



Aergo (HPP) - Vesting Security Assessment

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Executive Summary

| TYPES | ECOSYSTEM | METHODS |
|---------|----------------|---|
| Staking | EVM Compatible | Formal Verification, Manual Review, Static Analysis |

| LANGUAGE | TIMELINE |
|----------|--|
| Solidity | Preliminary comments published on 12/02/2025 |
| | Final report published on 02/03/2026 |

Vulnerability Summary



| | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|---|
| ■ 1 | Centralization | 1 Acknowledged | Centralization findings highlight privileged roles & functions and their capabilities, or instances where the project takes custody of users' assets. |
| ■ 0 | Critical | | Critical risks are those that impact the safe functioning of a platform and must be addressed before launch. Users should not invest in any project with outstanding critical risks. |
| ■ 0 | Major | | Major risks may include logical errors that, under specific circumstances, could result in fund losses or loss of project control. |
| ■ 0 | Medium | | Medium risks may not pose a direct risk to users' funds, but they can affect the overall functioning of a platform. |
| ■ 1 | Minor | 1 Acknowledged | Minor risks can be any of the above, but on a smaller scale. They generally do not compromise the overall integrity of the project, but they may be less efficient than other solutions. |
| ■ 1 | Informational | 1 Acknowledged | Informational errors are often recommendations to improve the style of the code or certain operations to fall within industry best practices. They usually do not affect the overall functioning of the code. |

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AUDIT SCOPE | AERGO (HPP) - VESTING

hpp-io/contracts

 contracts/HPP_Vesting.sol

 HPP_Vesting_AIP21.sol

APPROACH & METHODS | AERGO (HPP) - VESTING

This audit was conducted for Aergo (HPP) to evaluate the security and correctness of the smart contracts associated with the Aergo (HPP) - Vesting project. The assessment included a comprehensive review of the in-scope smart contracts. The audit was performed using a combination of Static Analysis, Formal Verification, and Manual Review.

The review process emphasized the following areas:

- Architecture review and threat modeling to understand systemic risks and identify design-level flaws.
- Identification of vulnerabilities through both common and edge-case attack vectors.
- Manual verification of contract logic to ensure alignment with intended design and business requirements.
- Dynamic testing to validate runtime behavior and assess execution risks.
- Assessment of code quality and maintainability, including adherence to current best practices and industry standards.

The audit resulted in findings categorized across multiple severity levels, from informational to critical. To enhance the project's security and long-term robustness, we recommend addressing the identified issues and considering the following general improvements:

- Improve code readability and maintainability by adopting a clean architectural pattern and modular design.
- Strengthen testing coverage, including unit and integration tests for key functionalities and edge cases.
- Maintain meaningful inline comments and documentations.
- Implement clear and transparent documentation for privileged roles and sensitive protocol operations.
- Regularly review and simulate contract behavior against newly emerging attack vectors.

REVIEW NOTES | AERGO (HPP) - VESTING

Overview

The `HPP_Vesting_AIP21` contract implements a linear vesting program. It manages the distribution of HPP tokens to multiple beneficiaries over a fixed 24-month duration.

Key features include:

- **Global Vesting Clock:** Vesting follows a single global `vestingStartTime` for all beneficiaries.
- **Linear Distribution:** Tokens vest linearly over a 730-day period (approx. 24 months) starting from the global start time.
- **Owner-Managed Registry:** The owner is responsible for initializing the start time and adding beneficiaries (individually or in batches).
- **Retroactive Allocation:** Schedules can only be added *after* the vesting start time is set, meaning new beneficiaries immediately have a portion of tokens vested based on the time elapsed since the start.
- **Revocability:** The owner can revoke a beneficiary's schedule, effectively cancelling their right to claim any further tokens (including those already vested but unclaimed).
- **Emergency Controls:** The contract includes mechanisms for the owner to withdraw funds.

External Dependencies

- **OpenZeppelin:** `IERC20`, `SafeERC20`, `EnumerableSet`, `Ownable`, `ReentrancyGuard`.
- The contract integrates with a specific ERC20 token (`hppToken`) set at deployment. The token is expected to follow standard ERC20 behavior.

