Type Approval Test Plan Update Process

This General Bulletin outlines the process for the update of Test Plans

==Together with General Bulletin nº 52, this Bulletin replaces GB nº 44: Specification and Specification Bulletin Release Process==

Applicability

This Bulletin applies to:

*   *Terminal Type Approval Test Plans*
*   *Card Type Approval Test Plans*
*   *3-D Secure Approval Test Plans*

Related Documents

*   *N/A*

Effective Date

*   Immediate

EMVCo follows a yearly release process for the updates to testing associated with the specification or specification updates as per following processes and timeframes:

*   **Terminal Type Approval** bulletins identifying Test Plan changes will typically be shared with Test Tool vendors by June and published on the public EMVCo website by the end of October as a draft version. Final versions are released at the new Terminal Type Approval Test Plan activation date.

    Testing readiness date for the updated Test Plans will be January 1st of the following year unless EMVCo announces otherwise. However, EMV® Contactless Specifications for Payment Systems, book C do not follow this schedule.

    The Terminal Type Approval administrative process is updated with an overlap period between the previous and the new version of the test plans. The deactivation date for the previous version of the Terminal Type Approval Test Plan is normally set to two months after the activation date for the new Terminal Type Approval Test Plan, unless EMVCo announces otherwise.

    The updates incorporate all final Specification Bulletins published between February 1st of the previous year and February 1st of the current year unless the Specification Bulletins explicitly define an activation date.

*   **Card Type Approval** Test Plans will be updated yearly on June 1st and are then provided to tool vendors. Card Approval Test Plans are not published on the public website.

The updates provided to tool vendors on June 1st will incorporate all final Specification Bulletins published between February 1st of the previous year and January 31st of the current year. Testing readiness date for the updated Test Plans published on June 1st will be January 1st of the following year.

For new products, the deactivation date for the previous version of the Card Type Approval Test Plan is normally March 1st following the activation date for the new Card Type Approval Test Plan unless EMVCo announces otherwise. For Changes, Derivative or Renewal, the deactivation date of the Card Type Approval Test Plan is normally May 1st following the activation for the new Card Type Approval Test Plan.

- **3-D Secure Approval** Test Plans will be updated in line with the Specification release schedule and will be released and shared with the tool vendors no later than ninety days after the Specification publication.

  EMVCo will announce the deactivation date for the previous version of the Test Plan and the activation date for the new version with an overlap period between both versions normally set to two months unless EMVCo announces otherwise.

- Exceptions to these processes may be made, in which case the updated Test Plan readiness date will be announce by EMVCo in the same bulletin as the corresponding specification or specification update.

The release process and timelines are subject to change, such changes would be communicated through publication of an updated version of this bulletin.