

Assurance package declaration in certificate

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Subject: Assurance package declaration in certificates issued under the SOGIS-MRA

Purpose

- 1 Annex J of the SOGIS-MRA V3.0 defines the minimum information to be included in all certificates issued on behalf of Participants to this MRA.
- 2 Regarding the assurance level or package confirmed in a certificate Annex J.1, I), footnote 2 outlines: "For Common Criteria certificates, the assurance package confirmed should distinguish between Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level Part 3 conformant and Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level Part 3 augmented. Augmentation should be designated by a plus, (e.g., EAL 3 +) or by listing the augmented components names. Augmentations shall be outlined in detail in the certification report."
- 3 As feedback from users indicate that sometimes certificates just state "EAL x +" without listing the augmentations selected a user who is not a CC expert does not understand what the "+" means as it can be stand for quite different augmentation, e.g. ALC_FLR.x only or AVA_VAN.5.
- 4 As the current practice is conform to the rules of the SOGIS-MRA V3.0 the purpose of this procedure is to clarify the required information on the assurance level or package in the certificate to avoid misuse and misunderstanding by users.

Clarification on the MRA

- 5 In deviation from annex J.1, I) of the SOGIS-MRA V3.0 the minimum information on the assurance level or package provided in a certificate shall be:
- 6 For Common Criteria certificates, the assurance package confirmed should distinguish between Common Criteria Part 3 conformant and Common Criteria Part 3 conformant, Evaluation Assurance Level xx augmented. Augmentation should be

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designated by listing the augmented components abbreviations. Augmentations shall be outlined in detail in the certification report. The certificate itself may include additional information of the augmented component, e.g. the full name of the component like "AVA_VAN.5 Advanced methodical vulnerability analysis".

7 Examples:

- Common Criteria Part 3 conformant
EAL4 augmented by ALC_FLR.2 and AVA_VAN.5
- Common Criteria Part 3 conformant
EAL4 augmented by
ALC_FLR.2 - Flaw reporting procedures and
AVA_VAN.5 - Advanced methodical vulnerability analysis

8 In case a certificate does not confirm an EAL, the certificate shall at least say: "Specific assurance package" or in case of a PP claim without an EAL: "Assurance package conform to PP".

9 The "+" as abbreviation for an assurance level augmentation shall not be used.