantSyncQualification** flag set to **false** [MEF79 R3].

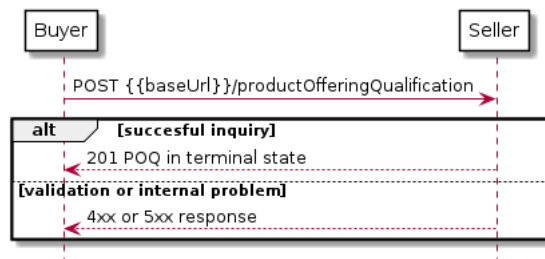


Figure 9. Immediate response

6.2.2. Deferred Response with Polling

A deferred response can be requested by a Buyer using **instantSyncQualification** flag set to **false**. The Seller responds with partial **POQ** (including at least **id** and **state=acknowledged**) and starts processing the request asynchronously. The Buyer polls the POQ until the final status is reached by the POQ using the POQ identifier specified by the Seller in response.

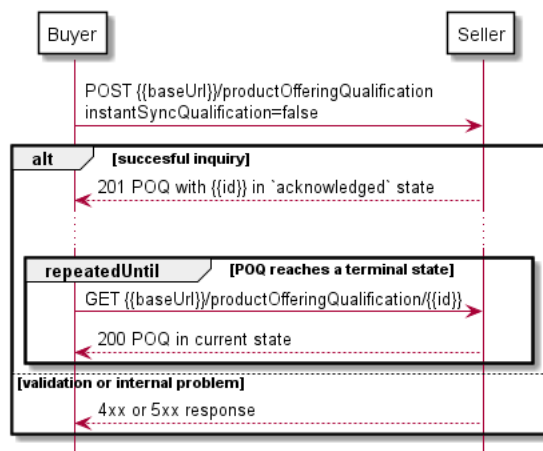


Figure 10. Deferred response with polling

6.2.3. Deferred Response with Notifications

In this variant of the deferred response, the notifications mechanism is used. First, the Buyer registers for notification providing a callback endpoint. Then the Buyer requests for qualification. The Seller sends notifications on POQ creation and subsequent POQ and POQ Item State changes until the final POQ status is reached.

When the Buyer registers for POQ notifications this registration will be valid until the Buyer unsubscribes from the POQ notifications. This implies that for any POQ request the Buyer sends to the Seller, and for which he requests an Deferred Response, in the time frame between the registration for the POQ notifications and unsubscribing from the same POQ notifications by the Buyer, the Seller will have to inform the Buyer of changes using the POQ notifications.

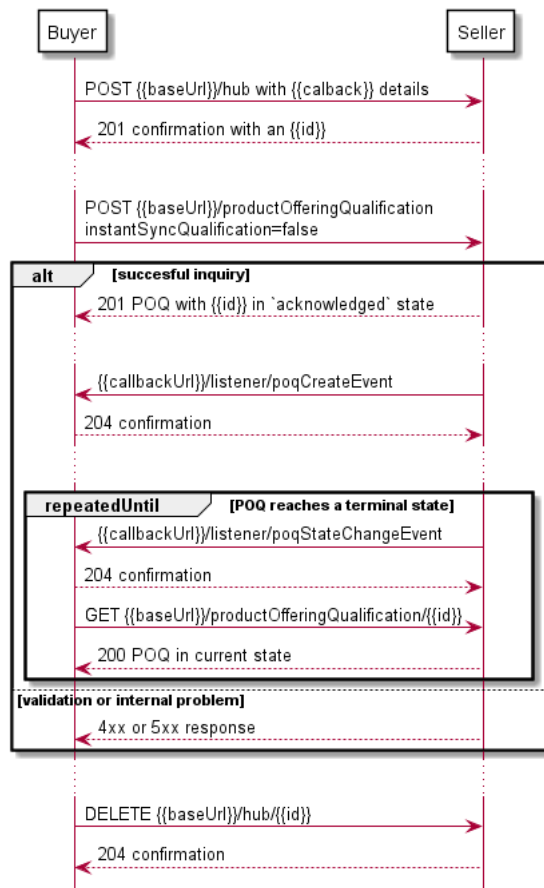


Figure 11. Deferred response with notifications

6.3. Sending Product Offering Qualification Request

To send a POQ request a Buyer must use `createProductOfferingQualification` (`POST {{baseUrl}}/productOfferingQualification`) which represents UC6 from MEF79. In the remainder of this section, some of the POQ payloads attributes might be omitted to simplify examples' content. The full list of attributes is available in [Section 7](#) and in API specification which is an integral part of this standard.

6.3.1. Buyer POQ Request

The most common Buyer attributes used in a request are listed below:

```

{
  "provideAlternative" : false,
  "requestedPOQCompletionDate" : "2020-08-29T07:03:36.2640125Z",
  "instantSyncQualification" : false,
  "projectId" : "ourProjectForCustomerX",
  "relatedContactInformation" : [],
  "productOfferingQualificationItem" : [ {
    "id" : "item-001",
    "action" : "add",
    "product": { << product specific attributes and configuration >> },
    "relatedContactInformation": [ << required related contact information entries >> ],
    "qualificationItemRelationship": [ << item level relationships >> ]
  },
  {
    "id": "item-002"
    <<rest of item-002 attributes are omitted>>
  }
]
}
  
```

[R17] Each POQ request sent by the Buyer **MUST** include at least one POQ Item. [MEF79 R28]

[R18] The Buyer **MUST** set the `instantSyncQualification` flag to request for an immediate or deferred response.
[MEF79 R27]

[R19] The `requestedPOQCompletionDate` **MUST** be specified when `instantSyncQualification=false`

[R20] The Related Contact Information list **MUST** contain an entry that represents the Buyer Contact Information. [MEF79 R27]

[R21] When specifying the Buyer Contact Information the Buyer **MUST** provide a `relatedContactInformation` entry with a `role=buyerContactInformation`.

[R22] The Buyer **MUST** follow product specification related requirements when specifying values for `productOfferingQualificationItem.relatedContactInformation`.

Note: [MEF79 R27] specifies the attributes that must be provided by a Buyer in the POQ request. The API model is not compatible with this requirement in following way:

- `provideAlternative` defines a default `false` value in case it is not provided by the Buyer,
- `instantSyncQualification` defines a default `false` value in case it is not provided by the Buyer.

The Buyer can request alternative proposals (`provideAlternative=true`) in the Create POQ request. In case the Seller cannot support the requested Product Offering or Product Configuration, alternative Product Offerings which the Seller does support can be included in the Create POQ response by the Seller.

6.3.2. Seller's Response to POQ Request

The Seller deferred response may look like this:

```
{
  "id" : "1234-5678-9000",
  "href" : "{baseUri}/productOfferingQualification/1234-5678-9000",
  "state" : "done.ready",
  "stateChange": [ << state change log >> ],
  "expectedPOQCompletionDate" : "2020-08-06T18:45:33.228518Z",
  "provideAlternative" : false, << as provided by the Buyer >>
  "requestedPOQCompletionDate" : "2020-08-29T07:03:36.2640125Z", << as provided by the Buyer >>
  "instantSyncQualification" : false, << as provided by the Buyer >>
  "projectId" : "ourProjectForCustomerX", << as provided by the Buyer >>
  "relatedContactInformation" : [<< might be appended with contact information specific to the Seller >>],
  "productOfferingQualificationItem" : [ {
    "id" : "item-001",
    "state" : "done.ready",
    "stateChange": [ << state change log >> ],
    "serviceabilityConfidence": "green",
    "guaranteedUntilDate": "2020-11-06T18:45:33.228518Z",
    "installationInterval" : {
      "amount" : 10,
      "timeUnit" : "days"
    },
    "action" : "add",
    "product": { << as provided by the Buyer >> },
    "relatedContactInformation": [ << might be appended with contact information specific to the Seller >> ],
    "qualificationItemRelationship": [ << as provided by the Buyer >> ],
    "alternateProductOfferingProposal": [ << provided in case exact response cannot be given, and
    `provideAlternative` is true >> ],
    "terminationError": [<< look into Section 7 for details >>]
  },
  {
    "id": "item-002",
    "state" : "done.ready",
    <<rest of item-002 attributes are omitted>>
  }
]
}
```

[R23] The Seller **MUST NOT** change the values of attributes specified by the Buyer.

These attributes are indicated above with an appropriate comment. The Seller might append related contact information, if required, either at item or POQ level but cannot modify related contact information provided by the Buyer.

[R24] If the `ProductOfferingQualification` is used to provide a response to an instant qualification request the `state` **MUST** take either `terminatedWithError` or `done.ready` value. [MEF79 R45]

[R25] The Related Contact Information list **MUST** contain an entry that represents Seller Contact Information [MEF79 R48 && R72].

[R26] When specifying the Seller Contact Information the Seller **MUST** provide a `relatedContactInformation` entry with a `role=sellerContactInformation`.

[R27] Each item in `productOfferingQualificationItem` list in the response **MUST** correspond to an item from a list in the request [MEF79 R50 && R74].

[R28] When item state is `done.ready` the Seller **MUST** provide value for `serviceabilityConfidence` [MEF79 R55 & R78] attribute.

[R29] When attribute `serviceabilityConfidence` is set to `green` or `yellow` the Seller **MUST** provide values for `installationInterval` attribute [MEF79 R56 & R79]

[R30] When item state is `terminatedWithError` or `done.abandoned` the Seller **MUST NOT** provide values for `serviceabilityConfidence`, `installationInterval`, `validFor`, and `alternateProductOfferingProposal` attributes [MEF79 R53 & R76].

