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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL RELEASES VERSION 3.0 OF PIN TRANSACTION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

—New modular approach streamlines requirements and expands scope of protection—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., May 12, 2010 — Today, the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), PIN Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS), announced the publishing of version 3.0 of the PIN Transaction Security (PTS) Point of Interaction (POI) security requirements. A culmination of the three-year lifecycle review process, incorporating feedback from hundreds of constituents, this latest version is designed to streamline and simplify testing and implementation by providing a single set of modular evaluation requirements for all Personal Identification Number (PIN) acceptance Point of Interaction terminals. It also includes three new modules for device vendors and their customers to secure sensitive card data. Version 3.0 is effective immediately, and version 2.0 will sunset on April 30th 2011.

Until now there were three separate sets of requirements for Point of Sale PIN Entry Devices (PED), Encrypting PIN Pads (EPP), and Unattended Payment Terminals (UPT). Version 3.0 simplifies the testing process and eliminates overlap of documentation by providing one modular security evaluation program for all terminals and a single reference listing of approved products.

In addition to strengthening and restructuring existing requirements, the latest version also introduces three new modules for evaluation requirements. The first, entitled, Open Protocols, applies to Internet Protocol (IP) or to wireless enabled devices. The Secure Reading and Exchange of Data (SRED) module facilitates testing of the secure reading and encryption of cardholder data at the point of entry, and the third module, Integration, is designed to address the integration of components in an unattended POS PIN acceptance device.

"By combining all of the requirements into one program, we have simplified one-stop shopping when it comes to secure devices, "said Bob Russo, general manager of the Council. "This new approach and additional modules make it easier for manufacturers and merchants to make sure that at any point in a transaction, account data is being protected."

The updated standard and detailed listing of approved devices are available on the Council's website at https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/ped/index.shtml.

The PCI SSC also invites Participating Organizations and the public to a webinar that covers the new PTS security requirements in greater depth, to be held on May 18 at 3:00 p.m. ET / noon PT, and May 19 at 11:00 a.m. ET / 8:00 a.m. PT. Registration details can be found here:

May 18: http://register.webcastgroup.com/l3/?wid=0800518105190

May 19: http://register.webcastgroup.com/l3/?wid=0800519105191

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About the PCI Security Standards Council
The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and other vendors are encouraged to join as participating organizations.

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