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DESNZ Consultation – v2.0 CPA Transition Approach Document

1. Purpose

This paper provides the Panel with a summary and draft response to the DESNZ consultation of the second version of the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Transition Document. A copy of the consultation can be found [here](#).

The Panel is requested to approve the draft response included in Annex 1 of this paper.

2. Background and Summary

Following appointment of a new Scheme Operator for the CPA Scheme, DESNZ has issued a consultation for updates to the current version of SEC Appendix AV - CPA Transition Approach Document (CPATAD).

The proposed update is required as the original CPATAD provisions were switched off when this was originally designated into the SEC, except to allow procurement of a new CPA Scheme Operator. Following appointment of the new CPA Scheme Operator, and with operations intended to commence week commencing 13 January 2025, there is a need to designate this version 2 CPATAD to give effect to its provisions.

Once the new CPATAD is implemented, all new applications for CPA evaluations or Risk Reviews will be managed by the new Scheme Operator. However, there will be some cross over between the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the new Scheme Operator for existing evaluations. “In flight” evaluations will be completed and awarded a CPA Certificate by NCSC if the evaluation occurs by the end of March 2025. If the evaluation continues beyond the end of March 2025, then these will be transferred to the new Scheme Operator and the CPA Certificates will be awarded by the SSC.

The Security Sub Committee (SSC) is fully appraised of the proposed changes and agrees with the proposed approach for assessments. The SSC is also extremely keen that the CPATAD version 2 is designated at the earliest point, so that the new Scheme Operator may commence work as planned and a positive response to the consultation will help the DESNZ decision-making process.

3. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **AGREE** the draft response in Annex 1 may be submitted to DESNZ subject to any comments and final agreement with the Panel Chair.

Tim Newton

SECAS Team

10 December 2024

Attachments

- Annex 1 – Draft Panel Response to DESNZ – CPA Transition Approach Document v2.0

Annex 1 – Draft Panel Response to DESNZ – V2.0 CPA Transition Approach Document

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Consultation, v2.0 CPA Transition Approach Document

Dear James,

The SEC Panel is pleased to respond to the consultation concerning the designation of the second version of the Commercial Product Assurance Transition Approach Document (CPATAD).

The Panel and its Security Sub Committee (SSC) are supportive of the designation of the CPATAD version 2.0. The SSC have been meeting with NCSC and the new Scheme Operator to plan the transition. It is therefore extremely important that the CPATAD is implemented to enable the new Scheme Operator to commence its work on 13 January 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter without delay.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gordon Hextall Chair Security Sub Committee (Gordon.Hextall@seccoltd.com)

Yours Sincerely,

Angela Love
Chair – SEC Panel