[R31] When item state is `terminatedWithError` the Seller **MUST** provide value for `terminationError` attribute [MEF79 R54 & R77].

6.3.3. POQ Item Specification Details

[R32] For each item, the Buyer **MUST** specify `id`, `action`, and `product`.

In the remainder of the section examples of POQ item definitions for different `action` types are given.

6.3.3.1. POQ Item Structure for `add` Action

The example below represents a single POQ request item (`ProductOfferingRequestItem_Create`) to evaluate the installation of a new (action `add`) Access E-Line product (type `urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:1.0.0:poq`). A Buyer is sending all mandatory attributes as well as a subset of optional attributes that are relevant for this inquiry.

```
{
  "action": "add",
  "id": "item-002",
  "product": {
    "productOffering": {
      "id": "000073"
    },
    "productConfiguration": {
      "@type": "urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:1.0.0:poq",
      "enniEp": {
        "ingressBandwidthProfilePerClassOfServiceName": [
          {
            "classOfServiceName": "silver",
            "bwpFlow": [
              {
                "envelopeRank": 1,
                "couplingFlag": false,

```

```

        "envelopeName": "defaultENNI",
        "tokenRequestedOffset": 0,
        "colorMode": "COLOR_BLIND",
        "cir": {
            "irValue": 20,
            "irUnits": "MBPS"
        },
        "cbs": {
            "dataSizeValue": 50,
            "dataSizeUnits": "KBYTES"
        },
        "eir": {
            "irValue": 0,
            "irUnits": "BPS"
        },
        "ebs": {
            "dataSizeValue": 0,
            "dataSizeUnits": "BYTES"
        },
        "cirMax": {
            "irValue": 20,
            "irUnits": "MBPS"
        },
        "eirMax": {
            "irValue": 0,
            "irUnits": "BPS"
        }
    }
}
]
}
]
},
"maximumFrameSize": 1522,
"uniEp": {
    "ingressBandwidthProfilePerClassOfServiceName": [
        {
            "classOfServiceName": "silver",
            "bwpFlow": [
                {
                    "envelopeRank": 1,
                    "couplingFlag": false,
                    "envelopeName": "defaultUNI",
                    "tokenRequestedOffset": 0,
                    "colorMode": "COLOR_BLIND",
                    "cir": {
                        "irValue": 20,
                        "irUnits": "MBPS"
                    },
                    "cbs": {
                        "dataSizeValue": 50,
                        "dataSizeUnits": "KBYTES"
                    },
                    "eir": {
                        "irValue": 0,
                        "irUnits": "BPS"
                    },
                    "ebs": {
                        "dataSizeValue": 0,
                        "dataSizeUnits": "BYTES"
                    },
                    "cirMax": {
                        "irValue": 20,
                        "irUnits": "MBPS"
                    },
                    "eirMax": {
                        "irValue": 0,
                        "irUnits": "BPS"
                    }
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
},
"productRelationship": [
    {
        "relationshipType": "ENNI_REFERENCE",
        "id": "00000000-0000-000a-0000-000000000001"
    }
]
},

```



```

"qualificationItemRelationship": [
  {
    "relationshipType": "UNI_REFERENCE",
    "id": "item-001"
  }
],
"relatedContactInformation": [
  {
    "number": "1-430-358-5262",
    "emailAddress": "john@mef.net",
    "role": "technical team",
    "name": "John Doe"
  }
]
}

```

MEF 79 defines the `productOffering` as mandatory for the `add` action. This is in the case the Buyer knows exactly what Product Offering to refer to in the request. However, the API allows additionally the use case of providing the `productSpecification` instead. In this scenario, the Buyer asks if a particular type of product (defined by providing `productSpecification` and additional product-specific attributes in `productConfiguration`) can be served and gets back from the Seller a direct or alternate `productOfferings` in the response. These can be later used in Quote and Product Order steps.

[R33] If `action=add` the Buyer **MUST** provide exactly one of `productOffering` or `productSpecification`. [MEF79 R31]

[R34] If `action=add` the Buyer **MUST** provide product-specific attributes (`productConfiguration`). [MEF79 R31]

[R35] The product specified in `product.@type` **MUST** be compatible with the one defined by `productOffering` or `productSpecification`.

[R36] If `action=add` the Buyer **MUST NOT** provide `product.id`. [MEF79 R30]

In the example above, the Access E-Line product specification is identified as `00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000007e3` in the Seller's catalog. This specification describes the structure and requirements defined for this product which should be validated. An Access E-Line product specification defines two mandatory relationship types that have to be specified in case of an `add` action qualification: `ENNI_REFERENCE` and `UNI_REFERENCE`. The reference to an operator UNI product might use another POQ item or an existing product from the Seller's inventory. This example assumes that UNI product is another item of the POQ request with a unique identifier `item-001`. This Access E-Line product references an existing ENNI product that is uniquely identified with id `00000000-0000-000a-0000-000000000001` in the Seller's inventory.

The place is not provided as Access E-Line product specification does not allow for a place description to be part of the request. Values for some of the available product attributes are provided under `productConfiguration` node. This example uses a tiny subset of available Access E-Line attributes.

6.3.3.2. POQ Item Structure for `modify` Action

The example below represents a single POQ request item to evaluate a modification of an existing (action `modify`) Access E-Line product (type `urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:1.0.0:poq`).

```

{
  "action": "modify",
  "id": "item-001",
  "product": {
    "id": "01494079-6c79-4a25-83f7-48284196d44d",
    "productConfiguration": {
      "@type": "urn:mef:lso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:1.0.0:poq",
      "enniEp": {
        "ingressBandwidthProfilePerClassOfServiceName": [
          {
            "classOfServiceName": "silver",

```

```

        "bwpFlow": [
            {
                "envelopeRank": 1,
                "couplingFlag": false,
                "envelopeName": "defaultENNI",
                "tokenRequestedOffset": 0,
                "colorMode": "COLOR_BLIND",
                "cir": {
                    "irValue": 40,
                    "irUnits": "MBPS"
                },
                "cbs": {
                    "dataSizeValue": 100,
                    "dataSizeUnits": "KBYTES"
                },
                "eir": {
                    "irValue": 0,
                    "irUnits": "BPS"
                },
                "ebs": {
                    "dataSizeValue": 0,
                    "dataSizeUnits": "BYTES"
                },
                "cirMax": {
                    "irValue": 40,
                    "irUnits": "MBPS"
                },
                "eirMax": {
                    "irValue": 0,
                    "irUnits": "BPS"
                }
            }
        ]
    },
    "maximumFrameSize": 1522,
    "uniEp": {
        "ingressBandwidthProfilePerClassOfServiceName": [
            {
                "classOfServiceName": "silver",
                "bwpFlow": [
                    {
                        "envelopeRank": 1,
                        "couplingFlag": false,
                        "envelopeName": "defaultUNI",
                        "tokenRequestedOffset": 0,
                        "colorMode": "COLOR_BLIND",
                        "cir": {
                            "irValue": 40,
                            "irUnits": "MBPS"
                        },
                        "cbs": {
                            "dataSizeValue": 100,
                            "dataSizeUnits": "KBYTES"
                        },
                        "eir": {
                            "irValue": 0,
                            "irUnits": "BPS"
                        },
                        "ebs": {
                            "dataSizeValue": 0,
                            "dataSizeUnits": "BYTES"
                        },
                        "cirMax": {
                            "irValue": 40,
                            "irUnits": "MBPS"
                        },
                        "eirMax": {
                            "irValue": 0,
                            "irUnits": "BPS"
                        }
                    }
                ]
            }
        ]
    },
    "relatedContactInformation": [
        {

```

```

    "number": "1-430-358-5262",
    "emailAddress": "john@mef.net",
    "role": "technical team",
    "name": "John Doe"
  }
]
}

```

[R37] The modify request **MUST** specify a reference (provide `product.id`) to an existing product which is a subject of this qualification and provide `product.productConfiguration` and if set previously or to be set: `product.productRelationship` and `product.place`. [MEF79 R32]

[R38] If `action=modify` the Buyer **MUST NOT** provide the `product.productOffering` or `product.productSpecification` attributes.

There is no possibility to send an update to single attributes. The Buyer must send a full `product.productConfiguration` together with `product.productRelationship` and `product.place` (if set), which means all attributes that represent the desired state, even if some of them do not change.
If Seller does not allow for some of the attributes to change an appropriate error response (422) must be returned to the Buyer.

The above example represents a qualification request for an Access E-Line product change. In particular, changes to `cir` (Committed Information Rate) values for `ENNI` and `UNI` bandwidth profiles are qualified. The Access E-Line product exists in Seller's inventory and is identified as `01494079-6c79-4a25-83f7-48284196d44d`.

6.3.3.3. POQ Item Structure for `delete` Action

The example below represents a single POQ request item to evaluate a disconnect of an existing (action `delete`) Access E-Line product (type `urn:mef:iso:spec:sonata:AccessElineOvc:1.0.0:poq`).

```

{
  "id": "item-001",
  "action": "remove",
  "product": {
    "id": "01494079-6c79-4a25-83f7-48284196d44d"
  }
}

```

Product instance identifier (`01494079-6c79-4a25-83f7-48284196d44d`) is the only allowed attribute in the disconnect evaluation request.