Privileged Functions

Functions callable only by the owner that significantly impact contract state and funds:

- `startVesting`: Permanently sets the global `vestingStartTime` and enables the addition of schedules.
- `addVestingSchedule`, `addVestingSchedules`: Assigns token allocations to beneficiaries. Requires vesting to be started.
- `revokeVestingSchedule`: Deactivates a beneficiary's schedule. This prevents any future claims, including tokens that calculated as vested based on time but were not yet claimed.
- `emergencyWithdraw`, `emergencyWithdrawAll`: Allows the owner to sweep tokens from the contract to the owner address. This capability effectively allows the owner to override token reservations for vesting schedules.

Because the owner has absolute control over creating schedules, revoking claims, and draining contract funds, the owner account represents a single point of failure and should be secured via a multisig or timelock.

FINDINGS | AERGO (HPP) - VESTING



This report has been prepared for Aergo (HPP) to identify potential vulnerabilities and security issues within the reviewed codebase. During the course of the audit, a total of 3 issues were identified. Leveraging a combination of Static Analysis, Formal Verification & Manual Review the following findings were uncovered:

| ID | Title | Category | Severity | Status |
|--------|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| AHV-01 | Centralization Risks In Source | Centralization | Centralization | ● Acknowledged |
| AHV-03 | Global Vesting Timeline Grants Late-Added Beneficiaries Immediate Vesting | Logical Issue | Minor | ● Acknowledged |
| AHV-02 | Backdated Vesting Start Lets Late Beneficiaries Claim Allocation Immediately | Design Issue | Informational | ● Acknowledged |

AHV-01 | Centralization Risks In Source

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|----------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| Centralization | ● Centralization | HPP_Vesting_AIP21.sol (HPP_Vesting_AIP21.sol): 84, 100, 128, 213, 232, 243 | ● Acknowledged |

Description

In the contract `HPP_Vesting_AIP21` the role `_owner` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below (`startVesting`, `addVestingSchedule`, `addVestingSchedules`, `revokeVestingSchedule`, `emergencyWithdraw` and `emergencyWithdrawAll`). Any compromise to the `_owner` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and add for anyone vestingSchedules or withdraw all the tokens held by this contract.

Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multisignature wallets. Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (2/3, 3%) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;
AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

Long Term:

Timelock and DAO, the combination, *mitigate* by applying decentralization and transparency.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
AND
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.
AND

- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

Permanent:

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered *fully resolved*.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles.
OR
- Remove the risky functionality.

Alleviation

[Aergo (HPP), 12/03/2025]: The team acknowledged the issue and decided not to implement the recommended change in the current engagement.

AHV-03 | Global Vesting Timeline Grants Late-Added Beneficiaries Immediate Vesting

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|--|--------------|
| Logical Issue | Minor | contracts/HPP_Vesting.sol (20260128): 34~37, 134 | Acknowledged |

Description

The `vestingStartTime` / `vestingDuration` are global immutables, and schedules never record their own timing.

```
34     uint256 public immutable vestingStartTime;
35
36     /// @notice Vesting duration (in seconds)
37     uint256 public immutable vestingDuration;
```

The function `_getVestedAmount` relies on the global clock,

```
165     function _getVestedAmount(VestingSchedule storage schedule) internal view
returns (uint256) {
166         if (block.timestamp < vestingStartTime) {
167             return 0;
168         }
169
170         if (block.timestamp >= vestingStartTime + vestingDuration) {
171             return schedule.totalAmount;
172         }
173
174         // Linear vesting calculation (proportional to elapsed time)
175         return (schedule.totalAmount * (block.timestamp - vestingStartTime)) /
vestingDuration;
176     }
```

So any beneficiary added after the global start—or after the full duration—has their entire allocation considered vested and can claim rewards immediately, defeating staggered or per-user vesting.

Recommendation

Store per-schedule start/duration in `VestingSchedule` and use them in the vesting math, or if a single shared timeline is intended, reject adding schedules after `vestingStartTime` so late additions cannot claim instantly.

