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Re: Notice of 90-day Extension of PABP v1.4 Expiration Date

Dear Payment Application Qualified Security Assessors, Payment Application Vendors and PCI Security Standards Council Community:

I am writing to update you on a change to the deployment deadline for PABP v.1.4 applications.

The deadline for new deployments of PCI SSC listed PABP v.1.4 applications, as communicated at the time of launch of the PCI SSC managed List of Validated Payment Applications, was December 2nd 2010.

After discussion with Payment Application vendors, the PA-QSA community and other stakeholders, the Council is extending this deadline by 90 days to March 2nd 2011. Accordingly, after March 2nd 2011, PCI SSC listed PABP v1.4 applications may only be used in pre-existing deployments.

This updated deadline recognizes the challenges many merchants and Payment Application end users have in implementing system changes over the busy holiday period, and allows the Payment Application vendor community to consider submitting new versions of their products for assessment against the new PA-DSS 2.0 standard that was discussed at our recent Community Meetings.

The Council is committed to reviewing all submissions for the updated versions of expiring PABP v1.4 applications, and this new March 2nd 2011 deadline will allow the review process to be completed before previous versions of these applications expire. This extension will also provide more time for PA-QSAs to complete reviews of those Payment Applications that are currently in process. Finally, this extension will allow Payment Application vendors, should they choose to hold off on assessment of expiring Payment Applications and instead submit (after January 1st, 2011) their Payment Applications for assessment against the new PA-DSS v2.0 standard.

Should you have any questions on this change in the PABP v1.4 expiration date, please contact the PA-DSS Program Manager at pa-dss@pcisecuritystandards.org.

Kind regards,

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