[R39] If `action=delete` the Buyer **MUST NOT** provide `productOffering`, `productSpecification` and `productConfiguration` attributes. [MEF79 R33]

[R40] If item action is set to or `delete` the Buyer **MUST** provide `product.id` of the referenced Product. [MEF79 R32]

[R41] In the `delete` request the only allowed attributes of `product` are `id` and `@type`. [MEF79 R33]

6.3.4. Specifying Place Details

Some product specifications may define requirements concerning place definition in case `add` or `modify` action is used. For example, the specification of a place in the case of Access E-Line product is not allowed. Operator UNI product specification requires an `INSTALL_LOCATION` place definition in case of `add` action.

There are different formats in which place information may be provided: geographic point (`MefGeographicPoint`), fielded (`FieldedAddress`), formatted (`FormattedAddress`), geographic address label (`GeographicAddressLabel`),

geographic site reference ([GeographicSiteRef](#)), and a geographic address reference ([GeographicAddressRef](#)). Four of them can be used to provide a full place description in POQ or POQ item. The site and address reference allow specifying the place information as a reference to previously validated address or site available through Seller's Address and Site API endpoints. To distinguish between the place types the [@type](#) discriminator is used.

The master class for all address types is the [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#) which add the [role](#) to add more context to the specified address. To distinguish between place types the [@type](#) discriminator is used.

Note: The *RefOrValue* stands for a pattern where an address can be provided either by [id](#) (using [GeographicSiteRef](#) or [GeographicAddressRef](#)) OR by value (with use of [MEFGeographicPoint](#), [FieldedAddress](#), [FormattedAddress](#), [GeographicAddressLabel](#)). There is no way to specify an address with use both ref AND value at the same time.

[R42] Buyer and Seller **MUST** support at least one of [FieldedAddress](#) or [FormattedAddress](#) place representations [MEF79 R84 & R85].

[R43] [GeographicAddressRef](#) or [GeographicSiteRef](#) **MUST** be used to provide place information by reference. This method is referred to as "Known Address ID method" in MEF 79 Sn 8.9.3.1. [MEF79 D2]

Examples of different place specification formats are provided below.

6.3.4.1. Fielded Address

```
{
  "@type": "FieldedAddress",
  "streetType": "ul.",
  "streetName": "Edmunda Wasilewskiego",
  "streetNr": "20",
  "streetNrSuffix": "14",
  "city": "Kraków",
  "stateOrProvince": "Lesser Poland",
  "postcode": "30-305",
  "country": "Poland",
  "geographicSubAddress": {
    "levelType": "floor",
    "levelNumber": "4"
  },
  "role": "INSTALL_LOCATION"
}
```

Fielded address example of a place specification. The type discriminator has the value [FieldedAddress](#). A subset of available attributes is used to describe the place. The fielded address has an optional [geographicSubAddress](#) structure that defines several attributes that can be used in case precise address information has to be provided. In the above example, a floor in the building at the given address is specified using this structure. The role of the place is assigned according to the requirements of the Operator UNI product specification.

6.3.4.2. Formatted Address

```
{
  "@type": "FormattedAddress",
  "addrLine1": "ul. Edmunda Wasilewskiego 20/14",
  "city": "Kraków",
  "stateOrProvince": "Lesser Poland",
  "postcode": "30-305",
  "country": "Poland",
  "role": "INSTALL_LOCATION"
}
```

Place information in a form of a formatted address. The type discriminator has the value `FormattedAddress`. This example contains the same information as `FieldedAddress` example provided above, however, the detailed floor information is omitted. The second address line (`addrLine2`) could be used to specify that information.

6.3.4.3. Geographic Point

```
{
  "@type": "MEFGeographicPoint",
  "spatialRef": "EPSG:4326 WGS 84",
  "x": "50.048868",
  "y": "19.929523",
  "role": "INSTALL_LOCATION"
}
```

Place information in a form of geographic point. `spatialRef` determines the standard that has to be used to interpret coordinates provided in the required `x` (latitude), `y` (longitude), and optional `z` (elevation) values.

6.3.4.4. Geographic Address Label

```
{
  "@type": "GeographicAddressLabel",
  "externalReferenceType": "CLLI",
  "externalReferenceId": "PLTXCL01",
  "role": "INSTALL_LOCATION"
}
```

The Geographic Address Label represents a unique identifier controlled by a generally accepted independent administrative authority that specifies a fixed geographical location. The example above is a place that represents a CLLI (Common Language Location Identifier) identifier which is commonly used to refer locations in North America for network equipment installations.

6.3.4.5. Geographic Site Reference

```
{
  "@type": "GeographicSiteRef",
  "id": "18d3bb74-997a-4a62-8198-84250766765a",
  "role": "INSTALL_LOCATION"
}
```

`GeographicSiteRef` type is used to specify a `GeographicSite` by reference in the POQ request. In the above example, a `GeographicSite` identified as `18d3bb74-997a-4a62-8198-84250766765a` in the Seller's Service Site API is used.

6.3.4.6. Geographic Address Reference

```
{
  "@type": "GeographicAddressRef",
  "id": "8198bb74-18d3-9ef0-4913-66765a842507",
  "role": "INSTALL_LOCATION"
}
```

`GeographicAddressRef` type is used to specify a `GeographicAddress` by reference in the POQ request. In the above example a `GeographicAddress` identified as `8198bb74-18d3-9ef0-4913-66765a842507` in the Seller's Service Site API is used.

6.4. Retrieving POQ information

6.4.1. Retrieving POQ list

A Buyer can retrieve a list of the POQs he initiated using `GET /productOfferingQualification/` operation with desired filtering criteria.

The [MEF79] specifies the possible filtering criteria, those are [MEF79 O7]:

- `state`
- `projectId`
- `requestedPOQCompletionDate.lt`
- `requestedPOQCompletionDate.gt`

The Buyer may also ask for pagination with the use of the `offset` and `limit` parameters. The filtering and pagination attributes must be specified in URI query format [RFC3986](#). Section 7.1.2. provides details about the implementation of the pagination mechanism.

The correct response (HTTP code `200`) contains a list of POQs matching the criteria in the response body. In case, there are no POQs matching the criteria an empty list is returned. MEF 79 [MEF79](#) narrows the list of POQ attributes that are populated in the response to:

- `id`,
- `state`,
- `requestedPOQCompletionDate`,
- `projectId`.

The Buyer may request to retrieve all POQ records that are associated with the project `p1` by executing the following query:

`https://seller.com/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualification/v7/productOfferingQualification?projectId=p1`

In the response, the Seller returns all POQ matching these filtering criteria.

```
[
  {
    "requestedPOQCompletionDate": "2020-09-18",
    "id": "97975e56-b6ba-40d4-b9b3-dab2b0e58279",
    "state": "InProgress",
    "projectId": "p1"
  },
  {
    "requestedPOQCompletionDate": "2020-09-26",
    "id": "79de3367-ce55-4e9a-952c-3c16e715bb7f",
    "state": "done.ready",
    "projectId": "p1"
  }
]
```

To see full details of a particular POQ the Buyer can retrieve POQ by the identifier as described in the section below.

6.4.2. Retrieving POQ by identifier

POQ information can be retrieved from the Seller using `GET /productOfferingQualification/{id}` operation. The correct payload returned in the response includes all the attributes Buyer has provided while sending POQ request. In case `id` does not identify a POQ that belongs to the Buyer an error response `404` must be returned. A correct response includes at least POQ unique `id` and up-to-date `state` assigned to POQ and all its items.

POQ can be in an intermediate (`inProgress`) or one of the final states (`done.ready`, `done.unableToProvide`, or `terminatedWithError`). Details about POQ structure and allowed POQ states are provided in [API details section](#).

```
{
  "id" : "00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000b01",
  "href" : "{baseUri}/productOfferingQualification/00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000b01",
  "state" : "done.ready",
  << some attributes are omitted >>
  "productOfferingQualificationItem" : [ {
    "id" : "item-001",
    "state" : "done.ready",
    "action" : "add",
    "serviceabilityConfidence" : "green",
    "guaranteedUntilDate" : "2020-12-23T12:00:00+02:00",
    << some attributes are omitted >>
    "stateChange" : [ {
      "changeDate" : "2020-08-23T21:13:32.20+02:00",
      "state" : "acknowledged"
    }, {
      "changeDate" : "2020-08-23T21:13:32.25+02:00",
      "state" : "inProgress"
    }, {
      "changeDate" : "2020-08-23T21:28:49.12+02:00",
      "state" : "done.ready"
    } ]
  } ],
  "stateChange" : [ {
    "changeDate" : "2020-08-23T21:13:32.20+02:00",
    "state" : "acknowledged"
  }, {
    "changeDate" : "2020-08-23T21:13:32.25+02:00",
    "state" : "inProgress"
  }, {
    "changeDate" : "2020-08-23T21:28:50.25+02:00",
    "state" : "done.ready"
  } ]
}
```

In the above example, some of the attributes initially specified by the Buyer are removed from the payload to make the example more concise. The POQ is in a `done.ready` final state. This is only possible if all items are in the `done.ready` state as well. The Seller's response to an inquiry represented by id `item-001` is positive (serviceability confidence is `green`) and valid almost end of 2020 (`guaranteedUntilDate`). In the state transition history (`stateChange`) all transitions for an item and POQ are listed. As listed in history the processing of the POQ request was almost instantaneous - completion under 20 seconds.

6.5. Alternative Product Proposals

The Buyer may be interested in an alternative response in case the Seller is not able to qualify an exact product. In that case, the Seller may respond with a non-empty list of alternatives for each item with a confidence level assigned to either `yellow` or `red`.

