



National Information Assurance Partnership

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #10

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Security Targets (STs) into NIAP CCEVS Evaluation

PURPOSE: To improve the quality of submitted STs so the Target of Evaluation (TOE) boundary and its intended security services are clearly defined before the product is accepted into evaluation.

BACKGROUND: Based on extensive experience, the CCEVS has determined evaluations started without a clear definition of the TOE prove to be problematic.

POLICY: CCEVS will not allocate scarce validation resources to the evaluation until the Common Criteria Testing Lab (CCTL) has verified the ST defines the scope of the evaluation and has a clearly defined TOE.

1. As part of the Initial Validation Oversight Review (IVOR) read-ahead package, the CCTL will submit an ST which:
 - A. Claims compliance to an approved U.S. Government Protection Profile. Exceptions may be permitted as described in Policy Letter #12, [Letter of Intent](#) (LOI) Requirements for CCEVS. All exceptions will be made on a case by case basis, by NIAP, based on available resources, and the customer's justification.
 - B. The TOE Description section will include a clear, complete, and accurate description of the TOE Physical and Logical Boundary. This includes describing the boundary of the TOE sufficiently to determine what is inside and what is outside the TOE and including a clear delineation of components that are in the TOE, but do not contribute to meeting any of the Security Functional Requirements (SFRs). The marketed security features of the product must be included in the TOE boundary or they must be disabled in the evaluated configuration. NIAP reserves the right not accept the product for evaluation if the TOE boundary does not include those security features deemed necessary for the technology being evaluated.

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2. The CCTL will submit a passing Security Target Evaluation (ASE) Evaluation Technical Report (ETR) as part of their IVOR package.

This policy is not meant to imply the ST will remain static once the evaluation has begun; it is expected the ST will be updated during the life of the evaluation as required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: All evaluations must comply with this policy immediately.

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