

CLAUDE ENTERPRISE CAN HOLD GOVERNED PROMPTS FOR SECURITY REVIEW BEFORE INFERENCE

OPERATIONAL SIGNAL

DOMAIN: GOV - Governance | CONFIDENCE LEVEL: High

INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS: Authority | [Attribution](#) | Visibility | [Escalation](#) | Continuity

Signal ID	Platform	Source	Audience	Status	Date
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CAPABILITY SHIFT

Anthropic introduced inference hooks in beta for Claude Enterprise organisations. Where configured, governed prompts across claude.ai, Cowork and Claude Code are held for an organisation's AI security server to return an allow or deny verdict before inference proceeds. Anthropic says hook requests are signed, failure handling is configurable, and every denial is recorded in the compliance Activity Feed.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSEQUENCE

This adds a customer-controlled decision point before supported prompts reach inference. Security policy can therefore determine whether a governed prompt proceeds. It also makes configured workflows partly dependent on the organisation's security service and chosen failure handling, creating an operational relationship between enforcement, availability and response time.

WHAT TO WATCH

- Denials appearing in the Activity Feed
- Prompt delays or failures after hooks activate
- Governed versus unmanaged access may differ
- Security-service availability or failure-handling changes

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Anthropic announced inference hooks in beta on 5 August 2026. Claude Enterprise organisations can now place an internal security decision before inference for governed prompts across the documented surfaces.

WHAT TO REVIEW

- Which workflows use inference hooks
- Who owns the security server and allow or deny rules
- Failure handling when the security service is unavailable
- How Activity Feed denials are reviewed

GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

Authority over whether a governed prompt proceeds can now sit partly with an organisation-controlled security service. Visibility improves through denial records, while continuity depends on how the security service and failure handling are operated.

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