For example, a Buyer is requesting an option for an alternative response:

```
{
  "provideAlternative" : true,
  "requestedPOQCompletionDate" : "2020-08-12T18:45:33.228518Z",
  "instantSyncQualification" : false,
  ...
}
```

As the Seller is not able to deliver the exact product, a single alternative is returned:


```

    "state" : "done.ready"
  } ],
  << some attributes are omitted >>
}

```

The Seller is not able (`serviceabilityConfidence` is red) to deliver an Access E-Line service with `cir` set to 20 Mbps. However, there is an option for a service with `cir` of 30 Mbps. This response is returned as `alternative-01`. The installation interval for the alternative offering is 10 days.

6.6. Notifications

Notifications are used to asynchronously inform the Buyer about:

- the creation of a `ProductOfferingQualification`,
- `ProductOfferingQualification.state` attribute value change,
- `ProductOfferingQualificationItem.state` attribute value change

Notifications are sent from Seller to Buyer in case:

- both Seller and Buyer support notification mechanism
- Buyer has registered to receive notifications from the Seller
- The state change notifications are sent only in the Deferred scenario as in the Immediate scenario once the response to POQ Request is provided (create notification), there will be no further state changes. ([Section 6.2.3.](#))

To register for notifications Buyer can either register for all POQ notifications:

```

{
  "callback": "https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint"
}

```

or be more selective using `query` attribute:

```

{
  "callback": "https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint",
  "query": "eventType=poqCreateEvent"
}

```

Seller sends notifications about POQ create and update events. Example of POQ create event might look like:

```

{
  "eventId": "event-001",
  "eventType": "poqCreateEvent",
  "eventTime": "2020-08-07T01:07:42.7030052+01:00",
  "event": {
    "id": "00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000b01"
  }
}

```

Notifications are sent to:

- `https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualificationNotification/v7/listener/poqCreateEvent` in case of `poqCreateEvent`
- `https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualificationNotification/v7/listener/poqStateChangeEvent` in case of `poqStateChangeEvent`

- <https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualificationNotification/v7/listener/poqItemStateChangeEvent> in case of `poqItemStateChangeEvent`

[R44] Seller **MUST** send events only to Buyers who have registered to receive such notifications [MEF79 R58].

[R45] The create notifications **MUST** be sent in both Immediate and Deferred scenarios [MEF79 R59].

[R46] The state change notifications **MUST** be sent only in the Deferred scenario (there will be no state changes in the Immediate scenario anyway) [MEF79 R59].

Note: MEF 79 defines only one type of the update event: `poqStateChangeEvent` and specifies that both `Poq` and `PoqItem` state changes notifications must be sent using this type. In other MEF APIs it is a common pattern to separate the endpoint for Items to allow the Buyer to choose the level of notifications and avoid unwanted messages. This pattern has also been applied in POQ API.

7. API Details

7.1. API patterns

7.1.1. Indicating errors

Erroneous situations are indicated by appropriate HTTP responses. An error response is indicated by HTTP status 4xx (for client errors) or 5xx (for server errors) and appropriate response payload. The POQ API uses the error responses depicted and described below.

Implementations can use HTTP error codes not specified in this standard in compliance with rules defined in RFC 7231 [RFC7231]. In such a case the error message body structure might be aligned with the `Error`.

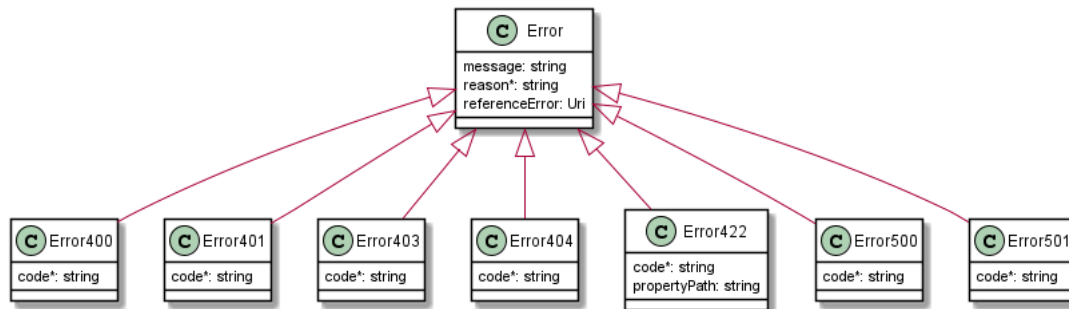


Figure 12. Data model types to represent an erroneous response

7.1.1.1. Type Error

Description: Standard Class used to describe API response error Not intended to be used directly. The `code` in the HTTP header is used as a discriminator for the type of error returned in runtime.

Name	Type	Description
message	string	Text that provides mode details and corrective actions related to the error. This can be shown to a client user.
reason*	string	Text that explains the reason for the error. This can be shown to a client user.
referenceError	uri	URL pointing to documentation describing the error

7.1.1.2. Type Error400

Description: Bad Request. (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-6.5.1>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
		One of the following error codes:
code*	string	- missingQueryParam: The URI is missing a required query-string parameter - missingQueryValue: The URI is missing a required query-string parameter value - invalidQuery: The query section of the URI is invalid. - invalidBody: The request has an invalid body

7.1.1.3. Type Error401

Description: Unauthorized. (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7235#section-3.1>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
		One of the following error codes:
code*	string	- missingCredentials: No credentials provided. - invalidCredentials: Provided credentials are invalid or expired

7.1.1.4. Type Error403

Description: Forbidden. This code indicates that the server understood the request but refuses to authorize it. (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-6.5.3>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
		This code indicates that the server understood the request but refuses to authorize it because of one of the following error codes:
code*	string	- accessDenied: Access denied - forbiddenRequester: Forbidden requester - tooManyUsers: Too many users

7.1.1.5. Type Error404

Description: Resource for the requested path not found. (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-6.5.4>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
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Name	Type	Description
------	------	-------------

code*	string	The following error code: - notFound: A current representation for the target resource not found
-------	--------	---

7.1.1.6. Type Error422

The response for HTTP status 422 is a list of elements that are structured using the **Error422** data type. Each list item describes a business validation problem. This type introduces the **propertyPath** attribute which points to the erroneous property of the request, so that the Buyer may fix it easier. It is highly recommended that this property should be used, yet remains optional because it might be hard to implement.

Description: Unprocessable entity due to a business validation problem.
(<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4918#section-11.2>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
------	------	-------------

		One of the following error codes: - missingProperty: The property the Seller has expected is not present in the payload - invalidValue: The property has an incorrect value - invalidFormat: The property value does not comply with the expected value format - referenceNotFound: The object referenced by the property cannot be identified in the Seller system
code*	string	- unexpectedProperty: Additional property, not expected by the Seller has been provided - tooManyRecords: the number of records to be provided in the response exceeds the Seller's threshold. - otherIssue: Other problem was identified (detailed information provided in a reason)

propertyPath	string	A pointer to a particular property of the payload that caused the validation issue. It is highly recommended that this property should be used. Defined using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Pointer (https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6901).
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7.1.1.7. Type Error500

Description: Internal Server Error. (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-6.6.1>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
------	------	-------------

		The following error code:
code*	string	- internalError: Internal server error - the server encountered an unexpected condition that prevented it from fulfilling the request.

7.1.1.8. Type Error501

Description: Not Implemented. (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-6.6.2>)

Inherits from:

- [Error](#)

Name	Type	Description
------	------	-------------

code*	string	The following error code: - notImplemented: Method not supported by the server
-------	--------	---

7.1.2. Response pagination

A response to retrieve a list of results (e.g. `GET /productOfferingQualification`) can be paginated. The Buyer can specify following query attributes related to pagination:

- `limit` - number of expected list items
- `offset` - offset of the first element in the result list

The Seller returns a list of elements that comply with the requested `limit`. If the requested `limit` is higher than the supported list size the smaller list result is returned. In that case, the size of the result is returned in the header attribute `X-Result-Count`. The Seller can indicate that there are additional results available using:

- `X-Total-Count` header attribute with the total number of available results
- `X-Pagination-Throttled` header set to `true`

[R47] Seller **MUST** use either `X-Total-Count` or `X-Pagination-Throttled` to indicate that the page was truncated and additional results are available.

7.2. Management API Data model

Figure 13 presents the Product Offering Qualification Management data model. The data types, requirements related to them, and mapping to MEF 79 and MEF 79.0.1 specifications are discussed later in this section.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
projectId	string	This value MAY be assigned by the Buyer to identify a project the serviceability request is associated with.	Project Identifier
provideAlternative	boolean	Allows the Buyer to indicate if he is willing to get an alternate proposal if requested product not available.	Provide Alternate
relatedContactInformation*	RelatedContactInformation[]	Party playing a role for this qualification. MEF 79 mandates providing 'Buyer Contact Information' in the request ('role=buyerContactInformation') and 'Seller Contact Information' in the response ('role=sellerContactInformation')	Allows for specifying Buyer and Seller Contact Information
requestedPOQCompletionDate	date-time	The latest date a the POQ completion is expected. This attribute is required when <code>instantSyncQualification=false</code>	Expected Response Date

7.2.1.2. Type ProductOfferingQualification_Create

Description: Represents a request formulated by the Buyer that is composed of product offering qualification items. Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.4)

Inherits from:

- [ProductOfferingQualification_Common](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
productOfferingQualificationItem*	ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Create[]	A non-empty list of POQ items	Product Offering Qualification Items

7.2.1.3. Type ProductOfferingQualification

Description: Represents a response to the Buyer POQ inquiry. This type defines a set of attributes that are assigned by the Seller while processing the request. A POQ response is a combination of attributes defined here with common attributes that are sent in the request. This type is used in response to an immediate request and POQ retrieval by an identifier.

