



## Operations Forum 2021

# SWIFT Customer Security Programme Managing the evolving cyber threat

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Cybercriminals relentlessly target financial institutions and large corporations to **steal assets**



Know-how

Attacks

Controls

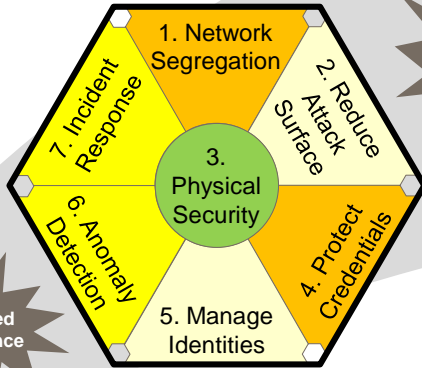
Risk Mgmt



## CSCF v2017 27 Controls

Jan 2018

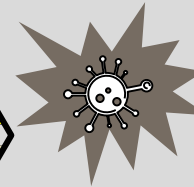
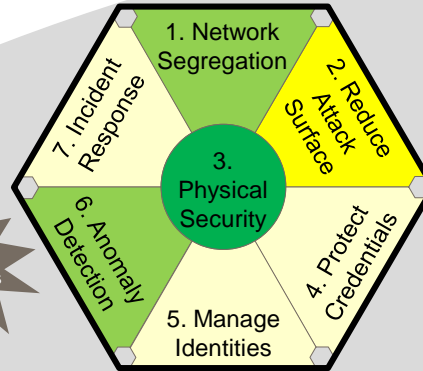
77% Average Compliance Rate Across All Controls (52%-88% Range)



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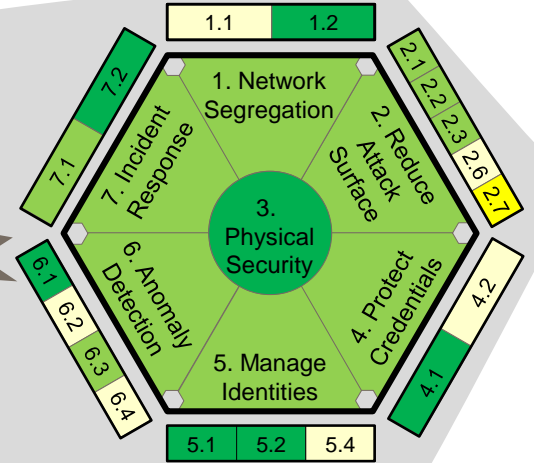
96% Average Compliance Rate Across All Controls (89%-98% Range)



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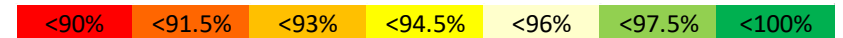
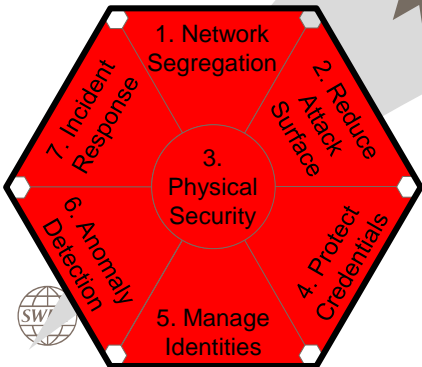
97% Average Compliance Rate Across All Controls (93%-99% Range)



