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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Tightening of Password Complexity Requirement for DCASS Administrator Users

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Clearing Participants (“CPs”) are currently having DCASS Administrator Users to manage passwords and access rights of their DCASS Online users. To further enhance the security assurance for DCASS Administrator Users (i.e. “BU_CXXX20x”), the password complexity requirement will be tightened effective from 1 December 2022.

The tightened password complexity requirement of DCASS Administrator Users are listed below:

Items	Details																														
Password length	should contain at least 16 and at most 20 characters																														
Password complexity	<p>same as current practice, should contain a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 1 letter; at least 1 numeric digit (0-9); and at least 1 special character. <p>The acceptable special characters are:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>!</td><td>“</td><td>#</td><td>\$</td><td>&</td><td>(</td><td>)</td><td>*</td><td>+</td><td>,</td></tr> <tr> <td>-</td><td>.</td><td>/</td><td>:</td><td>;</td><td><</td><td>=</td><td>></td><td>?</td><td>@</td></tr> <tr> <td>[</td><td>]</td><td>^</td><td>_</td><td>`</td><td>{</td><td> </td><td>}</td><td>~</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Please note that space, percent ‘%’ and backslash ‘\’ are NOT allowed</p>	!	“	#	\$	&	()	*	+	,	-	.	/	:	;	<	=	>	?	@	[]	^	_	`	{		}	~	
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Password history	same as current practice, should be different from the previous passwords in the past 365 days																														

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Password expiry	same as current practice, should be changed at least every 90 days. User will be forced to change password upon next logon if the password is older than 90 days
User lockout	same as current practice, user will be locked upon 6 consecutive unsuccessful logon attempts

CPs are reminded to keep the DCASS passwords confidential and should not disclose them to third parties.

For the sake of clarification, this tightening of password complexity requirement will only be applicable for DCASS Administrator Users (i.e. "BU_CXXX20x"), the password complexity requirement for DCASS Online and OAPI users will remain unchanged. For details of password complexity requirement, please refer to chapter 1 of DCASS User Guide at [Client Connect](#).

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