Netherlands Scheme for Certification in the Area of IT Security (NSCIB)

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Certification ID numbering

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1   Purpose of this document

This instruction provides a method for handling Certification IDs throughout the lifecycle of an evaluation and certification project and it's optional re-evaluations. It also addresses the issue that TrustCB requires every certificate they issue to be uniquely identified while still maintaining easy reference to previously issued certificates related to the same product.

2   Certification ID

After acceptance of the NSCIB Application Form, TrustCB generates a certification ID number. This number is formatted as NSCIB-YYXXXXX-NN, where:

- NSCIB is the scheme identifier,

- YY is a two-digit year (YY) reflecting acceptance of application,

- XXXXX is an increasing number

- NN is the certification iteration number.

This number shall be used as the Certification/project ID in all documentation and correspondence related to the evaluation of the product.

If an application is received for recertification or maintenance of a certificate, the same base Certification ID (NSCIB-YYXXXXX) will be used, with suffix value increased by one to indicate an iteration of the certification.

As per NSI_12_Project_Communication, the Certification ID should be used in all certification related information exchange, including emails and naming of project documents. In case of re-certification and maintenance the suffix should also be included in the Certification ID.

3   Document numbering convention

The following describes the numbering convention to be used on documents (this is based on, but distinct to, the certification ID).

	Format	Example
Certification/project ID	NSCIB-YYXXXXX-NN (7+2 digits) assigned by TrustCB	NSCIB-2212345-01
Certificate number	TT-yy-YYXXXXX-NN	NSCIB-CC-22-2212345-01
Certification Report (1st issuance)	NSCIB-TT-YYXXXXX -NN-CR	NSCIB-CC-2212345-01-CR
Maintenance report (1st issuance against first issued certificate)	NSCIB-TT-YYXXXXX-NN-MR1	NSCIB-CC-2212345-01-1MA1
Maintenance report (2nd issuance against first issued certificate)	NSCIB-TT-YYXXXXX-NN-MR2	NSCIB-CC-2212345-01-1MA2

Legend:

NSCIB   : fixed scheme identifier

YYXXXXX : two-digit year (YY) reflecting acceptance of application, followed by five-digit number (XXXXX) generated and assigned by TrustCB

NN   : iteration identifier for certification activities.

TT   : certification type (CC for product certifications, PP for Protection Profiles and SS for Site Certification)

yy   : year of certificate issue

If a certification report (and any subsequent maintenance reports) is to be issued as a result of a re-certification activity the certification iteration number (indicated by "NN") is increased, giving a unique identifier to the new certification report (/maintenance report).

Similarly, an updated certificate for the same project that is issued within one year will be indicated by an increase in the iteration identifier. For example, NSCIB-CC-22-2212345-**01** will become NSCIB-CC-22-2212345-**02**.