

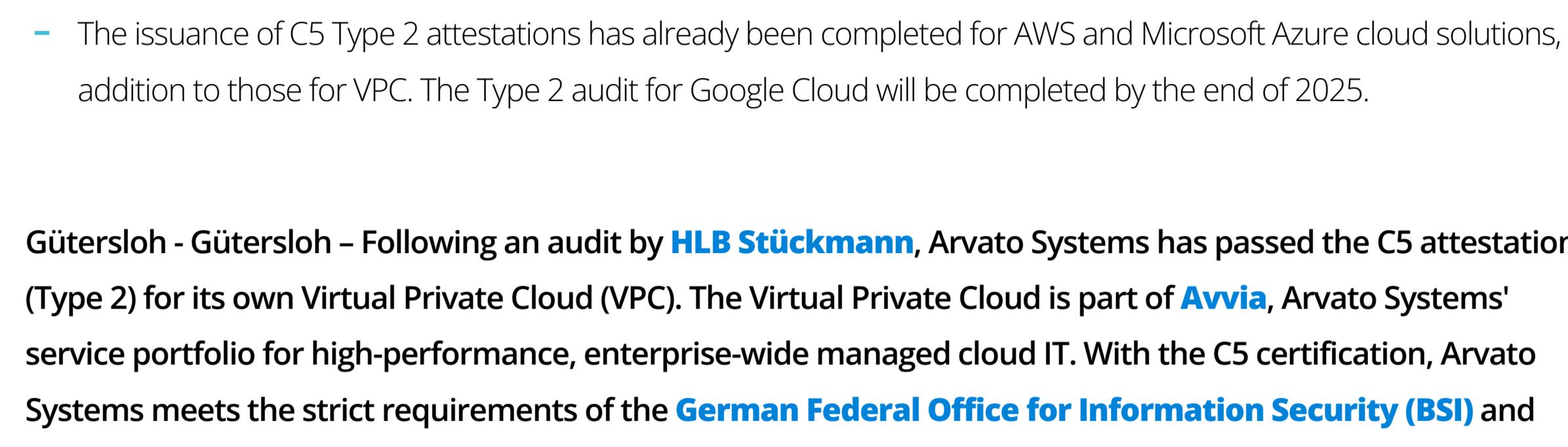
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Strong signal for cloud security: Arvato Systems meets the highest cloud testing standards

- HLB Stückmann has successfully audited Arvato Systems' Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) in accordance with the requirements catalog of the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI C5).
- The audit was conducted directly on the Type 2 assurance, which confirms the operational effectiveness of the security measures.
- The issuance of C5 Type 2 attestations has already been completed for AWS and Microsoft Azure cloud solutions, in addition to those for VPC. The Type 2 audit for Google Cloud will be completed by the end of 2025.

Gütersloh - Gütersloh - Following an audit by **HLB Stückmann**, Arvato Systems has passed the C5 attestation (Type 2) for its own Virtual Private Cloud (VPC). The Virtual Private Cloud is part of **Avvia**, Arvato Systems' service portfolio for high-performance, enterprise-wide managed cloud IT. With the C5 certification, Arvato Systems meets the strict requirements of the **German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI)** and emphasizes its leading role in cloud security and compliance. At the same time, the successful audit underscores the company's ability to act as a reliable provider for highly regulated industries such as finance, healthcare, and the public sector.

The C5 certificate (Cloud Computing Compliance Controls Catalogue) is an audit standard for cloud services developed by the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI). It confirms that a cloud provider meets defined security requirements, including aspects such as data protection, information security, and transparency. The attestation was carried out by independent auditors in accordance with the IDW auditing standard "IT auditing outside the financial statement audit (IDW PS 860) and the new version of the IDW auditing note: The auditing of cloud services (IDW PH 9.860.3 n.F)." The C5 certification provides companies with reliable guidance in selecting secure cloud services.

In addition to issuing the C5 certificate for its own virtual private cloud, Arvato Systems - also audited by HLB Stückmann - has already received Type 2 certificates for its own cloud solutions with its strategic partners **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** and **Microsoft Azure**. The C5 attestation of strategic partner **Google Cloud** will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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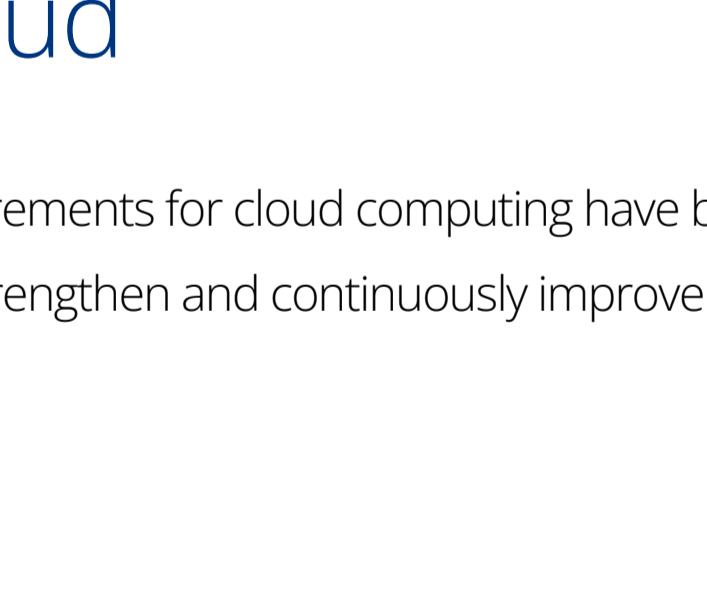
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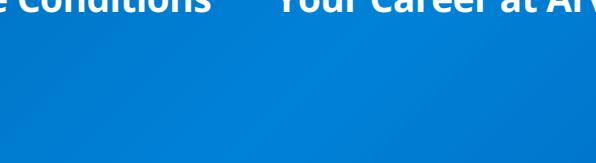
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