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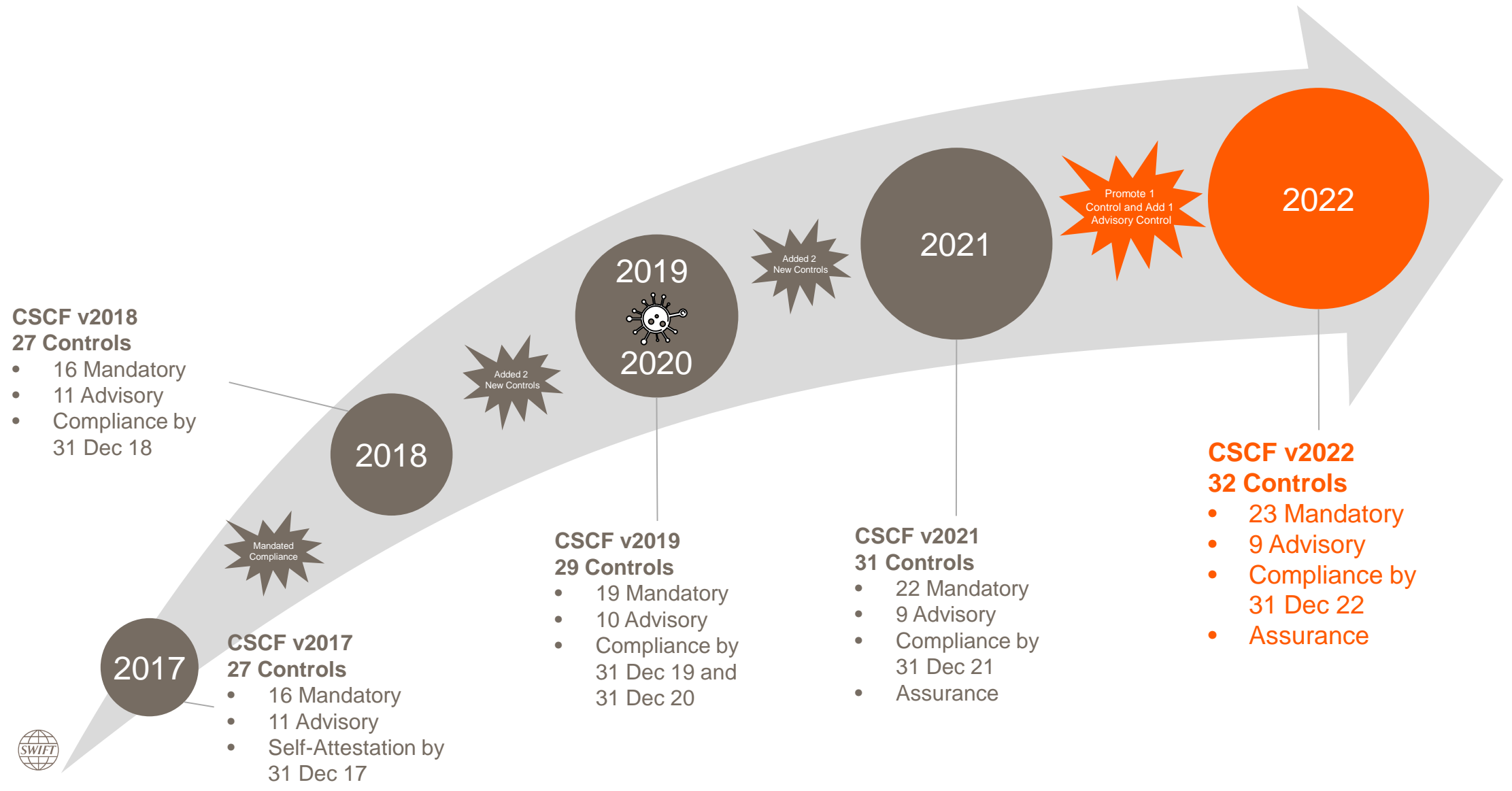
94% Average Compliance Rate Across All Controls (86%-97% Range)





# **Customer Security Programme CSCF and IAF in 2021 and beyond**

# CSCF Controls | Evolution since 2017





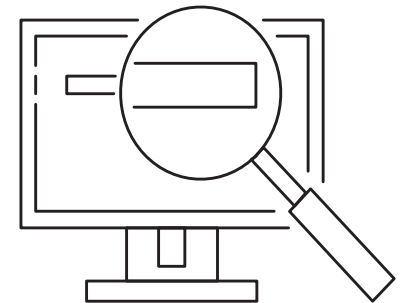
1. Introduced Architecture type A4 – **Customer Connector**
2. Fully transfer ‘Internet Access’ provisions from control 1.1 to 1.4 (Restrict Internet Access)
3. Extended definition of **General purpose operator PC**
4. Many clarifications throughout

