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Hi Grimson,

>From my point of view, using XP SP2 or Win2k3 SP1 adm is both OK now.

Compared with XP SP2, win2k3 SP1 is the superset. KB 816662 has stated the following in " Operating System and Service Pack Release Issues":

Each operating system or service pack release includes a superset of the ADM files provided by earlier releases, including policy settings that are specific to operating systems that are different to those of the new release. For example, the ADM files that are provided with Windows Server 2003 include all policy settings for all operating systems, including those that are only relevant to Windows 2000 or Windows XP Professional.

Recommendations for managing Group Policy administrative template (.adm) files

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/816662/EN-US/>

Take a look at the following articles and you will find Win2k3 sp1 has covered the policy in XP:

Technical Overview of Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 1 (SP1)

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/servicepack/overview.msp#EDAA>

Changes to Functionality in Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 2

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxpro/maintain/sp2brows.msp>

For the future consideration, you may consider using win2k3 adm since it is the latest version and have already covered XP's GPO.

Any update, let's get in touch!

Best regards,

Rebecca Chen

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