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APPLICATION NOTE

PUBLICATION AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
OF COMMON CRITERIA CERTIFICATES DELIVERED BY ANSSI

Application : From its approval.

Distribution : Public.

COURTESY TRANSLATION



Modification history

Edition	Date	Modifications
1	16/07/2010	First official edition.

In application of decree n° 2002-535 dated 18 April 2002, the present note was submitted to the Certification Management Board, which gave a favourable opinion.

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1. Purpose of the note

This note specifies the requirements of the ANSSI concerning publication and international recognition of certificates issued under decree n° 2002-535, in particular in application of the agreements on the international recognition of certificates.

This note applies only to Common Criteria certificates. Elementary Security Certificates don't benefit of any international recognition.

2. References

- Decree n° 2002-535 dated 18 April 2002 relative to the evaluation and certification of the security offered by information-technology products and systems¹.
- CCRA: Arrangement on the Recognition of Common Criteria Certificates in the Field of Information Technology Security, May 2000².
- SOG-IS: Mutual Recognition Agreement of Information Technology Security Evaluation Certificates, version 3.0, January 2010, Management Committee of Agreement Group¹.
- ANSSI-CC-CER/F/01: Application form for evaluation¹.
- CCDB-2006-04-004: ST Sanitising for Publication, April 2006².

3. Choice of publication

The publication of a certificate on the ANSSI's Internet site (www.ssi.gouv.fr) is an option offered to the sponsor of any evaluation. The sponsor informs ANSSI of its decision in the ANSSI-CC-CER/F/01 application form for evaluation or by any other means during the evaluation.

If the sponsor wishes its certificate to be internationally recognised, the certification report and the security target must be published on ANSSI's Web site with the certificate. The published security target must be a public version (without any mention of confidentiality). Also, certain information that the sponsor considers sensitive may be removed. The content of this succinct public security target, known as "ST-Lite", is defined in the document CCDB-2006-04-004 "ST Sanitising for Publication". The "ST-Lite" will be referenced in the certification report in the same way as the evaluated security target and must therefore be sent to the certifier before the end of the evaluation work.

¹ Available on the site www.ssi.gouv.fr.

² Available on the site www.commoncriteriaportal.org.

The various possibilities offered concerning publication are as follows:



	Certification report	Security target	International recognition
<p>NON-PUBLIC CERTIFICATION</p> <p>The sponsor may request a certification to be kept confidential: the certification body then undertakes not to mention the product or the system in question as being certified.</p>	<p>Not published on ANSSI's website</p> <p>Sent only to the sponsor of the evaluation and to the ITSEF</p>	<p>Not published on ANSSI's website</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>PUBLIC CERTIFICATION AND NON-PUBLIC SECURITY TARGET</p> <p>The sponsor may request that only the certification report be published. This type of publication does not allow the certificate to be internationally recognised.</p>	<p>Published on ANSSI's website</p>	<p>Not published on ANSSI's website</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>PUBLIC CERTIFICATION</p> <p>The sponsor may request that the certification report and the public version of the associated security target be published. It may then claim international recognition of the certificate.</p>	<p>Published on ANSSI's website</p>	<p>Public version published on ANSSI's website</p>	<p>YES</p>

4. International recognition of certificates

ANSSI has signed two agreements on mutual recognition of certificates:

- the European mutual recognition agreement: SOG-IS;
- the agreement on mutual recognition according to Common Criteria: CCRA.

Each of the mutual recognition agreements has defined its certification mark:

- for the SOG-IS agreement  ;
- for the CCRA arrangement: .

These marks confirm that the certificate was issued by an entity participating in these agreements under the conditions approved by the signatories. They may be used by the sponsors of the certification and the developers of certified products for advertising, marketing or sales, only for the product for which the certificate was issued.

5. Publication on the site www.commoncriteriaportal.org

If the sponsor requests international recognition according to the CCRA agreement and if the product's certification meets the requirements of this agreement (particularly article 5 of the CCRA), the ANSSI publishes the certification report and the public version of the product's security target on the site www.commoncriteriaportal.org.