Inherits from:

- [ProductOfferingQualification_Common](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
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Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
effectiveQualificationDate	date-time	Date and time (set by the Seller) when the POQ state was set to one of the completion states (done.ready, done.unable_to_provide, terminated_with_error). The Seller MUST NOT provide this attribute until mentioned states are achieved.	Not represented in MEF 79
expectedPOQCompletionDate	date-time	The date the Seller expects to provide qualification result. Set by the Seller in case of providing a deferred response when the POQ is in acknowledged or inProgress state	Not represented in MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to this POQ. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses. Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Not represented in MEF 79
id*	string	The Serviceability Request's unique identifier assigned by the Seller.	POQ Identifier
productOfferingQualificationItem*	ProductOfferingQualificationItem[]	One or more of Product Offering Qualification Items. It MUST contain exactly one entry for each item in the POQ request.	Product Offering Qualification Items
state*	MEFPOQTaskStateType	The state that represents the qualification status	POQ State
stateChange	MEFPOQStateChange[]	A log of all state transitions for the POQ. It must be in sync with the most recent POQ Request state.	Not represented in MEF 79

7.2.1.4. **enum** MEFPOQTaskStateType

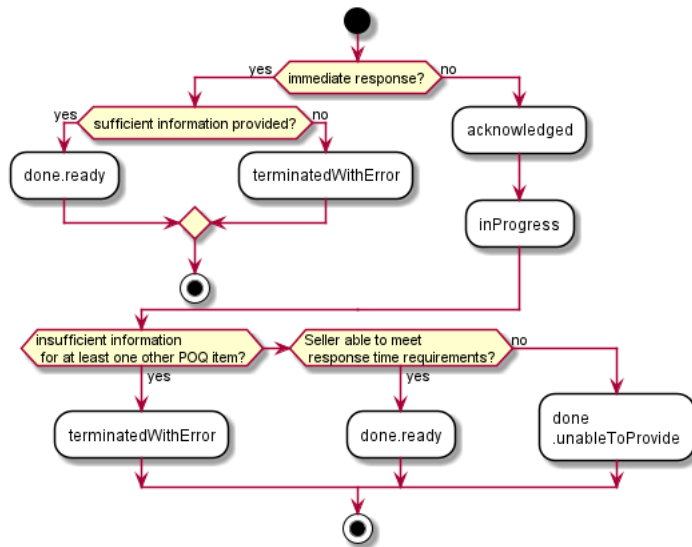


Figure 14. POQ Activity Diagram

If a POQ request does not pass an initial validation the appropriate error response is returned to the Buyer. In case a POQ request failed business rules validation the HTTP response code is 422 and a list of validation problems is returned. Otherwise, the POQ is assigned a unique identifier. In case of a deferred response, the POQ gets the **acknowledged** state assigned and is returned in the response. In case of an immediate response the POQ moves directly to **done.ready** once the processing is done. POQ reaches **done.ready** state if all elements are in **done.ready** state as well. If an evaluation of any items concludes in state **terminatedWithError** the POQ reaches **terminatedWithError** state. The **terminatedWithError** state is reached also when there is some other information is missing in POQ request send by the Buyer. If the POQ is processed asynchronously it can reach **done.unableToProvide** if the Seller is not able to complete all items qualification by the deadline specified by the Buyer (**requestedPOQCompletionDate**).

[R48] The state of the POQ **MUST** be **done.ready** only if *all* items are in **done.ready** state [MEF79 R46 & R68].

[R49] The state of the POQ **MUST** be **terminatedWithError** only if *at least one* item is in **terminatedWithError** state [MEF79 R47 & R69].

[R50] The state of the POQ **MUST** be **inProgress** only if *at least one* item is in **inProgress** state and *none* of the items is in **terminatedWithError** state [MEF79 R70].

The following mapping has been used between **ProductOfferingQualificationStateType** and MEF 79 (Sn 9.1):

Description: These values represent the valid states through which the product offering qualification can transition.

Value	MEF 79	Description
acknowledged	Not represented in MEF 79	A request has been received by the Seller, has passed basic validation and the id was assigned.
terminatedWithError	INSUFFICIENT_INFORMATION_PROVIDED	This state is achieved when a well-formed POQ request has been received, but there is insufficient information to complete the POQ

Value	MEF 79	Description
inProgress	IN_PROGRESS	There is at least one POQ Item in inProgress state
done.unableToProvide	UNABLE_TO_PROVIDE	This state is set when the Seller is unable to provide a Product Offering Qualification in the timeframe required by the Buyer.
done.ready	READY	Reached when all items are in done.ready state

7.2.1.5. Type MEFPOQStateChange

Description: Holds the reached state, reasons, and associated date the POQ state changed, populated by the Seller.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
changeDate*	date-time	The date on when the state was reached	Not represented in MEF 79
changeReason	string	Additional comment related to state change	Not represented in MEF 79
state*	MEFPOQTaskStateType	A state reached at change date	Not represented in MEF 79

7.2.1.6. Type ProductOfferingQualification_Find

Description: This class represent a single list item for the response of **listProductOfferingQualification** operation.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.6)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
id*	string	The POQ Request's unique identifier.	POQ Identifier
projectId	string	The project ID specified by the Buyer in the POQ Request, if any.	Project Identifier
requestedPOQCompletionDate	date	The latest date the POQ completion is expected by the Buyer, if specified by the Buyer.	Requested Response Date
state*	MEFPOQTaskStateType	Current state of the POQ	POQ State

7.2.2. Product Offering Qualification Item

7.2.2.1. Type ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Common

Description: Common attributes shared between a POQ Item request and response. These attributes are provided by the Buyer and must not be modified by the Seller.

The **relatedContactInformation** entries provided by the Buyer cannot be changed by the Seller, however, the Seller might append related contact information to that list.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
action*	ProductActionType	Action to be qualified	POQ Activity
id*	string	Id of this POQ item which is unique within the POQ. Assigned by the Buyer.	Product Offering Qualification Item Identifier
product*	MEFProductRefOrValue	Used by the Buyer to point to existing and/or describe the desired shape of the product. In case of add action - only productConfiguration MUST be specified. For modify action - both id and productConfiguration to point which product instance to update and to what state. In delete only the id must be provided.	Related to Product Specific Attributes, Product Relationships
qualificationItemRelationship	QualificationItemRelationship[]	A list of references to related POQ items in this POQ	POQ Item Relationships
relatedContactInformation	RelatedContactInformation[]	Contact information of an individual or organization playing a role for this POQ Item (e.g. for MEF 79: POQ Item Location Contact, role=locationContact)	Related to POQ Item Location Contact

7.2.2.2. **enum** ProductActionType

Description: Action to be performed on the Product Item. The action types are described in MEF 79 (Sn 8.4.1.1) as *POQ Activity*

Value	MEF 79	Description
add	INSTALL	POQ item being evaluated is a new product
modify	CHANGE	POQ item being evaluated describes a change to an existing product
delete	DISCONNECT	POQ item is an evaluation of the feasibility of disconnecting of an existing product

7.2.2.3. Type ProductOfferingRef

Description: A reference to a Product Offering offered by the Seller to the Buyer. A Product Offering contains the commercial and technical details of a Product sold by a particular Seller. A Product Offering defines all of the commercial terms and, through association with a particular Product Specification, defines all the technical attributes and behaviors of the Product. A Product Offering may constrain the allowable set of configurable technical attributes and/or behaviors specified in the associated Product Specification. Defined in MEF 79 Section 8.4.1.1

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to a Product Offering in Sellers catalog. In case Seller is not providing a catalog API this field is not used. The catalog is provided by the Seller to the Buyer during onboarding. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Product Offering Identifier
id*	string	Id of a Product Offering. It is assigned by the Seller. The Buyer and the Seller exchange information about offerings' ids during the onboarding process.	Product Offering Identifier

7.2.2.4. Type QualificationItemRelationship

Description: The relationship between product offering qualification items that can be used to validate business rules between POQ items.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
id*	string	An identifier of the targeted POQ item within the same POQ request	Related POQ Item Identifier
relationshipType*	string	One of the relationship types defined in the Product Specification. For example: "UNI_REFERENCE".	Relationship Nature

7.2.2.5. Type ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Create

Description: This structure serves as a request for a product offering qualification item.

A product qualification item is an individual article included in a POQ that describes a Product of a particular type (Product Offering) being delivered to the geographic address or a service site specified by the Buyer.

The objective is to determine if it is feasible for the Seller to deliver this item as described and for the Seller to inform the Buyer of the estimated time interval to complete this delivery.

