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Guidance to SiteMinder Customers Regarding Chrome Policy Settings

With the recent release of version 93 of the Chrome browser Google made a change to their SameSite policy options that can be selected to govern Chrome's behavior. We want to highlight this change to our SiteMinder customers.

In early 2020, we released enhancements to SiteMinder to address SameSite behavior changes Google had introduced in Chrome 80. The enhancements in SiteMinder to accommodate Chrome 80 required updates in SiteMinder Agents and in configurations set within the SiteMinder administrative interface. At that time, SiteMinder customers had two options to accommodate the Chrome 80 change. One option was to implement the enhancements that we provided. Another option was to apply one of two possible Chrome policy settings, that Google provided, which allowed customers to have Chrome revert to the behavior of Chrome prior to version 80. Those two Chrome policy settings were LegacySameSiteCookieBehaviorEnabled and LegacySameSiteCookieBehaviorEnabledForDomainList .

With Chrome 93, Google has deprecated the LegacySameSiteCookieBehaviorEnabled policy option. If you were using that policy option, starting with Chrome 93 it will no longer work. If you are using LegacySameSiteCookieBehaviorEnabledForDomainList, Google is projecting that setting will be available until at least the end of December 2022. Google has shifted the dates of these sorts of changes, so you will want to continue to monitor that information here:

https://www.chromium.org/administrators/policy-list-3/cookie-legacy-samesite-policies

If you are using this remaining policy option, then when/if Google deprecates this remaining policy option, it will be essential that your SiteMinder environment have been updated with the enhancements we released in early 2020. SiteMinder's technical guides provides necessary details regarding configuring SiteMinder to accommodate Chrome's behavior with the SameSite attribute and our customer support team are ready to answer your questions on this topic.