Beckhoff Security Advisory 2020-01:
BK9000 couplers - Denial of service inhibits function

Summary
The coupler’s function could be inhibited by an attack.

Appearance
- BK9000 | Ethernet TCP/IP Bus Coupler

Description
The coupler’s function could be inhibited by a denial of service attack. The coupler will not recover after the attack has stopped.
A reboot of the device recovers the operation.

Mitigation
Beckhoff will not change this behaviour.
Customers should configure a perimeter firewall to block traffic from untrusted networks to the device.

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Reporting vulnerabilities
Beckhoff Automation welcomes responsibly coordinated reports of vulnerabilities and Beckhoff will collaborate with reporting parties to fix vulnerabilities or mitigate threats.

References
[1] Additional information about the latest IPC security advisories are provided here:
www.beckhoff.com/secinfo

History
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