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# Objective of the Document

This document is regarding Runtime policy with Block Unregistered Images control, which is help us to prevent the container from running if the image is not registered in Aqua.

# 1.0 Purpose and Scope

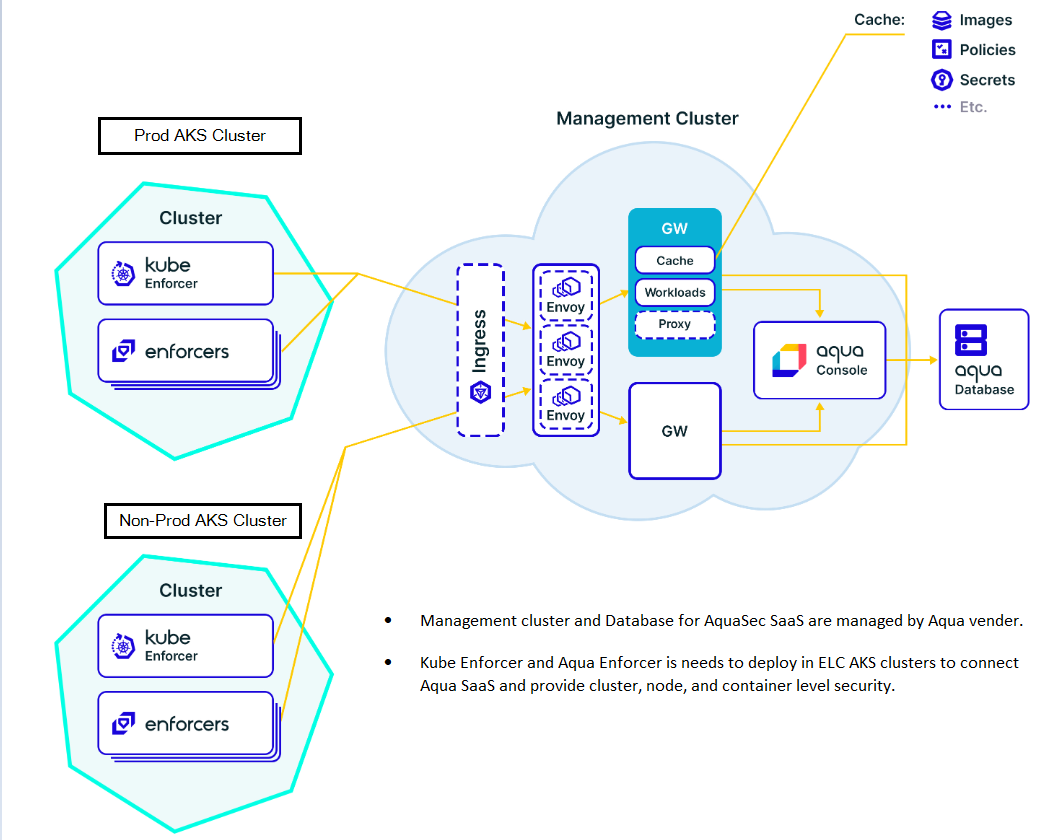
The purpose of Runtime policy is to strength and security in the Azure AKS clusters environment by setting up Block Unregistered Images control.

This Policy applies to Estee Lauder Companies Inc. (the “Company”) whole Azure AKS clusters environment.

# 2.0 AquaSec Enforcers Architecture

Enforcers are the Aqua components that provide enforcement (securing your workloads and infrastructure during runtime) and other related functionality.

Figure 1: High-level architecture diagram



# 2.1 AquaSec Runtime Policy

* When the container orchestrator platform attempts to start a container, Aqua searches for all Container Runtime Policies whose scope includes the container.
* If any of these policies contains a control (security restriction) that prevents running the container, Aqua will cause deployment of the container to be blocked. Otherwise, the container is allowed to run and, during the runtime of the container, Aqua enforces the applicable Container Runtime Policies.
* When a container attempts to perform an activity that is prohibited by any such policy, and the relevant policy is in **Enforce** mode (not in Audit mode), Aqua will prevent the specific activity from occurring. However, Aqua will **not** terminate the container, or stop it from running.
* If the relevant policy is in either Enforce or Audit mode, Aqua will log an [audit event](https://docs.aquasec.com/v2022.4/platform/audit/view-audit-events/) with the "Runtime" event type.

# 3.0 The AKS cluster Kube Enforcer group Setting.

The Kube Enforcer uses native Kubernetes functionality to perform its functions, one Kube Enforcer can be deployed on each Kubernetes cluster.

Figure 2: The AKS cluster Kube Enforcer group (Navigating to Aqua Enforcer group)

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**Aqua Enforcer group setting of the AKS cluster:**

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**The ‘Enforcement mode’ setting must be “Enforce” if not already.**

Figure 3: The AKS cluster Kube Enforcer group setting

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# 4.0 Runtime Policy with Block Unregistered Images control

Below steps needs to be performed to configure Runtime policy with Block Unregistered Images control.

