**1. RECOMMENDED ACTION: EFFECT OF EC VOTE TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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|  | Accept as requested |  | Change to Existing Practice |
|  | Accept as modified below | x | Status Quo |
| x | Decline |  |  |

**2. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE**

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| **Per Request:** | | **Per Recommendation:** | |
|  | Initiation |  | Initiation |
| x | Modification |  | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
| x | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
| x | Document |  | Document |
|  | Data Element |  | Data Element |
|  | Code Value |  | Code Value |
|  | X12 Implementation Guide |  | X12 Implementation Guide |
|  | Business Process Documentation |  | Business Process Documentation |

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

**SUMMARY:**

No further action is necessary at this time.

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

2023 WEQ Annual Plan Item 3.c – Review cybersecurity standards to determine if baseline Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) should be integrated into standard requirements and develop supportive standards as needed

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

The WEQ CSS reviewed the applicable cybersecurity requirements and determined that no further action is needed at this time as the WEQ Business Practice Standards already incorporate MFA through the utilization of PKI digital certificates issued by a NAESB Authorized Certification Authority to access applications like OASIS and the NAESB EIR and to secure e-Tagging communications. Additionally, the subcommittee identified that, beyond the use of PKI digital certificates, WEQ-002-5.1.1 (moved to WEQ-024 as part of MC22008) requires Transmission Services Information Providers to utilize two-factor client authentication in controlling access to an OASIS node, and the NAESB Electronic Tagging Functional Specification requires the additional use of security keys (Section 1.4.2) to authenticate an entity involved in the e-Tag messaging system.

**c. Business Purpose:**

None.

**d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):**

Reference Meeting Minutes:

* January 19, 2023
* February 9, 2023