



National Information Assurance Partnership

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #18

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SUBJECT: Time Limits on CCEVS Evaluations

PURPOSE: This CCEVS policy establishes time limitations for CCEVS Evaluations.

BACKGROUND: An escalating complaint against the U.S. CC Scheme is the amount of time it takes to complete evaluations. This policy was developed in order to address this complaint and further reduce the expenditure of limited CCEVS resources. In addition, since product lifecycles continue to decrease, it is imperative that we constrain the amount of time a product is allowed to remain “in evaluation.” Based on seven years of collected data, CCEVS determined that the following time constraints were reasonable and achievable:

POLICY:

1. EAL 2s will be required to complete evaluation within a 12-month period.
2. EAL 3s and Basic Robustness PP compliant products will be required to complete evaluation within an 18-month period.
3. EAL 4s, augmented EAL 4s and the CCTL evaluation requirements of Medium Robustness PP compliant products will be required to complete evaluation within a 24-month period.
4. Time limits for EAL 5 and above evaluations will be negotiated with the CCTL and the NSA evaluation team prior to the commencement of the evaluation.

The time clock for evaluations begins on the kick-off date and ends once all issues from the Final Validation Oversight Review meeting are corrected/resolved to the satisfaction of the assigned Senior Validator.

Evaluations which exceed these time limits will be removed from the CCEVS “In Evaluation” listing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: All evaluations are encouraged to meet this policy immediately. All new evaluations beginning after 31 March 2008 shall comply with these time limits.

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