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Circular 3 of 2026

Subject: Streamlining onboarding of requesting entities from pre-production to production environment

Reference:

- I. Circular 04 of 2023 (F. No. HO-13073/1/2023-AUTH-II HQ/E-10767) dated 5.4.2023
- II. Circular 02 of 2025 (F. No. HQ-13079/38/2024-AUTH-II HQ/C. 16542) dated 7.2.2025
- III. AUA/KUA Agreement Version 6.1

UIDAI provides pre-production environment to enable AUAs/KUAs, ASAs and Sub-AUAs/Sub-KUAs to integrate, test and validate their applications before migrating to the production environment.

2. UIDAI *vide* its referred documents have mentioned methodology and manner for onboarding of entities which have been provided approval by competent authority. The onboarding process is—

- (a) Two stage process for AUAs and KUAs i.e. pre-onboarding to pre-production and pre-production to onboarding. As per UIDAI policy *vide* Circular 04 of 2023 and section 4 of AUA/KUA Agreement Version 6.1, the time for migration from pre-onboarding to pre-production is three months and from pre-production to production is one-month extendable upto three months after approval of UIDAI.
- (b) Single stage for Sub-AUAs and Sub-KUAs i.e. pre-production to production environment within three months.

3. However, it has been observed that certain entities continue to remain in the pre-production environment for extended periods without completing migration to production environment. Therefore, to ensure optimal utilisation of the pre-production environment and to encourage timely migration of entities in production environment, UIDAI has introduced additional controls and error codes in the pre-production environment.

4. The error codes being introduced in the pre-production environment are as following—

- (a) Error Code 1605: This error code will be returned when an entity continues to remain in the pre-production environment for more than 90 days without migrating to the production environment; and
- (b) Error Code 1606: This error code will be returned when an entity exceeds the maximum limit of 500 transactions in the pre-production environment for any modality (such as Authentication– Demo, Fingerprint, Face, Iris; eKYC or OTP

based authentication) while also not migrating to the production environment within the stipulated 90-day period.

Please note that the transaction ceiling of 500 transactions is applicable separately for each modality.

5. Further, entities that continue to remain in the pre-production environment beyond the stipulated period without completing migration to production shall be liable to be suspended by UIDAI.
6. All Requesting Entities and ASAs are therefore advised to—
 - (a) Complete their testing activities in the pre-production environment within the stipulated timeframe;
 - (b) Ensure timely migration to the production environment after successful testing; and
 - (c) Carry out necessary backend/application changes to handle and consume the newly introduced error codes (1605 and 1606) and take appropriate action based on these responses.
7. All ecosystem partners are requested to take note of the above changes and make the necessary arrangements in their respective systems accordingly.
8. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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