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CESG Claims Tested Mark Pricing Announcement for 1st May 2009

CESG is announcing that from 1st May 2009, the registration fees associated with the CESG Claims Tested Mark (CCTM) will change to align with the current market rate for the use of CESG administration, management and technical consultancy effort, which until now has been partially funded from other sources within HMG.

The CCTM costs have always been assigned to cover two separate roles.

First, the registration and administration fee, now due for change, represents a contract with CESG, the national authority for information assurance, and owners of the awarding scheme. This is the subject of the new pricing announced here.

Second, a fee and contract between the vendor and an independent testing laboratory of their choice, where this fee structure is unconnected to CESG and is not affected by this announcement. This represents the major part of what is now established as a scheme to test and issue a recognised CESG certificate for use in the public sector in under 12 weeks and with overall administration and testing costs remaining below £25,000.

This is the first increase in the registration fee structure since CCTM arrived in 2005.

1 Background

The CCTM Scheme (here by referred to as Scheme) was established in January 2005 by Her Majesty's Government (HMG) to test the validity of claims of security functionality in Information System (IS) products and services, in which information assurance is a major consideration. Started as a pilot in CSIA Cabinet Office, the Scheme is now well established as a CESG information assurance service operating at business impact levels 1 and 2.

To date, over 40 products and services from 37 vendors have been awarded CCTM certificates. We are seeing growing interest among the Local Government Authorities as they reassess their data handling procedures and prepare for the Code of Connection (CoCo) for the GCSx secure extranet network. Having successfully established the Scheme concept, procedures and delivery structure, the CCTM management panel is now working towards self-sufficiency and long-term sustainability of the scheme, as has been the case with all other assurance schemes in the CESG portfolio. This new pricing strategy and targeted increase in application volume is expected to contribute towards ensuring that the Scheme can become both self-sufficient and sustainable.

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2 Pricing Schedule applicable for CCTM Applications received after 1st May 2009

CCTM Application Type (Products/Services)	Registration Fees (Excl VAT)
New Application – first full year for either Products or Services (both Products and Services now aligned at one first, full year)	£4,000.00
Extension Application (for Products only) – annually renewable for as long as the product is supported by the vendor (same Product version <u>with no changes</u> to the ICD claims and no contractual name or ownership changes)	£1,000.00
Maintenance Applications – (for Products only) annually renewable based on validation of claims, test reporting and CESG assessment. Maintenance Applications – (for Services) annually renewable based on customer satisfaction (Service) and CESG assessment. (Maintenance meaning same Product/Service version <u>with changes</u> to the ICD claims; for as long as the product is supported by the vendor)	£2,000.00

Note: Application for newer version numbers of the Product/Services previously certified with CCTM will be considered as a new CCTM application and will have to go through a full new claims test. The registration fees will be payable when the application is registered with CESG and is not refundable.

The payment of this fee will entitle the Vendor with the licence to use the Scheme Certificate Logo for a period of one year, subject to the requirements being met for the award of the Scheme Mark and granting of the licence to use the Scheme Certificate.

CCTM Applications received before 1st May, with full documents received by 30th May, will be accepted at the current lower fee, as seen at the [Payment Information Schedule](#)

3 **CCTM Scheme Features and Benefits of Value to Vendors Gaining Awards**

The Registration fee for new applications at £4,000 aims to cover the majority of costs incurred. This schedule of anticipated benefits below includes both the administration and reviewing process at CESG and the list of valued marketing and publicity activities.

A. Inclusive provision for Scheme Registration, Review and Administration

- A.1 **scheme administration**, applicant support and application management at the CCTM Secretariat throughout the CCTM process
- A.2 **review of the application** and supporting documents by CESG Decision Authority
- A.3 **review of the Test Report** and Decision for award of the CCTM certificate
- A.4 **certificate issue** and vendor website landing page at CESG Claims Tested Mark
- A.5 **licensed use of the CESG Claims Tested Mark logo** for the vendor

B. Additional and related CCTM Award Listing and Marketing Investment

B.1 Listing/referral in CESG Directory: Directory of Infosec Assured Products

A top level guide listing all IT security products and services approved by CESG, including CCTM certified products and services.

B.2 Listing/referral in CESG Claims Tested Mark Directory (CCTM home site): Directory of CCTM Certified Products and Services

B.3 Listing/referral of individual vendor awards at CESG Claims Tested Mark Website:

Full details of the individual vendor awards, including the claims tested and a summary of the test results, can be found in the individual awards pages accessible through the links in the table below. A summary of these awards are also in the CCTM Awards Directory Directory listing with full details of the [CCTM Awards](#), including the claims tested and a summary of test results for each award.

B.4 Future referral for CCTM scheme in CESG Good Practice Guide in 2009:

Good Practice Guide: the internal audit role in information assurance February 2009
CESG is currently developing a methodology for auditing the management of information risk. This is aimed at providing information assurance reviewers within government organisations the best prospects of finding systemic weaknesses in information risk management processes. CESG is making arrangements for training providers with a national capability to train reviewers and information assurance professionals in the use of the information assurance methodology. CESG expects to publish the methodology in a Good Practice Guide early in FY 09-10.

GPG 5: Securing Data at Rest: Chapter 6 Summary & Paragraph 28

GPG 8: Protecting External connections to the internet: Paragraph 37

GPG 10: Remote Working: Paragraph 127 & Appendix A

GPG 13: Protective Monitoring: Table 9

B.5 Future referral for CCTM scheme in MoD Defence Equipment & Support ICS Catalogue

[The ICS Catalogue](#) is operated by Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Information Systems & Services (ISS) Commercial Services based at Swindon.

It provides a route to market for Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) products and services through enabling arrangements, not only for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) but other Public Sector departments. Contracts include Information Assurance (non high grade crypto).

B.6 Referral for CCTM scheme in GovConnect for the GCSx Code of Pre Connection Guide

These documents form part of the [GC Technical Implementation Pack Pre Connection Take On](#)

The document of note for CCTM referral (page 4 of 40) is:

Code of Connection (CoCo): details of the security compliance process as well as the checks and audits that will be carried out in order for a Customer to connect to GCSx. There are related FAQs and guidance on what happens if the Customer does not comply with the CoCo. LAs will also be issued with generic best practice guidance on security including **CCTM** & IT Health Check advice.

B.7 Referral for CCTM scheme at SOCITM for the Local Government Association

[SOCITM Data Handling Guidance Executive Summary with the LGA](#)

Ensure the secure disposal of information - Where possible, a CCTM approved product or service should be used. Useful resources: CESG Claims Tested Mark (CCTM) website. The CESG Claims Tested Mark (CCTM) scheme provides a government quality mark for the public and private sectors based on accredited independent testing, designed to prove the validity of security functionality claims made by vendors.

B.8 Media campaign to promote CCTM usage across the public sector

Initial announcement advertising in magazine/print media, examples listed at www.cctmark.gov.uk



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