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Aadhaar Number is being used as primary ID of the residents by various user organizations like Banks, Telecoms, Government departments, Income Tax department, Private Sectors, etc. To avail the different benefits/services, Aadhaar Number Holder has to share the Aadhaar Number to various entities and the entities store the Aadhaar Numbers as reference key to deliver their services/benefits.

In order to enhance the security level for storing the Aadhaar numbers, it has been mandated that all AUAs/KUAs/Sub-AUAs and other entities that are collecting and storing the Aadhaar number for specific purposes under the Aadhaar Act 2016, shall start using Reference Keys mapped to Aadhaar numbers through tokenization in all systems.

The course of action to implement the process by all AUAs/KUAs/Sub-AUAs and other entities is hereby outlined as below:

- (a) All entities are directed to mandatorily store Aadhaar Numbers and any connected Aadhaar data (e.g. eKYC XML containing Aadhaar number and data) on a separate secure database/vault/system. This system will be termed as "Aadhaar Data Vault" and will be the only place where the Aadhaar Number and any connected Aadhaar data will be stored.
- (b) Entities are allowed to store any relevant demographic data and/or photo of the Aadhaar Number Holder in other systems (such as customer database) as long as Aadhaar Number is not stored in those systems.
- (c) Each Aadhaar number is to be referred by an additional key called as Reference Key. Mapping of reference key and Aadhaar number is to be maintained in the Aadhaar Data Vault.
- (d) All business use-cases of entities shall use this Reference Key instead of Aadhaar number in all systems where such reference key need to be stored/mapped, i.e. all tables/systems requiring storage of Aadhaar numbers for their business transactions should from now onwards maintain only the reference key. Actual Aadhaar number should not be stored in any business databases other than Aadhaar Data Vault.
- (e) Access to Aadhaar Data Vault shall be made secure and accessed through internal systems only.

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