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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT

To the management of Internet Security Research Group (“Let’s Encrypt”):

### Scope

We have examined the assertions by the management of [Let’s Encrypt](#) and [IdenTrust Services, LLC](#) (“IdenTrust”), an independent subservice organization that provides Certification Authority (“CA”) data center services to Let’s Encrypt, that for its CA operations in Utah and Colorado, in the United States of America, for its CAs enumerated in [Attachment B](#) Let’s Encrypt and IdenTrust have:

- disclosed Let’s Encrypt’s SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices in the applicable versions of its ISRG Combined Certificate Policy and Certification Practice Statement (“CP/CPS”), as enumerated in [Attachment A](#), including its commitment to provide SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on its [repository](#), and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - the integrity of keys and SSL certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
  - SSL subscriber information is properly authenticated
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - logical and physical access to CA systems and data is restricted to authorized individuals;
  - the continuity of key and certificate management operations is maintained; and
  - CA systems development, maintenance, and operations are properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity

throughout the period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline - Version 2.8](#) for the relevant systems and processes used in the issuance of all certificates that assert policy object identifier 2.23.140.1.2.1.

The CA/Browser Forum Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted TLS Server Certificates requires compliance with the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements (“Network Security Requirements”) as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum. The relevant principle and criteria are included as part of WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - Network Security, which are reported on under separate cover.



## Certification Authority's Responsibilities

Let's Encrypt's management is responsible for its assertion, including the fairness of its presentation, and the provision of its described services in accordance with the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline - Version 2.8.](#)

## Subservice Organization's Responsibilities

IdenTrust has provided an accompanying assertion titled “IdenTrust Services, LLC Management’s Assertion” (IdenTrust assertion) about the services provided to Let’s Encrypt. IdenTrust Management is responsible for its assertion and providing services in accordance with the described practices of Let’s Encrypt; and implementing, operating and documenting controls designed in accordance with Let’s Encrypt’s requirements, which enable Let’s Encrypt to achieve the applicable WebTrust Criteria as set out in Let’s Encrypt’s assertion.

## Independent Accountant's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assertion based on our examination. Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management’s assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management’s assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management’s assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at Let’s Encrypt and their effect on assessments of control risk for subscribers and relying parties are dependent on their interaction with the controls and other factors present at individual subscriber and relying party locations. Our examination did not extend to controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations and we have not evaluated the effectiveness of such controls.

## Inherent Limitations

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. For example, because of their nature, controls may not prevent, or detect unauthorised access to systems and information, or failure to comply with internal and external policies or requirements. Also, the projection to the future of any conclusions based on our findings is subject to the risk that controls may become ineffective.



## Independent Accountant's Opinion

In our opinion, Let's Encrypt's and IdenTrust's management assertions, as referred to above, are fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Let's Encrypt's or IdenTrust's services other than its CA operations at Utah and Colorado, in the United States of America, nor the suitability of any of Let's Encrypt's or IdenTrust's services for any customer's intended purpose.

## Other Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we noted the following other matters during our procedures:

Matter Topic		Matter Description
1	Systems Development, Maintenance, and Change Management	Let's Encrypt disclosed in Mozilla Bug <a href="#">#1972745</a> that it deployed code it had developed for its CA software without it going through its review process.
2	Certificate Status Validation	Let's Encrypt disclosed in Mozilla Bug <a href="#">#1954861</a> that two (2) revocation entries on CRLs were removed before the certificates had expired.

While the Let's Encrypt assertion notes all issues disclosed on Bugzilla from September 1, 2024 through the date of this report, we have only noted those instances relevant to the CAs enumerated in [Attachment B](#) and applicable to the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline - Version 2.8](#).

## Use of the WebTrust seal

Let's Encrypt's use of the WebTrust for Certification Authorities - TLS Baseline Seal constitutes a symbolic representation of the contents of this report and it is not intended, nor should it be construed, to update this report or provide any additional assurance.

BDO USA, P.C.

