National Information Assurance Partnership
Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #1

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SUBJECT: Appropriateness of Language in Security Targets, Evaluation Technical Reports, Validation Product List Entries, and Validation Reports

PURPOSE: Provide clarification on the appropriateness of language included within Security Targets (ST), Evaluation Technical Reports (ETR), Validation Product List Entries (VPL Entries), and Validation Reports (VR).

POLICY: The Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS) views it the responsibility of all participants (developers, sponsors, evaluators, and validators), to ensure compliance with the Common Criteria requirements on the content of STs, ETRs, and VRs. Taken as a whole, the ST is considered a specification, of which all claims must be supported. In fact, it is the determination of whether a product meets these claims that is the principle aim of an evaluation.

Sponsors are encouraged to present their claims, particularly in the TOE Description section. Any claims or included information must be supported by the rest of the ST (and the product) and verified by the evaluation team in order for an evaluation to be successful and a certificate for the product to be issued. Any information included in a ST, ETR, VPL Entry, or VR must be a statement of fact that is verifiable and cannot express opinions or subjective claims.

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

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