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Preface

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The Forum, established under The Open Group in December 2010, is an organized collaboration among representatives from government, academia, and the IT industry. It develops and maintains the Open Trusted Technology Provider™ Standard – Mitigating Maliciously Tainted and Counterfeit Products (O-TTPS), also known as ISO/IEC 20243:2015. The mission of the Forum is

to create and drive the adoption of the O-TTPS, the O-TTPS Certification Program, and other Forum deliverables.

For more information on the Forum, visit www.opengroup.org/subjectareas/trusted-technology.

About the O-TTPS Standard

The O-TTPS (and its equivalent ISO/IEC 20243:2015) is an open standard containing a set of requirements that when properly adhered to have been shown to enhance the security of the global supply chain and the integrity of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) information and communication technology (ICT) products. It provides a set of guidelines, requirements, and recommendations that help assure against maliciously tainted and counterfeit products throughout the COTS ICT product life cycle, encompassing the following phases: design, sourcing, build, fulfillment, distribution, sustainment, and disposal, which includes the supply chain.

This Document

This Management Guide provides guidance on why a technology provider company should consider adopting O-TTPS and becoming certified; what they should understand about the Certification Program; and how they can best prepare for the process once they decide to pursue certification.

It is designed to offer guidance to managers – business managers, procurement managers, or program managers – who are considering becoming a certified Open Trusted Technology Provider™. Additionally, it provides an overview of the certification process, with pointers to the relevant supporting documents, offering a practical introduction to executives, managers, those involved directly in implementing the best practices defined in the Standard, and those who would provide the Evidence of Conformance to the best practice requirements for certification.

As the O-TTPS Certification Program is open to all constituents involved in a product's life cycle – from design through disposal – including those in the product's supply chain, this Management Guide should be of interest to all ICT customers as well as ICT providers (e.g., Original Equipment Manufacturers

(OEMs), Original Design Manufactures (ODMs), integrators, hardware or software component suppliers, value-add distributors, and resellers).

This Management Guide is structured as follows:

- Chapter 1 (Introduction) provides an executive summary, an overview of the threats and risks, some background information, a brief introduction to the Standard and the Certification Program, and a business rationale for getting certified as an Open Trusted Technology Provider.
- Chapter 2 (The Standard) gives an overview of the Standard and the categorization of the best practices that are required throughout the full product life cycle of a product. This chapter is an introduction to the structure of the Standard; the full set of requirements and recommendations in the Standard can be found in Appendix A.
- Chapter 3 (Organizing and Preparing for Certification) offers practical steps and best practices that will help an organization prepare and properly structure their approach for certification to best effect.
- Chapter 4 (The Certification Process) describes the certification processes. The information in this chapter should allow an organization to understand the basics of what is required to progress through the certification process. One of the first decisions the organization being certified should make is to decide on the type of assessment that best fits their business needs. The two options are: Self-Assessed and Third-Party Assessed.
- Chapter 5 (Self-Assessed Certification Process) covers the process for the Self-Assessed tier of the O-TTPS Certification Program in more detail.
- Chapter 6 (Third-Party Assessed Certification Process) covers the process for the Third-Party Assessed tier of the O-TTPS Certification Program in more detail.
- Chapter 7 (Summary of the Certification Steps) provides a list of the certification process steps as a summary, which can be found in more detail in the Certification Policy. Section 7.1 provides a summary of the steps for the Self-Assessed tier and Section 7.2 provides a summary of the steps for the Third-Party Assessed tier.
- Appendix A (O-TTPS Requirements) is a replica of the Terminology section (Section 1.4) of the Standard (i.e., O-TTPS Version 1.1, which is technically equivalent to ISO/IEC 20243:2015) that defines the prescriptive terms used in Chapter 4 of the Standard, which defines the requirements and recommendations for mitigating the risk of tainted and counterfeit products.

- Appendix B (Additional Resources) contains additional resources and references that provide useful information about the Forum, the O-TTPS, the O-TTPS Certification Program, and the Forum's other deliverables.

Conventions Used in this Management Guide

The following conventions are used throughout this Management Guide in order to help identify important information and avoid confusion over the intended meaning.

- **The Standard**
Throughout this document when “the Standard” is used it should be interpreted as referring to both the O-TTPS and ISO/IEC 20243:2015, as they are technically equivalent. The Certification Program is applicable to both.
- **Ellipsis (...)**
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- Assessment Procedures
- Certification Agreement
- Certification Package Document, including the Assessment Report
- Certification Policy
- Conformance Requirements
- Conformance Statement
- Conformance Statement Questionnaire
- Implementation Selection Criteria Application (ISCA) Document
- O-TTPS Recognized Assessor Agreement
- Open Trusted Technology Provider™ Standard (O-TTPS) (also now known as ISO/IEC 20243:2015)
- Trademark License Agreement