



# National Information Assurance Partnership

## Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

### NIAP Policy Letter #12

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**SUBJECT:** Acceptance Requirements of a product for NIAP Evaluation

**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 PPs are being developed over time.

As updated PPs are developed, the existing PP will sunset and a NIAP-determined transition period will be allowed for products to comply with the new PP. During the transition period, applicable products will be allowed to comply with either the old or the updated version of the PP.

**POLICY:** NIAP will only accept products for evaluation claiming exact compliance with one or more published NIAP-approved PPs. An Evaluation Acceptance Package must be submitted (See [NIAP Pub #4 section 3](#)) complying with the PP(s). Customers or vendors who require evaluation of a product in a technology area for which a NIAP-approved PP does not exist should contact NIAP for further guidance.

Protection of Information:

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

Effect:

The primary intent of this policy is to ensure NIAP resources are used effectively to validate products that comply with NIAP-approved PPs.

Effective Date:

All evaluations must comply with this policy immediately.

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