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SUBJECT: NIST HB 150-20: Annex B, B.3.a - Program-specific procedures - UPDATE		

NVLAP announces the revision of Annex B, clause B.3.a. of its Common Criteria Testing (CCT) Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) handbook, NIST Handbook 150-20, to incorporate changes to the NVLAP accreditation process for laboratories accredited in the CCT LAP.

NIST Handbook 150-20, Annex B, B.3 states:

“The following program-specific procedures shall be implemented before the activity is undertaken, e.g., procedure for writing PP-specific assurance activity instructions before an evaluation is conducted:

Previous requirement

“a) writing a work plan for an evaluation;”

Updated requirement

“a) writing a detailed work plan for an evaluation. This detailed work plan shall be submitted to NIAP prior to an evaluation demonstrating knowledge of, and compliance with, all NIAP policies and procedures. The work plan shall also include a list of the activities to be performed during an evaluation and shall comply with the CCTL's management system.”

Implementation of the revised requirement is effective immediately and will be included in the next revision of NIST Handbook 150-20. Due to the nature of the change, an extraordinary onsite assessment of laboratories accredited in the CCT program is not required; however, upcoming assessments will be performed against this updated requirement.

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