Mandatory and Advisory Security Controls	Architecture 1				
	A1	A2	A3	A4	B
<b>1 Restrict Internet Access and Protect Critical Systems from General IT Environment</b>					
1.1 SWIFT Environment Protection	•	•	•		
1.2 Operating System Privileged Account Control	•	•	•	•	
1.3 Virtualisation Platform Protection	•	•	•		
1.4 Restriction of Internet Access	•	•	•	•	•
<b>2 Reduce Attack Surface and Vulnerabilities</b>					
2.1 Internal Data Flow Security	•	•	•		
2.2 Security Updates	•	•	•	•	•
2.3 System Hardening	•	•	•	•	•
2.4A Back Office Data Flow Security	•	•	•		•
2.5A External Transmission Data Protection	•	•	•	•	
2.6 Operator Session Confidentiality and Integrity	•	•	•	•	•
2.7 Vulnerability Scanning	•	•	•	•	•
2.8A Critical Activity Outsourcing	•	•	•	•	•
2.9A Transaction Business Controls	•	•	•	•	•
2.10 Application Hardening	•	•	•		
2.11A RMA Business Controls	•	•	•	•	•
<b>3 Physically Secure the Environment</b>					
3.1 Physical Security	•	•	•	•	•
<b>4 Prevent Compromise of Credentials</b>					
4.1 Password Policy	•	•	•	•	•
4.2 Multi-factor Authentication	•	•	•	•	•
<b>5 Manage Identities and Segregate Privileges</b>					
5.1 Logical Access Control	•	•	•	•	•
5.2 Token Management	•	•	•	•	•
5.3A Personnel Vetting Process	•	•	•	•	•
5.4 Physical and Logical Password Storage	•	•	•	•	•
<b>6 Detect Anomalous Activity to Systems or Transaction Records</b>					
6.1 Malware Protection	•	•	•	•	•
6.2 Software Integrity	•	•	•		
6.3 Database Integrity	•	•			
6.4 Logging and Monitoring	•	•	•	•	•
6.5A Intrusion Detection	•	•	•	•	
<b>7 Plan for Incident Response and Information Sharing</b>					
7.1 Cyber Incident Response Planning	•	•	•	•	•
7.2 Security Training and Awareness	•	•	•	•	•
7.3A Penetration Testing	•	•	•	•	•
7.4A Scenario Risk Assessment	•	•	•	•	•



- 1 **Promotion of Control 2.9A** (Transaction Business Controls) to **'mandatory'** after important scope and implementation guidelines clarifications
  
- 2 **New Advisory Control 1.5A** (Customer Environment Protection) to align requirements, of Architecture A4 with the other type 'A' Architectures
  
- 3 Change of Scope Impacting Numerous Controls for CSCF v2022:
  - Extend the scope of all controls for **Architecture A4 to include 'Customer Connector'** as an 'in scope' component
  - Extend the scope of existing **Control 1.2** (Operating System Privileged Account Control) to include 'General Purpose Operator PCs' as 'advisory' to ensure basic security hygiene on employee computers
  - Extend the scope of existing **Control 6.2** (Software Integrity) for Architecture A4 to include 'customer connectors' components as 'advisory'
  
- 4 **Minor but numerous Guidance Clarifications or Changes**

- A **mandatory External and/or Internal Independent** assessment to confirm the compliance with mandatory controls
- Self-assessment still available but considered as **not compliant**
- **Clarifications** on assessors **certifications**
- **Eligibility** of service providers (under conditions) as assessment providers for their customers
- **Tested curriculum** required for assessment providers prior to their listing on swift.com
- **Additional and revised resources** for assessment providers:
  - New High Level test plan **guidance**
  - New Independent Assessment process **guidance**
  - Revised Assessment **templates**







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