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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 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. -- })

```

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

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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 4th, the 7th, 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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