November 17, 2025



## ATTACHMENT A - CERTIFICATION PRACTICE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE POLICY VERSIONS IN-SCOPE

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## ATTACHMENT B - IN-SCOPE CAs

Root CA Certificates			
Subject DN	SHA-256 Thumbprint	Valid From	Valid To
CN=ISRG Root X1 O=Internet Security Research Group C=US	96BCEC06264976F37460779ACF28C5A7CFE8A3C0AAE11A8FFCEE05C0BDDF08C6	6/4/2015	6/4/2035
CN=ISRG Root X2 O=Internet Security Research Group C=US	8B05B68CC659E5ED0FCB38F2C942FBFD200E6F2FF9F85D63C6994EF5E0B02701	9/4/2020	9/15/2025
CN=ISRG Root X2 O=Internet Security Research Group C=US	69729B8E15A86EFC177A57AFB7171DFC64ADD28C2FCA8CF1507E34453CCB1470	9/4/2020	9/17/2040
CN=ISRG Root X1 O=Internet Security Research Group C=US	6D99FB265EB1C5B3744765FCBC648F3CD8E1BFFAFDC4C2F99B9D47CF7FF1C24F	1/20/2021	9/30/2024



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CN=E1 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	46494E30379059DF18BE52124305E606FC59070E5B21076CE113954B60517CDA	9/4/2020	9/15/2025
CN=E2 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	BACDE0463053CE1D62F8BE74370BBAE79D4FCAF19FC07643AEF195E6A59BD578	9/4/2020	9/15/2025
CN=R3 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	67ADD1166B020AE61B8F5FC96813C04C2AA589960796865572A3C7E737613DFD	9/4/2020	9/15/2025
CN=R4 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	1A07529A8B3F01D231DFAD2ABDF71899200BB65CD7E03C59FA8227253355B74	9/4/2020	9/15/2025
CN=E5 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	5DFDB3CF31B26F23D87C09F3A0CEF642F64069A9FB7CFE29270BB5DC0F1E16BB	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E5 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	E788D14B0436B5120BBEE3F15C15BADF08C1407FE72568A4F16F9151C380E1E3	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E6 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	76E9E288AAFC0E37F4390CBF946AAD997D5C1C901B3CE513D3D8FADBABE2AB85	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E6 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	065AB7D2A050F947587121765D8D070C0E1330D5798FAA42C2072749ED293762	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E7 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	AEB1FD7410E83BC96F5DA3C6A7C2C1BB836D1FA5CB86E708515890E428A8770B	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E7 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	54715420224C5B65BEED018DC3940D7338C577E322D5488F633D8C6A8FED61B2	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E8 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	83624FD338C8D9B023C18A67CB7A9C0519DA43D11775B4C6CBDAD45C3D997C52	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E8 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	AC1274542267F17B525535B5563BF731FEBB182533B46A82DC869CB64EB528C0	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E9 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	FDE88F2D4F8913D3DC1664D5F8DE51E07FE2ABFED93B45ACAD5A29BFEAA23FB	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E9 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	4185DF97806C2BA76F1D79823F112FFA639A49CCDC990908102067AB6412B886	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=R10 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	9D7C3F1AA6AD2B2EC0D5CF1E246F8D9AE6CBC9FD0755AD37BB974B1F2FB603F3	3/13/2024	3/12/2027



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CN=R11 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	591E9CE6C863D3A079E9FABE1478C7339A26B21269DDE795211361024AE31A44	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=R12 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	131FCE7784016899A5A00203A9EFC80F18EBBD75580717EDC1553580930836EC	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=R13 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	D3B128216A843F8EF1321501F5DF52A5DF52939EE2C19297712CD3DE4D419354	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=R14 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	24D45AA9B8D6053D281F3842C8CC0C6C1AF7CCDFD42DD5C12F6A74FA9323F7A2	3/13/2024	3/12/2027



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## INTERNET SECURITY RESEARCH GROUP MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTION

Internet Security Research Group (“Let’s Encrypt”) operates the Certification Authority (“CA”) services for the root and subordinate CAs enumerated in [Attachment B](#) in scope for the CA/Browser Forum Baseline Requirements and provides SSL CA services.

Let’s Encrypt uses IdenTrust Services, LLC (“IdenTrust”), an independent subservice organization, to provide Certification Authority (“CA”) data center services to Let’s Encrypt.

