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MP090 ‘Incorporation of Non-GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC’

June 2020 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

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Overview

SECAS provided an overview of the issue the modification aims to address and the proposed solution:

Issue:

- DCC Users’ systems are not designed to recognise Non-GBCS Non-Mandated (NGNM) Alerts generated by Devices that are not defined in GBCS

- These Alerts are currently being sent to DCC Users with no contextual information, and Users have no means to disable them.

Solutions:

- Incorporate the alerts, but not implement any supporting technical changes
- Incorporate the alerts, implement supporting technical changes, but not make them configurable
- Incorporate the alerts, implement supporting technical changes, and setting the alerts as configurable

Solution Options

Following the outline of SECAS' proposed next steps, the Working Group were asked which of the three solutions they preferred. The Proposer highlighted that the current solution used to address the issue aligns closely with solution option 2 and that there would need to be a strong justification to configure alerts as the price difference between the two options is significant. It was asked whether these Alerts could be configured on the Device or via the DCC. The consensus was that it depends on the Alert, but most Alerts can be configured on the Device.

Members of the Working Group commented that solution option 2 seems most sensible from a price perspective. The Proposer expressed that if Alerts are not currently configurable, then there isn't a justification for making such Alerts configurable in the future. The Proposer also stated that if any other Party wanted to make these Alerts configurable, they could raise a proposal to do so, but they would have to justify the business case.

It was agreed that the solution options are to be put forward through a Refinement Consultation to obtain broader input.

Next steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS will issue a Refinement Consultation regarding the solutions
- SECAS to request approval for requesting an Impact Assessment at the next Change Board meeting.