



# National Information Assurance Partnership

## Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

### CCEVS Policy Letter #18

12 January 2010

**SUBJECT:** Time Limits on CCEVS Evaluations

**PURPOSE:** Establishes time limitations for CCEVS Evaluations.

**BACKGROUND:** An escalating complaint against the Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS) is the amount of time it takes to complete an evaluation. Since product lifecycles continue to decrease, it is imperative we constrain the amount of time a product is allowed to remain “In Evaluation.” Based on several years of collected data, CCEVS has determined the following time constraints are reasonable and achievable:

**POLICY:** All evaluations claiming compliance to an approved U.S. Government Protection Profile are required to complete within 12-months with the following exception:

- When a Government agency requires an evaluation at the EAL4 level (when no PP exists or the EAL4 exceeds the EAL level of the PP) the evaluation is required to complete within 24-months.

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 CCEVS.

Problems meeting these time limits should be addressed as early as possible. CCEVS will remove products from the “In Evaluation” list if the time limits are exceeded, and the delay may also be grounds for termination.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** All current evaluations are encouraged to meet this policy immediately. All new evaluations are subject to this policy effective the date of this correspondence.

### **Original Signed By**

**CAROL SAULSBURY HOUCK**  
Director