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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in Addendum g to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2008, Clause 24.2.11 (page 13), relating to Authentication Data length encoding.

Background: Clause 24.2.11 states "If the Authentication Mechanism has a value of 1 through 199, then the next 2 octets of this field shall be an unsigned integer (most significant octet first) indicating the length, in octets, of the entire field."

The precise meaning of "the entire field" is a little unclear.

Interpretation: The length of the entire field includes everything from the first byte of the User Id through the last byte of the authentication data.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes.