

Request for comments on draft standard “Policy Requirements for Certification Service Providers Issuing Qualified Certificates” and for contributions on requirements for other classes

The aim of this request is twofold.

1. Comment on “Policy Requirements for CSPs Issuing Qualified Certificates

The major objective is to receive comments to and the draft identified above.

The purpose of this standard is to specify policy requirements on the operation and management of Certification Service Providers issuing Qualified Certificates as laid down in the European Directive on electronic signatures (1999/93/EC). ESI WG plans to finalise the draft by mid-November. After approval by ETSI SEC the document is due for publication by the end of the year.

Comments are requested on this document by 15th September 2000.

2. Requirements for other classes.

There are strong indications, that the current program should also address requirements for other trust levels and corresponding classes of certificates. In order to identify those needs and gather input for consistent requirements receivers of the present request are asked to consider contributing with concrete proposals to this area.

The current structure and requirements may serve as a reference and comparison to define alternative requirements, e.g. for transactions of lower financial or legal implications. Accuracy of identification of certificate holders and assurance of trusted hardware and software components are examples of areas with a need to offer cost-efficient alternatives.

Comments are requested on this issue by 15th September 2000..

Background

The development of this standard policy document is one of the tasks the ETSI Electronic Signature and Infrastructure Working Group is progressing within the European Electronic Signature Standardisation Initiative (EESSI). The ETSI EI Sign Web-site (see below) provides further information about the ETSI activities and the EESSI program.

Requested action.

Please send your comments and suggestions not later than 15 September to the ETSI EI Sign e-mail list EL-SIGN@LIST.ETSI.FR, with copy to POPE@SECSTAN.COM. Please put “QCP” at the front of the Subject field of all submissions to the e-mail list on this topic.

To register with the EL-SIGN list and download the draft document see:

<http://www.etsi.org/sec/el-sign.htm>

The purpose of the open e-mail list is to stimulate discussion of the published comments and contributions. Therefore, early submissions are welcome. We expect that discussions will go on through the open e-mail list under and after the comments period.

With regards

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