Alleviation

[Aergo (HPP), 02/03/2026]: The team acknowledged the issue and decided not to implement the recommended change in the current engagement, providing the following statement:

"Issue acknowledged. I won't make any changes for the current version.

The vesting contract is intentionally designed such that all beneficiaries share the same vesting start time, and vesting for all participants is intended to commence simultaneously.

The ability to add vesting schedules after deployment exists solely as an operational safeguard to address cases where beneficiaries, who were intended to be included at the initial vesting start, were inadvertently omitted. In such cases, the operator may add the omitted beneficiaries at a later time while preserving the original vesting intent.

As this functionality serves a necessary operational purpose, removing or fully disabling the ability to add vesting schedules after vestingStartTime would prevent remediation of such omissions and is therefore not aligned with the intended operational requirements of the system.

Administrative privileges for this function are managed through a multisig wallet, and its usage is governed by internal operational policies to ensure it is exercised only for corrective purposes."

AHV-02 | Backdated Vesting Start Lets Late Beneficiaries Claim Allocation Immediately

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|--------------|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Design Issue | ● Informational | HPP_Vesting_AIP21.sol (HPP_Vesting_AIP21.sol): 109~116 | ● Acknowledged |

Description

`_addVestingSchedule` stamps every new schedule with the original `vestingStartTime`. Because adding schedules is only permitted after `vestingStarted` is true, any beneficiary onboarded after TGE inherits the past start time, and `_getVestedAmount` treats the entire elapsed period as vested, allowing near-instant withdrawal.

```
function _addVestingSchedule(address _beneficiary, uint256 _amount) private {
    require(_beneficiary != address(0), "Invalid beneficiary address");
    require(_amount > 0, "Amount must be greater than 0");
    require(!vestingSchedules[_beneficiary].isActive, "Vesting schedule already exists");
    require(vestingStarted && vestingStartTime != 0, "Vesting not started");
    vestingSchedules[_beneficiary] = VestingSchedule({
        beneficiary: _beneficiary,
        totalAmount: _amount,
        claimedAmount: 0,
        startTime: vestingStartTime,
        duration: VESTING_DURATION,
        isActive: true
    });
    beneficiaries.add(_beneficiary);
    totalVestingAmount += _amount;
    emit VestingScheduleAdded(_beneficiary, _amount, vestingStartTime);
}
```

Recommendation

(If this is not a intended design)Decouple individual schedule start times from the global start. Either (a) allow schedules to be created before `startVesting` so all beneficiaries share the same true start, or (b) set each schedule's `startTime` when it is created (e.g., `block.timestamp`) and optionally adjust duration or cliff to reflect program rules. Additionally, enforce per-beneficiary cliffs if uniform start alignment is required.

Alleviation

[Aergo (HPP), 12/03/2025]: The team acknowledged the issue and confirmed this is an intended design.

FORMAL VERIFICATION | AERGO (HPP) - VESTING

Formal guarantees about the behavior of smart contracts can be obtained by reasoning about properties relating to the entire contract (e.g. contract invariants) or to specific functions of the contract. Once such properties are proven to be valid, they guarantee that the contract behaves as specified by the property. As part of this audit, we applied formal verification to prove that important functions in the smart contracts adhere to their expected behaviors.

Considered Functions And Scope

In the following, we provide a description of the properties that have been used in this audit. They are grouped according to the type of contract they apply to.

Verification of Standard Ownable Properties

We verified *partial* properties of the public interfaces of those token contracts that implement the Ownable interface. This involves:

- function `owner` that returns the current owner,
- functions `renounceOwnership` that removes ownership,
- function `transferOwnership` that transfers the ownership to a new owner.

The properties that were considered within the scope of this audit are as follows:

| Property Name | Title |
|---|--|
| ownable-transferownership-correct | Ownership is Transferred |
| ownable-owner-succeed-normal | <code>owner</code> Always Succeeds |
| ownable-renounceownership-correct | Ownership is Removed |
| ownable-renounce-ownership-is-permanent | Once Renounced, Ownership Cannot be Regained |

Verification Results

In the remainder of this section, we list all contracts where formal verification of at least one property was not successful. There are several reasons why this could happen:

- False: The property is violated by the project.
- Inconclusive: The proof engine cannot prove or disprove the property due to timeouts or exceptions.
- Inapplicable: The property does not apply to the project.

