



IAF and European Centre for Certification and Privacy (ECCP) Memorandum of Understanding

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The **European Centre for Certification and Privacy** is the scheme owner of the Interprivacy Certification Scheme (IP-CS.1). The European Centre for Certification and Privacy (hereinafter referred to as ECCP) has sought and received endorsement of their scheme listed in Schedule 1 to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (hereinafter referred to as “the Scheme”) as an IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) sub-scope in accordance with IAF PL3 and this MoU.
- 1.2 The Scheme requires Certification Bodies (CBs) operating in the Scheme to be accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB) that is a signatory to the IAF MLA with a main scope of product certification and a sub-scope of the scheme included in Schedule 1 to this MoU (IAF MLA signatories).
- 1.3 The Interprivacy (IP-CS.1) is specifically focused on certification of compliance of data processing activities with data protection regulations.
- 1.4 ECCP intends to collaborate with IAF to support consistent and homogeneous accreditation processes of certification bodies for ECCP certification across different countries.
- 1.5 The ECCP requirements for the professional competence of personnel auditors are defined in the relevant scheme documents.
- 1.6 The Scheme provides the standard and framework for independent, recognized third-party certification of processes associated with the scope of the Scheme.
- 1.7 The **International Accreditation Forum (IAF)** is the world association of conformity assessment accreditation bodies in the fields of management systems, products, services, process, persons, validation and verification and other similar programs of conformity assessment.
- 1.8 IAF is responsible for the harmonization and continuous improvement of the accreditation practices of its members with the ultimate goal to ensure sound technical competence of accredited CBs and V&VBs (Validation and Verification Bodies) and to support its IAF MLA.

- 1.9 The IAF MLA is established and maintained based on the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 through regular peer evaluations and is the tool by which IAF contributes to the elimination of technical barriers to trade and to promoting the free circulation of certificates issued by accredited CBs and V&VBs.

2. Administration and Cooperation

- 2.1 Both IAF and ECCP, by means of this formal MoU, have decided to develop and maintain a close cooperation between the two organizations to ensure harmonization in the accreditation practices performed by IAF members for the Scheme and to cooperate in the continuous improvement of the Scheme with the final goal of assuring the highest level of competence in the Scheme's accredited CBs.
- 2.2 IAF and ECCP shall comply with the respective requirements of IAF PL3 *Policies and Procedures on the IAF MLA Structure and for Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA*, operating and administrating in an open, non-discriminatory and transparent manner, avoiding conflicts of interest or limitation on the acceptance of CBs or ABs other than relevant technical considerations.
- 2.3 The Scheme will be open to all CBs that are accredited by IAF MLA signatories.
- 2.4 For the accreditation of Interprivacy, ECCP will only work with IAF MLA signatories. ECCP will stop working with an AB that is no longer a signatory to the IAF MLA.

3. Information Exchange

In order to achieve such goals, both organizations have agreed upon the following:

- 3.1 ECCP shall inform the IAF of the following:
- a) Changes to the Scheme listed in Schedule 1, that may impact compliance with IAF PL3.
 - b) Any revision/extension of the Scheme's standards/documents.
 - c) Outcomes from any AB workshop held by ECCP on the Scheme.
 - d) Feedback ECCP may have regarding the IAF MLA signatory ABs.
- 3.2 IAF shall inform ECCP of the following:
- a) When an IAF MLA signatory with a sub-scope of the Scheme has been suspended or had their IAF MLA signatory status withdrawn.
 - b) Any general or technical questions regarding the interpretation of the Scheme's standards/documents.
 - c) Changes in policy, procedure or documentation that may have an impact on the IAF MLA and Scheme sub-scope.

4. Mandatory Interpretation of the Scheme Documents

- 4.1 The Scheme's documents shall be prepared using the ECCP procedure for the setting and revision of the Scheme's documentation. This shall include a stakeholder consultation phase comprising of comment submissions by interested parties each lasting a specified timeframe with feedback being provided to organizations that made the comment.
- 4.2 The IAF will be included as a stakeholder and invited during any stakeholder consultation period of the Scheme revision process.
- 4.3 The Scheme normative documents shall be available at no cost to IAF Members from the Europrivacy Community website (<https://community.europrivacy.com>).
- 4.4 ECCP will provide new draft Scheme version document(s) with a gap analysis and proposed transition plan for implementation of the new version documents to IAF as soon as a technically sound new version is available, in order to make sure that the new scheme version continues to comply with the requirements of IAF PL3. ECCP accepts the process to be followed according to IAF PL3 for IAF MLA sub-scope inclusion of new versions of the Scheme.
- 4.5 The need for the development of specific IAF application documents for inclusion of publicly owned standards/normative documents in the IAF MLA shall be proposed by the IAF Technical Committee and the need for additional preparation of peer evaluation by the IAF MLA Committee as specified in IAF PL3.
- 4.6 The Scheme endorsed as an IAF MLA sub-scope is included in the relevant IAF MLA status lists. After the end of the transition period to a new scheme version the old version will no longer be published as an IAF MLA sub-scope.

5. Implementation

- 5.1 IAF and ECCP shall each bear their own costs.
- 5.2 The Scheme will be included as a sub-scope under the main scope of product certification, ISO/IEC 17065. Those ABs currently providing accreditation to the Scheme will be able to apply for an IAF MLA scope extension for the Scheme through provision of a signed self-declaration once this MoU is signed.
- 5.3 The revision of the implementation of this MoU is in the scope of the MLA Peer Evaluation to the IAF product certification MLA signatories working in the Scheme.

6. Confidentiality

- 6.1 IAF shall hold all Confidential Information in strictest confidence and shall only use it for the purpose for which it was provided and shall not disclose or make available any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of ECCP.

7. Term

- 7.1 This MoU shall commence from the original Date of Signing and, unless terminated earlier according to clause 8, continues indefinitely.

8. Cancellation

- 8.1 This MoU between ECCP and IAF can be cancelled by either party in writing with a period of notice of three months.

SCHEDULE 1

ECCP scheme endorsed for inclusion as a sub-scope to the IAF MLA:


1. Interprivacy Certification Scheme (IP-CS.1) Version 2

Level 4 - Interprivacy Certification Scheme (IP-CS.1) Version 2, Section 2.3.3

Level 5 - Interprivacy Certification Scheme (IP-CS.1) Version 2, Sections 5 to 16

End of List

Execution of the MoU

International Accreditation Forum, Inc.	ECCP
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