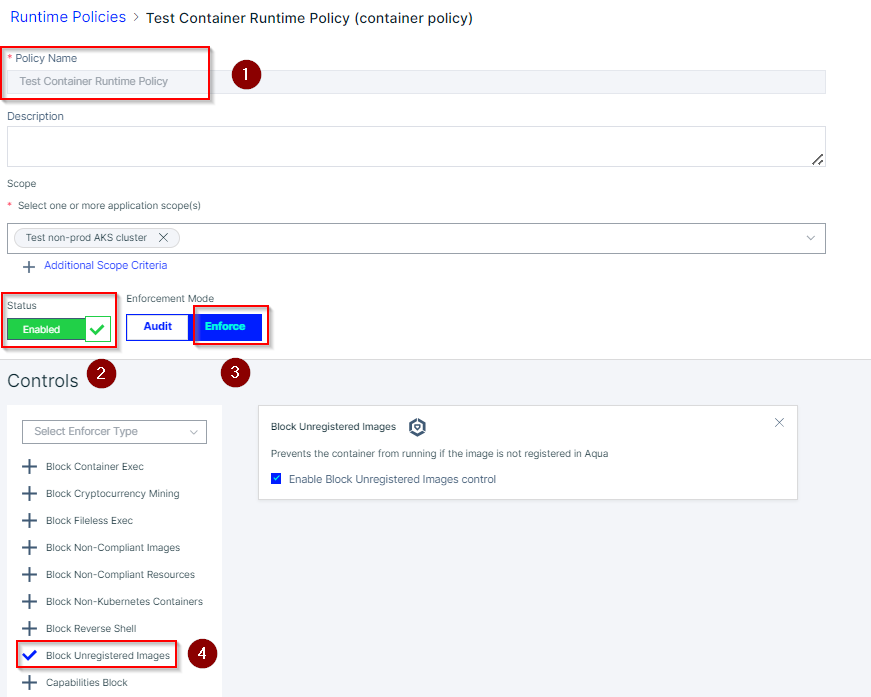
**Controls:**

Block Unregistered Images: Prevents the container from running if the image is not registered in Aqua

Figure 4: Runtime policy (Navigating to create policy)

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# 5.0 Testing of the control ‘Block Unregistered Images’

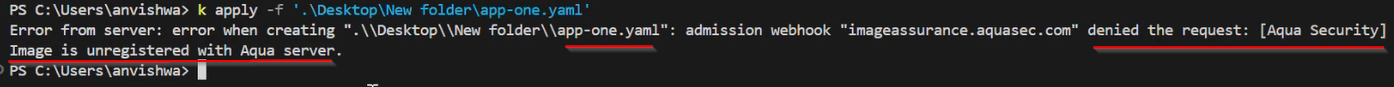
Testing the policy 'Runtime Policy’ with ‘Block Unregistered Images’ control on ‘AKS-AM-EastUS-NP-SREDO’ AKS cluster.

Below image tried to deploy for testing ‘Block Unregistered Images’ control. But due to ‘Block Unregistered Images’ control with ‘Enforce’ mode, the action is not allowed to deploy the image.

Image: nginx:1.11.4

**Trying to deploy the image:**

Deploying image, bun action is denied as the image is unregistered with Aqua server.



‘Deployment’ .yaml files:

Below Deployment files need to deploy in AKS cluster to test the controls.



SharePoint link of ‘app-one - Block Unregistered Images.yaml’ files:

Tested the controls on AKS cluster ‘AKS-AM-EastUS-NP-SREDO’. Event audit alert has been checked of the cluster on Aqua SaaS console.

Figure 5: Audit event (Navigating to Audit logs)

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## 5.2 Scenario 1:

**We are getting below event details in the ‘Security Control and details’ of the event alert:**

**Security Control**

**Block Unregistered Images - Prevent running containers based on unregistered images**

**Details**

**Unregistered image**

Figure 6: Audit event log

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The Event alert give us details along with AKS cluster name, Namespace, Aqua policy name, Security Controls and Finding with violated parameters.

# 6.0 Reference links

* [Container Runtime Policies – Aqua Docs (aquasec.com)](https://docs.aquasec.com/saas/workload-protection/runtime-policies/classic-runtime-policies/container-runtime-policies/)
* [Enforcers Overview – Aqua Docs (aquasec.com)](https://docs.aquasec.com/saas/workload-protection/enforcers/enforcers-overview/)
* [Aqua Enforcer – Aqua Docs (aquasec.com)](https://docs.aquasec.com/saas/workload-protection/enforcers/aqua-enforcer/)

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# 8.1 Abbreviations

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| **Abbreviations** | **Descriptions** |
| AKS | Azure Kubernetes Service |
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