**Detailed Results For Contract HPP_Vesting (contracts/HPP_Vesting.sol) In Commit
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Verification of Standard Ownable PropertiesDetailed Results for Function `transferOwnership`

| Property Name | Final Result | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| ownable-transferownership-correct | ● True | |

Detailed Results for Function `owner`

| Property Name | Final Result | Remarks |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| ownable-owner-succeed-normal | ● True | |

Detailed Results for Function `renounceOwnership`

| Property Name | Final Result | Remarks |
|---|----------------|---------|
| ownable-renounceownership-correct | ● True | |
| ownable-renounce-ownership-is-permanent | ● Inconclusive | |

APPENDIX | AERGO (HPP) - VESTING

Finding Categories

| Categories | Description |
|----------------|--|
| Logical Issue | Logical Issue findings indicate general implementation issues related to the program logic. |
| Centralization | Centralization findings detail the design choices of designating privileged roles or other centralized controls over the code. |
| Design Issue | Design Issue findings indicate general issues at the design level beyond program logic that are not covered by other finding categories. |

Details on Formal Verification

Some Solidity smart contracts from this project have been formally verified. Each such contract was compiled into a mathematical model that reflects all its possible behaviors with respect to the property. The model takes into account the semantics of the Solidity instructions found in the contract. All verification results that we report are based on that model.

The following assumptions and simplifications apply to our model:

- Certain low-level calls and inline assembly are not supported and may lead to a contract not being formally verified.
- We model the semantics of the Solidity source code and not the semantics of the EVM bytecode in a compiled contract.

Formalism for property specifications

All properties are expressed in a behavioral interface specification language that CertiK has developed for Solidity, which allows us to specify the behavior of each function in terms of the contract state and its parameters and return values, as well as contract properties that are maintained by every observable state transition. Observable state transitions occur when the contract's external interface is invoked and the invocation does not revert, and when the contract's Ether balance is changed by the EVM due to another contract's "self-destruct" invocation. The specification language has the usual Boolean connectives, as well as the operator `\old` (used to denote the state of a variable before a state transition), and several types of specification clause:

Apart from the Boolean connectives and the modal operators "always" (written `[]`) and "eventually" (written `<>`), we use the following predicates to reason about the validity of atomic propositions. They are evaluated on the contract's state whenever a discrete time step occurs:

- `requires [cond]` - the condition `cond`, which refers to a function's parameters, return values, and contract state variables, must hold when a function is invoked in order for it to exhibit a specified behavior.
- `ensures [cond]` - the condition `cond`, which refers to a function's parameters, return values, and both `\old` and current contract state variables, is guaranteed to hold when a function returns if the corresponding requires condition held

when it was invoked.

- `invariant [cond]` - the condition `cond`, which refers only to contract state variables, is guaranteed to hold at every observable contract state.
- `constraint [cond]` - the condition `cond`, which refers to both `\old` and current contract state variables, is guaranteed to hold at every observable contract state except for the initial state after construction (because there is no previous state); constraints are used to restrict how contract state can change over time.

Description of the Analyzed Ownable Properties

Properties related to function `transferOwnership`

ownable-transferownership-correct

Invocations of `transferOwnership(newOwner)` must transfer the ownership to the `newOwner`.

Specification:

```
ensures this.owner() == newOwner;
```

Properties related to function `owner`

ownable-owner-succeed-normal

Function `owner` must always succeed if it does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
reverts_only_when false;
```

Properties related to function `renounceOwnership`

ownable-renounce-ownership-is-permanent

The contract must prohibit regaining of ownership once it has been renounced.

Specification:

```
constraint \old(owner()) == address(0) ==> owner() == address(0);
```

ownable-renounceownership-correct

Invocations of `renounceOwnership()` must set ownership to `address(0)`.

Specification:

```
ensures this.owner() == address(0);
```

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