Let’s Encrypt’s management has assessed its disclosures of its certificate practices and controls over its SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in Let’s Encrypt’s management’s opinion, in providing its CA services in Utah and Colorado, in the United States of America, Let’s Encrypt has:

- disclosed its SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices in the applicable versions of its ISRG Combined Certificate Policy and Certification Practice Statement (“CP/CPS”), as enumerated in [Attachment A](#), including its commitment to provide SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements in its [repository](#), and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices
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Let's Encrypt has disclosed the following matters publicly on Mozilla's Bugzilla platform. These matters were included below due to being open during the period September 1, 2024 through the date of this report.

Bug ID	Summary	Opened	Closed	Resolution
<a href="#">#1921573</a>	Let's Encrypt: No Meaningful Subject Distinguished Name	9/27/2024	11/6/2024	FIXED
<a href="#">#1954861</a>	Let's Encrypt: Early CRL Removal Incident	3/18/2025	4/9/2025	FIXED
<a href="#">#1955721</a>	Let's Encrypt: Failure to Document Analysis of Detected Vulnerabilities	3/21/2025	6/10/2025	FIXED
<a href="#">#1966515</a>	Let's Encrypt: Issuance for Invalid Internationalized Domain Name	5/14/2025	6/4/2025	INVALID
<a href="#">#1972745</a>	Let's Encrypt: Deployed Unreviewed Boulder Code	6/17/2025	7/30/2025	FIXED

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CN=ISRG Root X2 O=Internet Security Research Group C=US	8B05B68CC659E5ED0FCB38F2C942FBFD200E6F2FF9F85D63C6994EF5E0B02701	9/4/2020	9/15/2025
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CN=E5 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	E788D14B0436B5120BBEE3F15C15BADF08C1407FE72568A4F16F9151C380E1E3	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E6 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	76E9E288AAFC0E37F4390CBF946AAD997D5C1C901B3CE513D3D8FADBABE2AB85	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E6 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	065AB7D2A050F947587121765D8D070C0E1330D5798FAA42C2072749ED293762	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E7 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	AEB1FD7410E83BC96F5DA3C6A7C2C1BB836D1FA5CB86E708515890E428A8770B	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E7 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	54715420224C5B65BEED018DC3940D7338C577E322D5488F633D8C6A8FED61B2	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
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CN=E8 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	AC1274542267F17B525535B5563BF731FEBB182533B46A82DC869CB64EB528C0	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=E9 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	FDE88F2D4F8913D3DC1664D5F8DE51E07FE2ABFED93B45ACAD5A29BFEAA23FB	3/13/2024	3/12/2027



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CN=R10 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	9D7C3F1AA6AD2B2EC0D5CF1E246F8D9AE6CBC9FD0755AD37BB974B1F2FB603F3	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
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CN=R13 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	D3B128216A843F8EF1321501F5DF52A5DF52939EE2C19297712CD3DE4D419354	3/13/2024	3/12/2027
CN=R14 O=Let's Encrypt C=US	24D45AA9B8D6053D281F3842C8CC0C6C1AF7CCDFD42DD5C12F6A74FA9323F7A2	3/13/2024	3/12/2027



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### IDENTRUST SERVICES, LLC MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTION

IdenTrust Services, LLC (“IdenTrust”) provides Certification Authority (“CA”) data center services to Internet Security Research Group (“Let’s Encrypt”), who operates the Certification Authority (“CA”) services for the CAs enumerated in [Attachment B](#) in scope for SSL Baseline Requirements. IdenTrust assists Let’s Encrypt with the following PKI services:

- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that the integrity of keys it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - physical access to CA systems and data is restricted to authorized individuals;
  - the continuity of key management operations is maintained; and
  - CA systems maintenance and operations are properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity

throughout the period September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline - Version 2.8](#).

IdenTrust services include controls to support the physical and environmental security for CA operations systems. These controls include the relevant logging and monitoring controls related to physical and environmental controls provided by IdenTrust. The controls provided by IdenTrust support some elements of criteria include in the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline - Version 2.8](#), however, IdenTrust is not responsible for the entirety of the controls to address any single criterion.

IdenTrust Services, LLC

Signed by:

  
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