National Information Assurance Partnership
Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #18

SUBJECT: Time Limits on NIAP Evaluations

PURPOSE: Establishes time limitations for NIAP Evaluations

BACKGROUND: NIAP customers require products to be evaluated in a timely manner. As product lifecycles continue to decrease, it is imperative we constrain the amount of time a product is allowed to remain "In Evaluation." Based on several years of collected data, NIAP has determined the following time constraints are reasonable and achievable.

POLICY: Effective 31 March 2014, all evaluations within NIAP are required to complete within 6-months of check-in.

The timeframe for evaluations begins at the date of the check-in meeting and ends when the evaluation has been published on the Product Compliant List.

Issues that put evaluation schedules at risk for not meeting these time limits should be addressed as early as possible. NIAP will remove products from the "In Evaluation" list if the time limits are exceeded, and schedule delays may also be grounds for project termination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: All current evaluations are encouraged to meet this policy immediately. All new evaluations are subject to this policy effective 31 March 2014.

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