The modeling pattern introduces the **Common** supertype to aggregate attributes that are common to both **ProductOfferingQualificationItem** and **ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Create**. It happens that it is the Create type has a subset of attributes of the response type and does not introduce any new, thus the **Create** type has an empty definition.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.4.1.1)

Inherits from:

- [ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Common](#)

7.2.2.6. Type ProductOfferingQualificationItem

Description: An individual article included in a POQ that describes a Product of a particular type (Product Offering) being delivered to a specific geographical location. The objective is to determine if it is feasible for the Seller to deliver this item as described and for the Seller to inform the Buyer of the estimated time interval to complete this delivery.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.4.3.1)

Inherits from:

- [ProductOfferingQualificationItem_Common](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
alternateProductOfferingProposal	AlternateProductOfferingProposal[]	A list of one or more alternative Product Offerings that the Seller is proposing to the Buyer. If 1) the Buyer has set `provideAlternate=true`; 2) the Seller has determined that the POQ Confidence Level for this item is `yellow` or `red`; and 3) The Seller has alternate Products (e.g. similar but lower bandwidth) that may be adequate. **MUST NOT** be specified if 'state' is 'terminatedWithError' or 'done.abandoned'.	Alternate Product Proposals
guaranteedUntilDate	date-time	Date until the Seller guarantees the qualification result. **MUST NOT** be specified if <code>state</code> is <code>terminatedWithError</code> or <code>done.abandoned</code> .	Guaranteed Until Date

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
installationInterval	Duration	The estimated minimum interval that the Seller requires in their standard process to complete the delivery of this Product from the time the order is placed and any precedents have been completed. When attribute `serviceabilityConfidence` is set to `green` or `yellow` the Seller **MUST** populate this attribute. **MUST NOT** be specified if 'state' is 'terminatedWithError' or `done.abandoned`.	Installation Interval (Value + Unit)
serviceabilityConfidenceReason	string	A free text description of the reason a particular color is being provided.	Not represented in MEF 79
serviceabilityConfidence	MEFServiceabilityColor	The level of confidence of the Seller to be able to service the request. When the item state is `done.ready` the Seller MUST provide a value. It MUST NOT be populated for other states.	POQ Confidence Level
state*	MEFPOQItemTaskStateType	Current state of an item	POQ Item State
stateChange	MEFPOQItemStateChange[]	A log of all state transitions for the POQ Item. It must be in sync with the most recent POQ Item's state.	Not represented in MEF 79
terminationError	TerminationError[]	A list of text-based reasons the Seller MUST provide when the request cannot be processed. When item state is terminatedWithError the Seller MUST provide at least one termination error.	Termination Error

7.2.2.7. **enum** MEFServiceabilityColor

Description: A color that indicates confidence to service the request. When the item state is `done.ready` the Seller **MUST** provide a value. It **MUST NOT** be populated for other states.

Mapping between `ServiceabilityColor` and POQ Confidence Level (MEF 79 (Table 25)):

Value	MEF 79	Description
green	GREEN	The Seller has high confidence that this Product can be delivered
yellow	YELLOW	The Seller believes they can deliver the Product but is not highly confident
red	RED	The Seller cannot deliver the Product as specified

7.2.2.8. `enum` MEFPOQItemTaskStateType

Description: Defines all possible POQ Item states.

Figure 15. depicts an activity diagram for a POQ Item lifecycle.

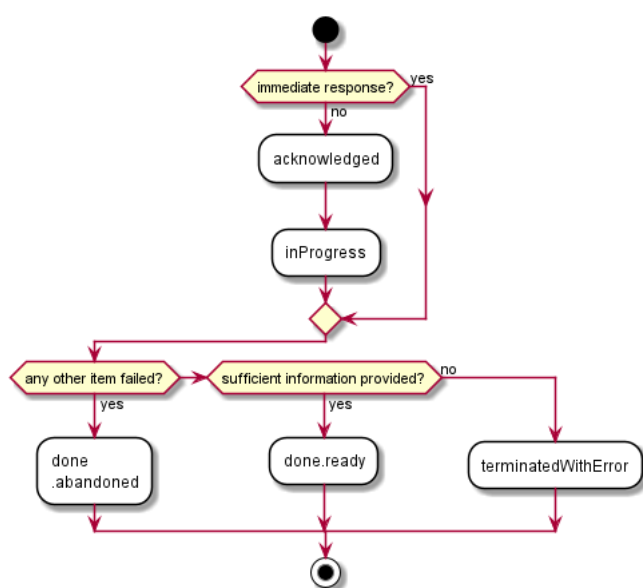


Figure 15. POQ Item Activity Diagram

The `acknowledged` is an initial internal state of an item. The item reaches `inProgress` if the Buyer did not request instant qualification and the Seller did not provide an immediate response. If there is any other item that reached `terminatedWithError` state the currently processed item is abandoned (`done.abandoned`). If the Seller was able to successfully complete the processing of the item the `done.ready` state is assigned. Otherwise, `terminatedWithError` state is assigned.

The following mapping has been used between `MEFPOQItemTaskStateType` and MEF 79 (Sn 9.2):

Value	MEF 79	Description
acknowledged	Not represented in MEF 79	A request has been received by the Seller and has passed basic validation.
inProgress	IN_PROGRESS	The Seller is working on a POQ item response and the answer is not ready yet

Value	MEF 79	Description
terminatedWithError	INSUFFICIENT_INFORMATION_PROVIDED	The information provided by the Buyer is insufficient for the Seller to provide POQ Item response
done.abandoned	ABANDONED	Applied to a POQ Item in case the final state is not reached and any other POQ Item moved to the final state other than done
done.ready	READY	POQ Item response is complete. This state does not imply that Seller is able to deliver requested item

7.2.2.9. Type MEFPOQItemStateChange

Description: Holds the reached state, reasons, and associated date the POQ state changed, populated by the Seller.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
changeDate*	date-time	The date on when the state was reached	Not represented in MEF 79
changeReason	string	Additional comment related to state change	Not represented in MEF 79
state*	MEFPOQItemTaskStateType	A state which was reached at change date	Not represented in MEF 79

7.2.2.10. Type TerminationError

Description: This indicates an error that caused an Item to be terminated. The code and propertyPath should be used like in Error422.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.4.3.1)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
		One of the following error codes:	
		- missingProperty: The property the Seller has expected is not present in the payload	
		- invalidValue: The property has an incorrect value	
		- invalidFormat: The property value does not comply with the expected value format	
		- referenceNotFound: The object referenced by the property cannot be identified in the Seller system	
		- unexpectedProperty: Additional property, not expected by the Seller has been provided	
		- tooManyRecords: the number of records to be provided in the response exceeds the Seller's threshold.	
		- otherIssue: Other problem was identified (detailed information provided in a reason)	
code	string		Not represented in MEF 79

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
propertyPath	string	A pointer to a particular property of the payload that caused the validation issue. It is highly recommended that this property should be used. Defined using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Pointer (https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6901).	Not represented in MEF 79
value	string	Text to describe the reason of the termination.	Termination Error

7.2.3. Product representation

7.2.3.1. Type MEFProductRefOrValue

Description: Used by the Buyer to point to existing and/or describe the desired shape of the product. In the case of **add** action - only **productConfiguration** MUST be specified. For **modify** action - both **id** and **productConfiguration** to point which product instance to update and to what state. In **delete** only the **id** must be provided. Product-related properties are described in MEF 79 Section 8.4.1.1

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to the referenced Product. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses. Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Not represented in MEF 79
id	string	The unique identifier of an in-service Product that is the qualification's subject. This field MUST be populated if an item `action` is either `modify` or `delete`. This field MUST NOT be populated if an item `action` is `add`.	Product Identifier
place	RelatedPlaceRefOrValue[]	A list of locations that are related to the Product. For example an installation location	POQ Item Location and POQ Item Location Type
productConfiguration	MEFProductConfiguration	MEFProductConfiguration is used to specify the MEF specific product payload. This field MUST be populated if an item `action` is `add` or `modify`. It MUST NOT be populated when an item `action` is `delete`. The <code>@type</code> is used as a discriminator.	Product Specific Attributes

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
productOffering	ProductOfferingRef	A reference to product offering. MEF 79 defines the `productOffering` as mandatory for the `add` action, however, the API allows additionally the use case of providing the `productSpecification` instead. In this scenario the Buyer asks if a particular type of product can be served and gets back from the Seller a direct or alternate `productOfferings` in response. These can be later used in Quote and Product Order steps.	Product Offering Identifier
productRelationship	ProductRelationshipWithGrouping[]	A list of references to existing products that are related to the Product that would be delivered to fulfill the POQ Item.	Product Relationships
productSpecification	ProductSpecificationRef	A reference to a Product Specification used to describe the Product	Not represented in 79

Definition of `place` and `productRelationship` must comply with specific requirements of the Product Specification being used.

To indicate which Product Offering is used a Buyer may use a `productOffering` attribute. MEF 79 defines the `productOffering` as mandatory for the `add` action, however, the API allows additionally the use case of providing the `productSpecification` instead. In this scenario, the Buyer asks if a particular type of product can be served and gets back from the Seller a direct or alternate `productOfferings` in response. These can be later used in Quote and Product Order steps

7.2.3.2. Type MEFProductConfiguration

Description: MEFProductConfiguration is used as an extension point for MEF-specific product/service payload. The `@type` attribute is used as a discriminator.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
@type*	string	The name of the type that uniquely identifies the type of the product that is the subject of the POQ Request. In case of MEF product this is the URN provided in the Product Specification.	Not represented in MEF 79

Repeated: [R12] MEFProductConfiguration type is an extension point that **MUST** be used to integrate product specifications' properties into a request/response payload.

Repeated: [R14] The `@type` property of MEFProductConfiguration **MUST** be used to specify the type of the extending entity.

Repeated: [R35] The product specified in `product.@type` **MUST** be compatible with the one defined by `productOffering` or `productSpecification`.

Section 7.2.2.2 describes the relation between product configuration attributes and an item action type specified by the Buyer.

