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# Smart Contract Audit

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## Description

This document details the process and result of the Smart Contract audit performed by CredShields Technologies PTE. LTD. on behalf of HeyElsa on Jan 7th, 2026. A retest was performed on the same day.

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# 1. Executive Summary -----

HeyElsa engaged CredShields to perform a smart contract audit from Jan 7th, 2026, to Jan 7th, 2026. During this timeframe, one (1) vulnerability was identified. A retest was performed on January 7th, 2026, and all the bugs have been addressed.

During the audit, Zero (0) vulnerabilities were found with a severity rating of either High or Critical. These vulnerabilities represent the greatest immediate risk to "HeyElsa" and should be prioritized for remediation, and fortunately, none were found.

The table below shows the in-scope assets and a breakdown of findings by severity per asset. Section 2.3 contains more information on how severity is calculated.

Assets in Scope	Critical	High	Medium	Low	Info	Gas	$\Sigma$
OFT Smart Contract	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

*Table: Vulnerabilities Per Asset in Scope*

The CredShields team conducted the security audit to focus on identifying vulnerabilities in Smart Contract's scope during the testing window while abiding by the policies set forth by HeyElsa's team.



## **State of Security**

To maintain a robust security posture, it is essential to continuously review and improve upon current security processes. Utilizing CredShields' continuous audit feature allows both HeyElsa's internal security and development teams to not only identify specific vulnerabilities but also gain a deeper understanding of the current security threat landscape.

To ensure that vulnerabilities are not introduced when new features are added, or code is refactored, we recommend conducting regular security assessments. Additionally, by analyzing the root cause of resolved vulnerabilities, the internal teams at HeyElsa can implement both manual and automated procedures to eliminate entire classes of vulnerabilities in the future. By taking a proactive approach, HeyElsa can future-proof its security posture and protect its assets.

## 2. The Methodology -----

HeyElsa engaged CredShields to perform a Smart Contract audit. The following sections cover how the engagement was put together and executed.

### 2.1 Preparation Phase

The CredShields team meticulously reviewed all provided documents and comments in the smart contract code to gain a thorough understanding of the contract's features and functionalities. They meticulously examined all functions and created a mind map to systematically identify potential security vulnerabilities, prioritizing those that were more critical and business-sensitive for the refactored code. To confirm their findings, the team deployed a self-hosted version of the smart contract and performed verifications and validations during the audit phase.

A testing window from Jan 7th, 2026, to Jan 7th, 2026, was agreed upon during the preparation phase.

#### 2.1.1 Scope

During the preparation phase, the following scope for the engagement was agreed upon:

##### IN SCOPE ASSETS

**Audit commit:**

<https://github.com/HeyElsa/token-contract/blob/f2cc4c950e86dd3e197687d38f65c05ffc7b6269>

**Retest commit:** [3d80e4dead7d6ab74f2e3a29623c2901184a613d](https://github.com/HeyElsa/token-contract/commit/3d80e4dead7d6ab74f2e3a29623c2901184a613d)

#### 2.1.2 Documentation

Documentation was not required as the code was self-sufficient for understanding the project.

### 2.1.3 Audit Goals

CredShields employs a combination of in-house tools and thorough manual review processes to deliver comprehensive smart contract security audits. The majority of the audit involves manual inspection of the contract's source code, guided by OWASP's Smart Contract Security Weakness Enumeration (SCWE) framework and an extended, self-developed checklist built from industry best practices. The team focuses on deeply understanding the contract's core logic, designing targeted test cases, and assessing business logic for potential vulnerabilities across OWASP's identified weakness classes.

CredShields aligns its auditing methodology with the [OWASP Smart Contract Security](#) projects, including the Smart Contract Security Verification Standard (SCSVS), the Smart Contract Weakness Enumeration (SCWE), and the Smart Contract Secure Testing Guide (SCSTG). These frameworks, actively contributed to and co-developed by the CredShields team, aim to bring consistency, clarity, and depth to smart contract security assessments. By adhering to these OWASP standards, we ensure that each audit is performed against a transparent, community-driven, and technically robust baseline. This approach enables us to deliver structured, high-quality audits that address both common and complex smart contract vulnerabilities systematically.

## 2.2 Retesting Phase

HeyElsa is actively partnering with CredShields to validate the remediations implemented towards the discovered vulnerabilities.

