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MP091 Modification Report Consultation

1. Purpose

This is the Modification Report Consultation for [MP091 - "Updating Security Assurance Status"](#) . We invite you to respond to this consultation in order to help inform the Change Board in its vote on this modification.

The Modification Report is included in this consultation pack, along with a response form containing the questions we seek your views on.

This consultation will close at **17:00 on Monday 09 December 2019**. The Change Board may not be able to consider late responses.

2. Summary of the proposal

What is the issue?

Once a Party completes their Full User Security Assessment (FUSA) the SEC Panel assign them one of four assurance statuses. Two of these, "Provisionally Approved" and "Deferred", indicate significant security deficiencies that require substantial remediation, the severity of which are not reflected in the current SEC terminology.

The Security Sub Committee (SSC) believe that the assurance status set should be clear to Parties and accurately reflect the situation. As such it proposes to amend these assurance status as follows:

- "Provisionally Approved" to "Deferred"; and
- "Deferred" to "Rejected".

Additionally, there is no current provision for the SSC to require a Party to undertake a second FUSA. The SEC only allows for updates to the original User Security Assessment Response. The SSC believes it would be more appropriate that where a Party is set a status of "Rejected" a second FUSA is more appropriate than an updated User Security Assessment Response. A second FUSA would provide assurance that the significant deficiencies have been addressed.

What is the Proposed Solution?

Amend SEC Section G to reflect the new Assurance Statuses and where a User has a status set as "rejected", allow the SSC to require a further FUSA be completed.

Will I be impacted?

There will be no direct impacts on Parties in implementing this modification. However, all Parties may be affected if they are subsequently given a status of "Rejected" and need to undergo a subsequent FUSA.

Full details of how this modification may impact you can be found in the Modification Report.

3. Contact

If you have any questions on this modification, please contact **Adam Lattimore** on 020 7770 6921 or email sec.change@gemserv.com.