7.2.3.3. Type ProductRelationshipWithGrouping

Description: A relationship to existing Product. The requirements for usage for a given Product are described in the Product Specification. The "WithGrouping" flavor of the Product Relationship allows for providing a list of related product identifiers within a single Product Relationship. This can be later used while processing the request as defined in the Product Specification. The `groupingKey` attribute is used to achieve this behavior in the API by marking the list of `ProductRelationshipWithGroupings` within a `product` with a common key.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to the referenced Product. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses. Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Not represented in MEF 79
id*	string	An unique identifier of a Product that is referenced	Related Product Identifier
groupingKey	string	MEF 79.0.1. Introduces a list of related ids for the ProductRelationship. For sake of TMF compliance a <code>groupingKey</code> is introduce to retain id as simple attribute. Ids from relationships having the same <code>groupingKey</code> and <code>relationshipType</code> MUST be treated as a list of identifiers. Reference: MEF 79.0.1 (Sn 7)	supports Related Product Identifier
relationshipType*	string	Specifies the type (nature) of the relationship to the related Product. The nature of required relationships vary for Products of different types. For example, a UNI or ENNI Product may not have any relationships, but an Access E-Line may have two mandatory relationships (related to the UNI on one end and the ENNI on the other). More complex Products such as multipoint IP or Firewall Products may have more complex relationships. As a result, the allowed and mandatory <code>'relationshipType'</code> values are defined in the Product Specification.	Relationship Nature

MEF 79.0.1 allows for providing multiple related product identifiers. This can be later used while processing the request as defined in the Product Specification. The `groupingKey` attribute is to achieve this behavior in the APIs.

[R51] The Product Identifier from relationships having the same `groupingKey` and `relationshipType` **MUST** be treated as a list of identifiers.

7.2.3.4. Type AlternateProductOfferingProposal

Description: If in the request the Buyer has requested to have alternate product proposals, then this class represents a single proposal. All properties are assigned by the Seller.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.4.3.2)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
alternateProduct*	MEFAlternateProduct	Alternate product proposal	related to Product Specific Attributes
id*	string	Identifier of the Product Offering Qualification alternate proposal. Assigned by the Seller.	Alternate Product Proposal Identifier
installationInterval*	Duration	The estimated minimum interval that the Seller requires in their standard process to complete the delivery of this Product from the time the order is placed and any precedents have been completed.	Installation Interval Value and Installation Interval Unit

7.2.3.5. Type MEFAlternateProduct

Description: An alternative Product Offering that the Seller is proposing to the Buyer. If 1) the Buyer has set `provideAlternate=true`; 2) the Seller has determined that the POQ Confidence Level for this item is **yellow** or **red**; and 3) The Seller has alternate Products (e.g. similar but lower bandwidth) that may be adequate.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
productConfiguration*	MEFProductConfiguration	Technical attributes for the Product that would be delivered to fulfill the POQ Item	Product Specific Attributes
productOffering*	ProductOfferingRef	A reference to the alternate product offering.	Product Offering Identifier
productSpecification	ProductSpecificationRef	A reference to a Product Specification of the proposed alternate product	Not represented in 79

7.2.3.6. Type ProductSpecificationRef

Description: A reference to a structured set of well-defined technical attributes and/or behaviors that are used to construct a Product Offering for sale to a market.

This data type is not represented in MEF 79.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to a Product Specification in Sellers catalog. In case Seller is not providing a catalog API this field is not used. The catalog is provided by the Seller to the Buyer during onboarding. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses. Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Not represented in MEF 79
id*	string	Unique identifier of the product specification	Not represented in MEF 79

7.2.4. Place representation

There are several formats in which place information can be introduced to the POQ request.

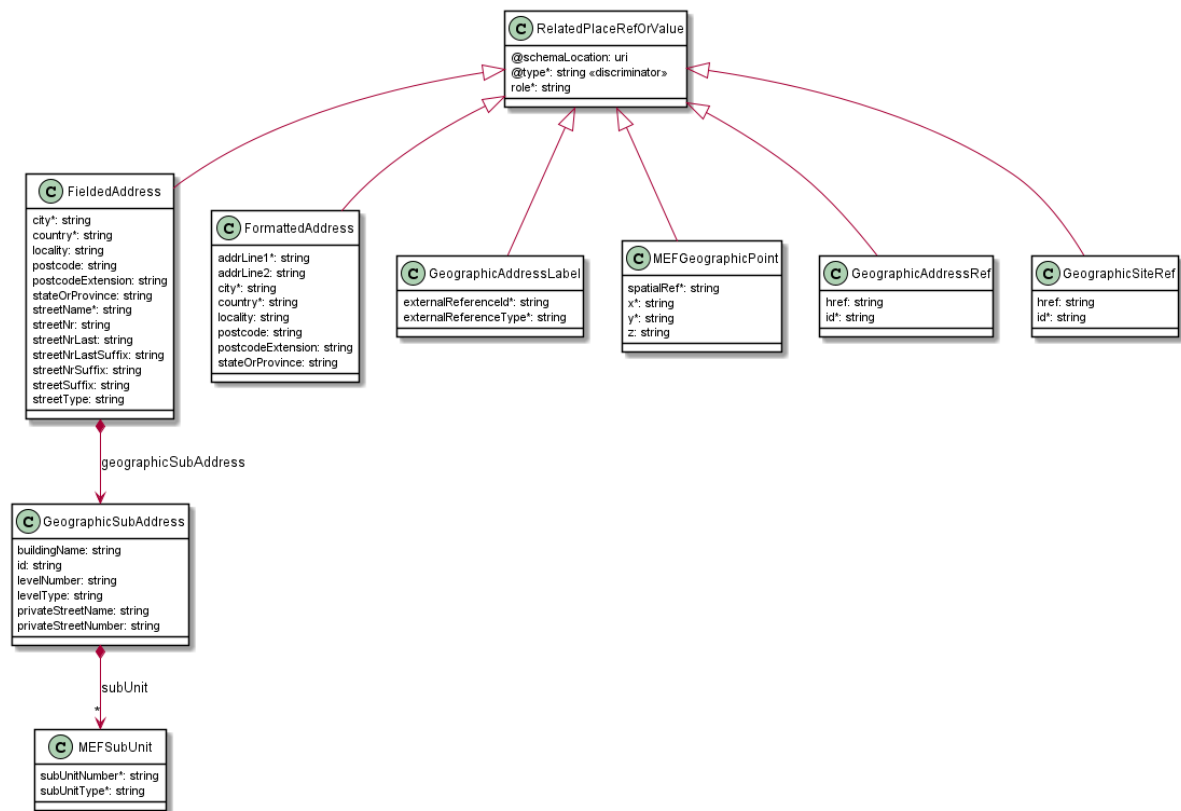


Figure 16. Data model types representing a place

7.2.4.1. Type RelatedPlaceRefOrValue

Description: Place defines the places (locations) where the products being the subject of this qualification are to be provided.

This standard defines a number of specializations (place representations) of a place type.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
@schemaLocation	uri	A URL to a JSON-Schema file that defines additional attributes and relationships. May be used to define additional related place types. Usage of this attribute must be agreed between Buyer and Seller.	Not represented in MEF 79
@type*	string	This field is used as discriminator. The value is the name of one of the types that inherit from it using 'allOf', i.e. one of FieldedAddress, FormattedAddress, GeographicAddressLabel, MEFGeographicPoint, GeographicAddressRef, GeographicSiteRef. Moreover, it might discriminate for additional related place as defined in '@schemaLocation'.	Relates e.g to POQ Item Location Type
role*	string	Role of this place. The values that can be specified here are described by Product Specification (e.g. "INSTALL_LOCATION").	Not represented in MEF 79

7.2.4.2. Type FieldedAddress

Description: A type of Address that has a discrete field and value for each type of boundary or identifier down to the lowest level of detail. For example "street number" is one field, "street name" is another field, etc.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.9.2)

Inherits from:

- [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
city*	string	The city that the address is in	City
country*	string	Country that the address is in	Country
geographicSubAddress	GeographicSubAddress	Additional fields used to specify an address, as detailed as possible.	
locality	string	The locality that the address is in	Locality
postcode	string	A descriptor for a postal delivery area, used to speed and simplify the delivery of mail (also known as zip code) MEF 79 defines it as required however as in certain countries it is not used we make it optional in API.	Postal Code
postcodeExtension	string	An extension of a postal code. E.g. the part following the dash in a US urban property address	Postal Code Extension
stateOrProvince	string	The State or Province that the address is in	State Or Province
streetName*	string	Name of the street or other street type	Street Name
streetNr	string	Number identifying a specific property on a public street. It may be combined with streetNrLast for ranged addresses. MEF 79 defines it as required for the Seller response, however in certain countries it is not used, so it's optional in API.	Street Number
streetNrLast	string	Last number in a range of street numbers allocated to a property	Street Number Last
streetNrLastSuffix	string	Last street number suffix for a ranged address	Street Number Suffix Last
streetNrSuffix	string	The first street number suffix	Street Number Suffix
streetSuffix	string	A modifier denoting a relative direction	Street Suffix

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
streetType	string	The type of street (e.g., alley, avenue, boulevard, brae, crescent, drive, highway, lane, terrace, parade, place, tarn, way, wharf)	Street Type

7.2.4.3. Type FormattedAddress

Description: A type of Address that has discrete fields for each type of boundary or identifier with the exception of the street and more specific location details, which are combined into a maximum of two strings based on local postal addressing conventions.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.9.3)

Inherits from:

- [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
addrLine1*	string	The first address line in a formatted address	Address Line 1
addrLine2	string	The second address line in a formatted address	Address Line 2
city*	string	The city that the address is in	City
country*	string	Country that the address is in	Country
locality	string	An area of defined or undefined boundaries within a local authority or other legislatively defined area, usually rural or semi-rural in nature	Locality
postcode	string	A descriptor for a postal delivery area, used to speed and simplify the delivery of mail (also known as ZIP code)	Postal Code
postcodeExtension	string	An extension of a postal code. E.g. the part following the dash in a US urban property address	Postal Code Extension
stateOrProvince	string	The State or Province that the address is in	State Or Province

7.2.4.4. Type MEFGeographicPoint

Description: A MEFGeographicPoint defines a geographic point through coordinates. Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.9.5)

Inherits from:

- [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
spatialRef*	string	The spatial reference system used to determine the coordinates (e.g. "WGS84"). The system used and the value of this field are to be agreed during the onboarding process.	Spatial Reference

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
x*	string	The latitude expressed in the format specified by the spacialRef	Latitude
y*	string	The longitude expressed in the format specified by the spacialRef	Longitude
z	string	The elevation expressed in the format specified by the spacialRef	Elevation

[R52] The [spatialRef](#) value to be used **MUST** be agreed between Buyer and Seller during the onboarding process.