## 2.3 Vulnerability classification and severity

CredShields follows OWASP's Risk Rating Methodology to determine the risk associated with discovered vulnerabilities. This approach considers two factors - Likelihood and Impact - which are evaluated with three possible values - **Low**, **Medium**, and **High**, based on factors such as Threat

agents, Vulnerability factors, and Technical and Business Impacts. The overall severity of the risk is calculated by combining the likelihood and impact estimates.

Overall Risk Severity				
Impact	HIGH	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Medium	<span style="color: red;">●</span> High	<span style="color: darkred;">●</span> Critical
	MEDIUM	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Low	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Medium	<span style="color: red;">●</span> High
	LOW	<span style="color: grey;">●</span> None	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Low	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Medium
		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Likelihood				

Overall, the categories can be defined as described below -

## 1. Informational

We prioritize technical excellence and pay attention to detail in our coding practices. Our guidelines, standards, and best practices help ensure software stability and reliability. Informational vulnerabilities are opportunities for improvement and do not pose a direct risk to the contract. Code maintainers should use their own judgment on whether to address them.

## 2. Low

Low-risk vulnerabilities are those that either have a small impact or can't be exploited repeatedly or those the client considers insignificant based on their specific business circumstances.

## 3. Medium

Medium-severity vulnerabilities are those caused by weak or flawed logic in the code and can lead to exfiltration or modification of private user information. These vulnerabilities

can harm the client's reputation under certain conditions and should be fixed within a specified timeframe.

#### **4. High**

High-severity vulnerabilities pose a significant risk to the Smart Contract and the organization. They can result in the loss of funds for some users, may or may not require specific conditions, and are more complex to exploit. These vulnerabilities can harm the client's reputation and should be fixed immediately.

#### **5. Critical**

Critical issues are directly exploitable bugs or security vulnerabilities that do not require specific conditions. They often result in the loss of funds and Ether from Smart Contracts or users and put sensitive user information at risk of compromise or modification. The client's reputation and financial stability will be severely impacted if these issues are not addressed immediately.

#### **6. Gas**

To address the risk and volatility of smart contracts and the use of gas as a method of payment, CredShields has introduced a "Gas" severity category. This category deals with optimizing code and refactoring to conserve gas.

### **2.4 CredShields staff**

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## 3. Findings Summary -----

This chapter contains the results of the security assessment. Findings are sorted by their severity and grouped by asset and OWASP SCWE classification. Each asset section includes a summary highlighting the key risks and observations. The table in the executive summary presents the total number of identified security vulnerabilities per asset, categorized by risk severity based on the OWASP Smart Contract Security Weakness Enumeration framework.

### 3.1 Findings Overview

#### 3.1.1 Vulnerability Summary

During the security assessment, one (1) security vulnerabilities were identified in the asset.

VULNERABILITY TITLE	SEVERITY	SCWE   Vulnerability Type
Gas Optimization for State Variables	Gas	Gas Optimization <a href="#">(SCWE-082)</a>

*Table: Findings in Smart Contracts*

## 4. Remediation Status -----

HeyElsa is actively partnering with CredShields from this engagement to validate the discovered vulnerabilities' remediations. A retest was performed on January 7th, 2026, and all the issues have been addressed.

Also, the table shows the remediation status of each finding.

VULNERABILITY TITLE	SEVERITY	REMEDIATION STATUS
Gas Optimization for State Variables	Gas	Fixed [Jan 7th, 2026]

*Table: Summary of findings and status of remediation*

## 5. Bug Reports -----

Bug ID #G001[Fixed]

### Gas Optimization for State Variables

#### Vulnerability Type

Gas Optimization ([SCWE-082](#))

#### Severity

Gas

#### Description

Plus equals ( $+=$ ) costs more gas than the addition operator. The same thing happens with minus equals ( $=-$ ). Therefore,  $x += y$  costs more gas than  $x = x + y$ .

#### Affected Code

- <https://github.com/HeyElsa/token-contract/blob/f2cc4c950e86dd3e197687d38f65c05ffc7b6269/contracts/bridge/ELSAOFTAdapter.sol#L198>

#### Impacts

Writing the arithmetic operations in  $x = x + y$  format will save some gas.

#### Remediation

It is suggested to use the format  $x = x + y$  in all the instances mentioned above.

#### Retest

Fixed in [3d80e4d](#).

## **6. The Disclosure -----**

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