

ANNEX A – of a NWIP to TC 247 from the US TAG to TC 247

Problems this project is expected to solve:-

This project has the potential to:-

- remove difficulties experienced by accredited multi-national certification bodies attempting to verify compliance with multiple national or industry standard in other parts of the world,
- remove uncertainty on the part of relying parties caused by differences in the ability of organizations to comply with varying national and industry standards.
- remove uncertainty on the part of relying parties caused by the existence of competing security assurance and conformity assessment standards in certain industries,
- achieve compatibility with relevant ISO and ISO/IEC security related standards.

The main interests that might benefit from this project include:-

- government agencies who require national and international suppliers to provide reliable evidence of compliance with a specified security assurance standard,
- multi-national corporations who require their own international operations and suppliers to comply with a specified security assurance standard,
- internationally accredited certification bodies who are willing and able to verify compliance with a security assurance standard,
- any purchasing or supplier organization who must specify or meet a security assurance standard.

Feasibility of successful completion of this project:-

Is judged to be very high by virtue of the fact that ANSI and NASPO are willing to transfer into this proposed international standard all of the intellectual property associated with the existing American national standard, and its experience that has accumulated from over eight years of industry, national and international conformity assessment and certification.

The timeliness could not be better:-

With the growing need for a security assurance standard throughout the world, now is the time to create a truly international version.

This project is urgent:-

Because government agencies and multi-national corporations are increasingly requiring international suppliers to comply with security assurance requirements, an international standard removes many of the difficulties of multiple requirements and compliance audits. . As well, it is important for these purchasers to know that a level playing field exists between international suppliers who are not at any relative disadvantage compared to domestic suppliers. The creation and use of an international security assurance standard should significantly contribute towards assuring equal opportunity in the global economy.

The benefits to be gained by implementation of the proposed standard include:-

- A solution to the problems created by requiring organizations to comply with multiple national, regional or industry standards.
- Better and expanded use of existing ISO requirement specifications that cover specific subject matter areas such as information and supply chain security.
- The potential to harmonize what appear to be competing international security assurance standards by creating a framework that enables industry and operations specific versions to branch out of a common set of security assurance requirements.

- Significant reduction in the uncertainty of relying parties caused by differences in compliance with security assurance requirements that result from local laws, regulations, social norms and traditions.

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