

RegisterAndSetArbCustomGateway Governance Action

Security Assessment (Summary Report)

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Project Summary

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Project Timeline

The significant events and milestones of the project are listed below.

Date	Event
September 3, 2024	Delivery of report draft
September 26, 2024	Delivery of summary report

Project Targets

The engagement involved a review and testing of the following target.

RegisterAndSetCustomGateway action

Repository https://github.com/ArbitrumFoundation/governance/pull/308

Version c39fdf3c5bcdad117adbd616c255761f33a5a8d5

Type Solidity

Platform EVM

Executive Summary

Engagement Overview

Offchain Labs engaged Trail of Bits to review the security of the governance RegisterAndSetArbCustomGateway governance action implemented in this PR. This governance action performs the migration for the RARI token to use a custom gateway when bridging tokens from L1 to L2.

A team of three consultants conducted the review on August 30, 2024 for a total of three engineer-days of effort. With full access to source code and documentation, we performed manual review of the code.

Observations and Impact

The code review uncovered no issues.

We focused our efforts on checking the correct procedure to safely modify the configuration of the token bridge. We also checked if external users could block or delay the action, and looked for any exceptional behavior in the (re)execution of retryable tickets needed to complete this configuration change.

We did not review any of the RARI codebase nor its on-chain configuration. This audit focused on the correct interaction between the governance action and the token bridge.

Recommendations

Despite the lack of identified issues, Offchain Labs should be careful when executing this governance action, since the RARI contract configuration could suddenly change or become misconfigured before triggering the action.

