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SECMP0060 'Amend Requirements to remove 'Pending' devices from SMI'

Working Group Meeting 1

28th September 2018, 11am - 3pm,

Gemserv Office, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

Meeting Summary

Key Outcomes

The key outcomes from the Working Group's discussions were:

- The Working Group agreed to follow an alternative solution proposed by the DCC after consultation with BEIS, where instead of removing the obligation to remove 'Pending' devices from the SMI, the legal text in SEC Appendix AC 7.2 will be amended to change the time from 12 months to 36 months.
- In order to reflect the changes to the solution, the legal text will need to be amended. The new version of the legal text will be released in line with the Working Group Consultation.
- When discussing the issue of firmware as raised in the Terms of Reference questions in the Initial Modification Report (IMR), the Working Group agreed that this wouldn't impede the modification's solution, due to the way in which the firmware updates are delivered.
- The Working Group agreed to extend this solution to all device types, rather than just Communications Hubs as was raised in the Terms of Reference questions in the IMR.
- The Working Group agreed that the modification should be raised as part of the agenda at the next SSC meeting; this is to assure that no security element of the modification has been overlooked.
- The Working Group agreed that the modification improves the following General SEC Objectives: (a), (b) and (f).
- The Working Group noted the following benefits of the modification:
 - Not having to remove devices from the SMI list and re-listing at a later time
 - The process of registration will be made easier and will encourage production and innovation of future devices if they can remain as 'pending' on the SMI list for 36 months rather than 12.
- The Working Group noted the following drawbacks to the modification:
 - This solution will most likely increase the level of unused stock of devices targeted by this modification





 The solution is expected to be system impacting, as it proposes changes to the DSP, therefore testing is needed which will incur costs and therefore a cost/benefits analysis will need to be undertaken.

Further Actions

DCC is investigating the impacts this change may have on its Service Providers and the costs that this may entail, and anticipated having this information by mid-October. The Working Group Consultation will be delayed until this becomes available, as if the solution is system impacting this information will need to be captured in the Modification Report. We will notify the Working Group of the outcomes of this, and we may need a second meeting (via teleconference) if this information materially changes anything that was agreed at the first meeting.

