**Important Information for all Antigen 8.0 Customers:**

We want to remind you about key changes to the Antigen 8.0 product set coming in December 2009:

* **On Dec. 1, Microsoft is revising its engine mix for the Forefront and Antigen products.** This change will allow customers to utilize a set of engines that will help optimize detection, while also allowing us to invest in new areas for increasing overall protection for customers. With this change, there are several actions (outlined below) that Antigen 8.0 customers will need to take to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of antimalware and anti-spam detections.
* **On Dec. 31, Antigen for Exchange and Antigen for SMTP Gateways will end of life.** Customers must migrate to Antigen 9.0 or Forefront Security for Exchange Server prior to Dec. 31, as updates will not be provided after this date.
* **On Dec. 31, Antigen for SharePoint and Antigen for Instant Messaging customers will be receiving updates for their engine set from a new location.** To enable these updates, customers must migrate to the Service Pack 1 releases of these products.

Here are the details for all actions required by each product:

**Antigen 8.0 for Exchange and Antigen 8.0 for SMTP Gateways**

* **End of Life: Migrate to Antigen 9.0 by Dec. 31, 2009**The end-of-life for Antigen 8.0 for Exchange and Antigen 8.0 for SMTP Gateways was extended for an additional year to provide our customers additional time to migrate to Antigen 9.0. This extension ends on Dec. 31, 2009. Customer must upgrade to Antigen 9.0 for Exchange before this date, as the product will no longer continue to receive anti-malware updates starting Jan. 1, 2010.
* **Antimalware Engine Changes: Contact** [**Forefront Contract Administration**](mailto:fssadm@microsoft.com)  
  As noted above, our engine mix will be changing on Dec. 1, 2009. With the retirement of the CA, Sophos and AhnLab engines on Dec. 1st, customers running Antigen for Exchange 8.0 or Antigen SMTP Gateways 8.0 will only be protected by the Norman engine. For customers who need to continue using this product between Dec. 1, 2009 and the end-of-life date of Dec. 31, 2009, please contact [Forefront Contract Administration](mailto:%20fssadm@microsoft.com), who will provide you with a license file that will enable the Norman, Kaspersky, VirusBuster, and Authentium (Command) engines through Dec. 31, 2009.
* **Antispam Engine Changes: Migrate to Antigen 9.0 by Dec. 1, 2009**One of the most important changes in our engine revision strategy is moving to the Cloudmark anti-spam engine.  This engine provides 99%+ detection rate and less than 1 in 250,000 false positives (West Coast Labs).

The Mail-Filters SpamCure anti-spam engine will be retired on Dec. 1, 2009. **Customers using Antigen 8.0 products for antispam protection** **must migrate to the latest Antigen 9.0 service pack releases listed below BEFORE DEC. 1, 2009 and select the Cloudmark engine to maintain their anti-spam defenses.**  This is the only way to gain access to the new Cloudmark engine.  The service packs can be accessed on the Microsoft MVLS and VLSC sites:

* Antigen for Exchange Server with Antigen Spam Manager 9.0 with SP2
* Antigen for SMTP Gateways with Antigen Spam Manager 9.0 with SP2

**Antigen for SharePoint 8.0 and Antigen for Instant Messaging 8.0**

* **New Update Infrastructure: Migrate to Service Pack 1 before Dec. 31, 2009**Starting, Jan. 1, 2010, Antigen 8.0 for SharePoint and Antigen 8.0 for Instant Messagingwill be receiving antimalware updates from a new location. In order to continue receiving antimalware updates correctly, customers need to migrate to Antigen for SharePoint with Service Pack 1 and Antigen for Instant Messaging with Service Pack 1. These service packs are available on the Microsoft MVLS and VLSC sites. As the new service packs also include the new engine mix, it would be more efficient for customers to move prior to Dec. 1, 2009. If this is not possible, see the next item.
* **Antimalware Engine Changes: Contact Forefront Contract Administration**  
  As noted above, our engine mix will be changing on Dec. 1, 2009. With the retirement of the CA, Sophos and AhnLab engines on Dec. 1, customers running Antigen for SharePoint 8.0 or Antigen for Instant Messaging 8.0 will only be protected by the Norman engine. For customers who need to continue using this product between Dec. 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009, please contact [Forefront Contract Administration](mailto:%20fssadm@microsoft.com), who will provide you with a license file that will enable the Norman, Kaspersky, VirusBuster, and Authentium (Command) engines through Dec 31, 2009.

For more information on the engine revision strategy or any questions on the instructions contained in this letter, please see the [Antimalware Engine Notifications and Developments](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/forefront/serversecurity/dd940095.aspx) Web page or contact [Forefront Contract Administration](mailto:%20fssadm@microsoft.com) .

Regards,

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