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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in Addendum g to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2008, Sections 12.X.15 and 24.16.2, relating to the Do_Not_Hide property of the Network Security object.

Background:

12.X.15 Do_Not_Hide (page 79 of Addendum g to 135-2008)

This writable property, of type BOOLEAN, indicates whether or not the device is allowed to ignore certain network security error conditions. When True, the device is required to return errors in all of the conditions described in Clause 24.3

24.16.2 Selecting Error Codes (page 47 of Addendum g to 135-2008) states "When an ignorable error occurs, it is a local matter as to whether the device returns the error or does not respond at all."

Interpretation: Section 24.16.2 is only true when the Do_Not_Hide property is FALSE. When the Do_Not_Hide property is TRUE, a device must respond with all ignorable errors; it is not allowed to decide not to respond as a local matter.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes.