NIAP Policy Letter #12

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SUBJECT: Acceptance Requirements of a Product for NIAP Evaluation

REFERENCE:

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme Publication #4, "Guidance to CCEVS Approved Common Criteria Testing Laboratories."

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme Publication, "Check-In/Check- Out Guidance."

 Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme Publication "Guidelines for When No PP Exists."

PURPOSE: A Protection Profile (PP) describes the security requirements for a product within a technology area. Technical Communities will develop one PP or a base PP with associated Extended Packages (EPs). Because of the effort and coordination required, Technical Communities and their associated PP/EPs are being developed over time.

When an updated PP/EP is developed, the existing PP/EP will sunset and a transition period will be publicly posted. During the transition period, applicable products will be allowed to comply with either the old or the updated version of the PP/EP.

POLICY: NIAP will only accept products for evaluation claiming exact compliance with one or more published NIAP-approved PPs/EPs. Customers or vendors who require evaluation of a product in a technology area for which a NIAP-approved PP/EP does not exist should follow the referenced Guidelines listed above.

PROTECTION OF INFORMATION: All information provided to NIAP to meet this policy will be handled as proprietary and protected accordingly.

EFFECT: This policy ensures NIAP evaluated products comply with PPs/EPs that define all applicable technology-specific requirements and associated assurance activities.

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

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