7.2.4.5. Type GeographicSubAddress

Description: Additional fields used to specify an address, as detailed as possible.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
buildingName	string	Allows for identification of places that require building name as part of addressing information	Building Name
levelNumber	string	Used where a level type may be repeated e.g. BASEMENT 1, BASEMENT 2	Level Number
levelType	string	Describes level types within a building	Level Type
privateStreetName	string	Private streets internal to a property (e.g. a university) may have internal names that are not recorded by the land title office	Private Street Name
privateStreetNumber	string	Private streets numbers internal to a private street	Private Street Number
subUnit	MEFSubUnit[]	Representation of a MEFSUBUNIT It is used for describing subunit within a subAddress e.g. BERTH, FLAT, PIER, SUITE, SHOP, TOWER, UNIT, WHARF.	

7.2.4.6. Type GeographicAddressRef

Description: A reference to a Geographic Address resource available through Sonata Address Validation API. Identifier from MEF 79 (Table 21).

Inherits from:

- [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to the referenced Address. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses. Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Not represented in MEF 79
id*	string	Identifier of the referenced Geographic Address. This identifier is assigned during a successful address validation request (Sonata Geographic Address Management API)	Fielded Formatted Geographic Address Label Geographic Point Identifier

7.2.4.7. Type GeographicSiteRef

Description: A reference to a Geographic Site resource available through Sonata Service Site API. Identifier from MEF 79 (Table 21).

Inherits from:

- [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
href	string	Hyperlink to the referenced Site. Hyperlink MAY be used by the Seller in responses. Hyperlink MUST be ignored by the Seller in case it is provided by the Buyer in a request.	Not represented in MEF 79
id*	string	Identifier of the referenced Geographic Site.	Site Identifier

7.2.4.8. Type GeographicAddressLabel

Description: A unique identifier controlled by a generally accepted independent administrative authority that specifies a fixed geographical location. Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.9.4)

Inherits from:

- [RelatedPlaceRefOrValue](#)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
externalReferenceId*	string	The unique reference to an Address as provided by the Administrative Authority.	Administrative Authority Address Label
externalReferenceType*	string	The organization or standard from the organization that administers this Geographic Address Label ensuring it is unique within the Administrative Authority. The value(s) to be used are to be agreed during the onboarding. For North American providers this would normally be CLLI (Common Language Location Identifier) code.	Administrative Authority

7.2.4.9. Type MEFSUBUnit

Description: A Sub Unit type

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.9.2)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
subUnitNumber*	string	The discriminator used for the subunit, often just a simple number but may also be a range.	Sub Unit Name
subUnitType*	string	The type of subunit e.g.BERTH, FLAT, PIER, SUITE, SHOP, TOWER, UNIT, WHARF.	Sub Unit Type

7.2.5. Notification registration

Notification registration and management are done through [/hub](#) API endpoint. The below sections describe data models related to this endpoint.

7.2.5.1. Type EventSubscriptionInput

Description: This class is used to register for Notifications.

Name	Type	Description
callback*	string	This callback value must be set to *host* property from Buyer ProductOfferingQualification Notification (productOfferingQualificationNotification.api.yaml). This property is appended with base path and notification resource path specified in that API to construct an URL to which notification is sent. E.g. "callback": "https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint", the create event notification will be sent to: https://buyer.co/listenerEndpoint/mefApi/sonata/productOfferingQualificationNotification/v7/listener/poqCr
query	string	This attribute is used to define to which type of events to register to. Example: "query":"eventType = poqCreateEvent". To subscribe for more than one event type, put the values separated by comma: eventType=poqCreateEvent,poqStateChangeEvent . The possible values are enumerated by the POQEventType in productOfferingQualificationNotification.api.yaml. An empty query is treated as specifying no filters ending in subscription for all event types.

The [query](#) formatting complies to RCF3986 [RFC3986](#). According to it, every attribute defined in the Event model (from notification API) can be used in the [query](#). However, this standard requires only [eventType](#) attribute to be supported.

[R53] [eventType](#) is the only attribute that the Seller **MUST** support in the query.

7.2.5.2. Type EventSubscription

Description: This resource is used to manage notification subscriptions. Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.3)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
callback*	string	The value provided by the Buyer in EventSubscriptionInput during notification registration	Return Address Information
id*	string	An identifier of this Event Subscription assigned by the Seller when resource is created.	Not represented in MEF 79
query	string	The value provided by the Buyer in EventSubscriptionInput during notification registration	List of Notification Types

7.2.6. Common

7.2.6.1. Type RelatedContactInformation

Description: Contact data for a person or organization that is involved in the product offering qualification. In a given context it is always specified by the Seller (e.g. Seller Contact Information) or by the Buyer.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.11)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
emailAddress*	string	Email address	Contact email Address
name*	string	Name of the contact	Contact Name
number*	string	Phone number	Contract Phone Number

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
numberExtension	string	Phone number extension	Contract Phone Number Extension
organization	string	The organization or company that the contact belongs to	Contact Organization
role*	string	A role of the particular contact in the request	Not represented in MEF 79
postalAddress	FieldedAddress	Identifies the postal address of the person or office to be contacted.	Not represented in MEF 79

The related contact information can be defined at a POQ or a POQ Item level. In both cases, it is allowed to provide a list of party role information. The **role** attribute is used to provide a reason the particular party information is used. It can result from MEF 79 requirements (e.g. Seller Contact Information) or from the Product Specification requirements.

The rule for mapping a represented attribute value to a **role** is to use the *lowerCamelCase* pattern e.g.

- Seller Contact Information: **role=sellerContactInformation**
- Buyer Contact Information: **role=buyerContactInformation**

7.2.6.2. Type Duration

Description: A Duration in a given unit of time e.g. 3 hours, or 5 days.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
amount*	integer	Duration (number of seconds, minutes, hours, etc.)	Duration Value
units*	TimeUnit	Time unit type	Duration Unit

7.2.6.3. **enum** TimeUnit

Description: Represents a unit of time.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.4.3.1/8.4.3.2)

Value	MEF 79
calendarMonths	CALENDAR_MONTHS
calendarDays	CALENDAR_DAYS
calendarHours	CALENDAR_HOURS
calendarMinutes	CALENDAR_MINUTES
businessDays	BUSINESS_DAYS
businessHours	BUSINESS_HOURS
businessMinutes	BUSINESS_MINUTES

[R54] The clarification of what Business days, hours, and minutes mean **MUST** be done between the Buyer and the Seller during the onboarding process.

7.3. Notification API Data model

Figure 17 presents the Product Offering Qualification Notification data model. The data types, requirements related to them, and mapping to MEF 79 and MEF 79.0.1 specifications are discussed later in this section.

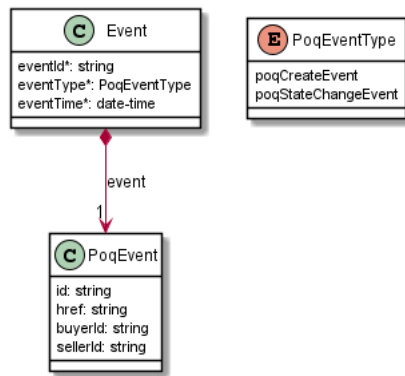


Figure 17. Product Offering Qualification Notifications Data Model

The POQ Management data model is used to construct requests and responses of the API endpoints described in [Section 5.1.2](#).

7.3.1. Type Event

Description: Event class is used to describe information structure used for notification.

Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.5)

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
eventId*	string	Id of the event	Not represented in MEF 79
eventType*	POQEventType	Indicates the type of the POQ event.	State Change Type
eventTime*	date-time	Datetime when the event occurred	Not represented in MEF 79
event*	POQEvent	A reference to the POQ that is source of the notification.	

7.3.2. Type POQEvent

Description: A reference to the POQ that is the source of the notification.

Name	Type	Description	MEF 79
id*	string	The POQ Request's unique identifier.	POQ Identifier
href	string	Link to the POQ	Not represented in MEF 79
buyerId	string	The unique identifier of the organization that is acting as the a Buyer. MUST be specified in the request only when the responding represents more than one Buyer. Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.8)	Buyer ID
sellerId	string	The unique identifier of the organization that is acting as the Seller MUST be specified in the request only when requester entity represents more than one Seller. Reference: MEF 79 (Sn 8.8)	Seller ID

7.3.3. [enum](#) POQEventType

Description: Indicates the type of product offering qualification event.

Value	MEF 79
poqCreateEvent	CREATE
poqStateChangeEvent	CHANGE
poqItemStateChangeEvent	CHANGE

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