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Abstract

This document specifies new IKEv2 notification codes to better manage IPv4 and IPv6 co-existence.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

As described in [[RFC7849](#)], if the subscription data or network configuration allows only one IP address family (IPv4 or IPv6), the cellular host must not request a second PDP-Context to the same APN for the other IP address family. The 3GPP network informs the cellular host about allowed Packet Data Protocol (PDP) types by means of Session Management (SM) cause codes. In particular, the following cause codes can be returned:

- o cause #50 "PDP type IPv4 only allowed" - This cause code is used by the network to indicate that only PDP type IPv4 is allowed for the requested Public Data Network (PDN) connectivity.
- o cause #51 "PDP type IPv6 only allowed" - This cause code is used by the network to indicate that only PDP type IPv6 is allowed for the requested PDN connectivity.
- o cause #52 "single address bearers only allowed" - This cause code is used by the network to indicate that the requested PDN connectivity is accepted with the restriction that only single IP version bearers are allowed.

If the requested IPv4v6 PDP-Context is not supported by the network but IPv4 and IPv6 PDP types are allowed, then the cellular host will be configured with an IPv4 address or an IPv6 prefix by the network. It must initiate another PDP-Context activation of the other address family in addition to the one already activated for a given Access Point Name (APN). The purpose of initiating a second PDP-Context is to achieve dual-stack connectivity by means of two PDP-Contexts.

According to 3GPP specifications (TS.24302), when the UE attaches the network using a WLAN access by means of IKEv2 capabilities [[RFC7296](#)], there are no equivalent notification codes to inform the UE why an IP



address family is not assigned or whether that UE should retry with another address family.

This document fills that void by introducing new IKEv2 notification codes for the sake of deterministic UE behaviors.

These notification codes are not specific to 3GPP architectures, but can be used in other deployment contexts. Cellular networks are provided as an illustration example.

This document makes use of the terms defined in [[RFC7296](#)]. In particular, readers should be familiar with "Initiator" and "Responder" terms used in that document.

## **2. Why Not INTERNAL\_ADDRESS\_FAILURE?**

[Section 3.15.4 of \[RFC7296\]](#) defines a generic notification code that is related to a failure to handle an internal address failure. That code does not explicitly allow an initiator to determine why a given address family is not assigned, nor whether it should try using another address family. INTERNAL\_ADDRESS\_FAILURE is a catch-all code when an address-related issue is encountered by an IKEv2 responder.

INTERNAL\_ADDRESS\_FAILURE does not provide sufficient hints to the IKEv2 initiator to adjust its behavior.

## **3. An Update to [RFC7296](#)**

The following notification codes are defined:

- o UNSUPPORTED\_AF: This code indicates that the requested address family (IPv4 or IPv6) is not supported. Subsequent exchanges with the remote peer MUST NOT include any object of that address family.
- o IP6\_ONLY\_SUPPORTED: This code indicates that only IPv6 is supported. Subsequent exchanges with the remote peer MUST NOT include any IPv4-related object.

Concretely, if the initiator requested both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses/prefixes, the responder replies with IPv6 address(es)/prefix(es) and the IP6\_ONLY\_SUPPORTED notification code. If the initiator requested only IPv4 address(es) but gets the IP6\_ONLY\_SUPPORTED notification code from the responder, the IPv6-capable initiator should request IPv6 address(es) only in subsequent requests.



- o **IP4\_ONLY\_SUPPORTED**: This code indicates that only IPv4 is supported. Subsequent exchanges with the remote peer MUST NOT include any IPv6-related object.

Concretely, if the initiator requested both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses/prefixes, the responder replies with IPv4 address(es) and the **IP4\_ONLY\_SUPPORTED** notification code. If the initiator requested only IPv6 address(es) and gets the **IP4\_ONLY\_SUPPORTED** notification code from the responder, the IPv4-capable initiator should request IPv4 address(es) only in subsequent requests.

- o **SINGLE\_AF\_SUPPORTED**: This code is returned as a response to a request, that includes both IPv4 and IPv6 address(es)/prefixe(s), to indicate that only a single address family can be assigned per request. The address family to be used is defined by a policy that is local to the responder. If a responder received a request for both IPv4 and IPv6 address families, it replies with the preferred address family and includes **SINGLE\_AF\_SUPPORTED** notification code. Upon receipt of this code, the initiator MAY re-issue another configuration request to ask for an additional address family.

For other address-related error cases that have not been covered by the aforementioned notification codes, the repsonder/Initiator MUST follow the procedure defined in [Section 3.15.4 of \[RFC7849\]](#).

#### **4. Security Considerations**

This document adheres to the security considerations defined in [\[RFC7849\]](#).

#### **5. IANA Considerations**

This document requests IANA to update the "IKEv2 Notify Message Types - Error Types" registry available at:

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/ikev2-parameters/ikev2-parameters.xhtml> with the following codes:

Value	NOTIFY MESSAGES - ERROR TYPES	Reference
TBD	UNSUPPORTED_AF	[This-Document]
TBD	IP6_ONLY_SUPPORTED	[This-Document]
TBD	IP4_ONLY_SUPPORTED	[This-Document]
TBD	SINGLE_AF_SUPPORTED	[This-Document]



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