



# PKCS #15 v1.0 Amendment 1 Draft #1

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## 1. Introduction

In certain circumstances, there is a need to make a PKCS #15-library aware of the fact that a user has to re-authenticate after accessing a private object, e.g. a private key, a certain number of times. This amendment documents the changes to PKCS #15 v1.0 needed to support this.

## 2. Changes to Section 7, “Information Syntax in ASN.1”

*[Replace the ASN.1 definition of PKCS15CommonObjectAttributes in Section 7.1.7 with:]*

```

PKCS15CommonObjectAttributes ::= SEQUENCE {
    label PKCS15Label OPTIONAL,
    flags PKCS15CommonObjectFlags OPTIONAL,
    authId PKCS15Identifier OPTIONAL,
    ...,
    userConsent [0] INTEGER (1..pkcs15-ub-userConsent) OPTIONAL

```

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```

} (CONSTRAINED BY {-- authId should be present in the IC card
-- case if flags.private is set. It must equal an
-- authID in one AuthRecord in the AODF. userConsent may only be present if
-- flags.private is set. -- })

```

*[Add the following paragraph after the currently last paragraph in Section 7.1.7:]*

The `userConsent` field gives, in the case of a private object, the number of times an application may access the object without explicit consent from the user (e.g. a value of **3** indicates that a new authentication will be required before the first, the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup>, etc. access).

### 3. Changes to Section 8, “ASN.1 Module”

*[Add the following definition after the definition of `pkcs15-ub-recordLength`:]*

```
pkcs15-ub-userConsent INTEGER ::= 15
```

*[Replace the ASN.1 definition of `PKCS15CommonObjectAttributes` with:]*

```

PKCS15CommonObjectAttributes ::= SEQUENCE {
    label PKCS15Label OPTIONAL,
    flags PKCS15CommonObjectFlags OPTIONAL,
    authId PKCS15Identifier OPTIONAL,
    ...,
    userConsent INTEGER (1..pkcs15-ub-userConsent) OPTIONAL
} (CONSTRAINED BY {-- authId should be present in the IC card
-- case if flags.private is set. It must equal an
-- authID in one AuthRecord in the AODF. userConsent may only be present if
-- flags.private is set. -- })

```

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## **B. References**

- [1] RSA Laboratories. *PKCS #15: Cryptographic Token Information Format Standard*. Version 1.0, April 1999.

## **C. About PKCS**

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