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Sub: **Implementation of Virtual ID and UID Token and Limited e-KYC.**

Reference is invited to office circular no. K-11020/217/2018-UIDAI (Auth-I) dated 10.01.2018 wherein it was mentioned that by 01.06.2018, all AUAs/KUAs shall have to fully migrate to the new system of Virtual ID (VID), UID Token and Limited e-KYC. Subsequently, vide circular no. 04 dated 1.05.2018 timeline for implementation of VID, UID Token and Limited e-KYC was extended by one month to 01.07.2018.

2.   It is reiterated that VID is a critical security measure for protecting resident's privacy and their Aadhaar number. With the introduction of Virtual ID, Aadhaar number holders will have an option of not sharing their Aadhaar number and instead Aadhaar number holder can generate a Virtual ID and share it with AUAs to perform Aadhaar based authentication. It has been observed that a number of AUAs have already migrated to production environment using APIs 2.5 for VID implementation and most of the remaining AUAs have tested VID and UID Token in pre-production environment APIs 2.5.

3.   It has further been observed that the authentication ecosystem varies from AUA to AUA i.e. in certain AUAs the authentication is always done in a controlled environment in the presence of their own regular staff while in case of some AUAs the authentication is performed in the presence of their agents who many a time cater to more than one AUA. Sometimes these agents in addition to AUA specific activity are also involved in other business activities. Therefore, it is imperative that on the basis of level of supervision in authentication ecosystem and the risk assessment, the VID/UID Token associated security features should be implemented in certain category of AUAs without any delay.

3.1   In view of aforesaid, it is hereby decided that w.e.f. 01.07.2018 all Telecom Operators and e-Sign service providers shall start using VID and UID Token using Auth API 2.5 and e-KYC API 2.5. Those AUAs which continue to use Aadhaar based authentication with Auth API 2.0 and e-KYC API 2.1 beyond 30.06.2018 shall be charged Rs. 0.20 for every transaction performed using Auth API 2.0 or e-KYC API 2.1. However as an incentive to expedite the migration process to Auth API 2.5, it has also been decided that in case an AUA has fully migrated to APIs 2.5 by 31.07.2018 then the authentication transaction charges imposed for using Auth API 2.0 and e-KYC API 2.1 shall be waived off.

3.2   In regard to the AUAs, other than mentioned in para 3.1 above, it has been decided that they shall migrate to VID and UID Token using Auth API 2.5 and e-KYC API 2.5 by 31.08.2018. In case of their failure, UIDAI shall be free to take action not limited to financial disincentives and termination of license key.

4.   Therefore, all AUAs shall make necessary changes in their Front end client application to accept Aadhaar number as well as Virtual ID, Backend application changes to consume the UID Token and Limited e-KYC data and necessary changes in their authentication systems for use of Virtual ID, UID Token and Limited e-KYC immediately.

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