CUSS v1.2 End Of Life (EOL) by December 2017

The Common Use Working Group, during the CUWG meeting in Montreal in June this year, decided to terminate the CUSS 1.2 version for use in airport and airline environments.

This decision was made for various reasons as listed below:

- **Financial Fraud and Cybercrime**

  Credit card breaches, identity theft, and loss of privacy - these incidents have become everyday news. Victims are agencies, financial services companies as well as airports and Airlines. Over the last couple of years there have been a number of examples across multiple industries where there has been a data breach involving payment transactions.

- **Support for Windows XP ended**

  After 12 years, support for Windows XP ended April 8, 2014. - Microsoft no longer provides security updates or technical support for the Windows XP operating system. Microsoft urgently requests Windows XP users to migrate to a modern operating system such as Windows 10.

- **Common Use Payment and PCI-DSS Scope**

  More and more CUSS devices (Self Bag Drops included) offer payment services to passengers for ancillary services and/or extra baggage. – Airports and airlines are keen to keep the kiosk and SBDs with payment devices out of the PCI-DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) scope with its strong regulations and requirements for security.

  Besides protecting the cardholder data PCI-DSS also requires to keep the system environment secure and protect systems against malware and maintain its security on the highest level (please also refer to PCI DSS Quick Reference Guide). – This of course cannot be guaranteed with operating systems that are no longer supported.

- **Europay MasterCard and Visa Standard**

  EMV is now a global standard for chip-based Debit and Credit Card transactions. It is a joint effort between Europay, MasterCard and Visa to ensure security and global acceptance so that MasterCard and Visa Cards can continue to be used everywhere.

  With the move to EMV in all markets worldwide, it is now more important than ever to understand how changes in kiosk payment can impact your compliance and reduce your security risk. It is now mandatory to keep CUSS platforms up to date and using supported software for security reasons.

Airlines and airports are now urged to start the migration to the latest CUSS v1.4.

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