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## 1 Summary

The Netherlands Ministry of Defense (NL MoD) is not a public service provider as specified in regulation (EU) no 910|2014 of the European parliament and of the council, article 2 section 1. It is not possible to acquire services from the NL MoD.

The purpose of this PKI Disclosure Statement is to summarize and present the key points of the Netherlands Ministry Of Defense (NL MoD) Certificate Practice Statement (CPS) and specific conditions in a more readable and understandable format for employees and relying parties that must use NL MoD certificates in their business processes. Use of NL MoD certificates for private purposes of NL MoD employees is strictly forbidden as stated in the contract, signed by employees when receiving their Defensiepas.

This PKI Disclosure Statement does not substitute or replace the NL MoD CPS under which digital certificates are issued. Further information can be found in the CPS found at <http://cps.dp.ca.mindef.nl/>.

## 2 CA contact information

Questions regarding this PKI Disclosure Statement or the CPS shall be directed at: [defensiepas.ca@mindef.nl](mailto:defensiepas.ca@mindef.nl).

## 3 Type of certificates, validation procedures and certificate usage

### *Certificates*

The NL MoD issues certificates for authentication, encryption and non-repudiation to its employees. These certificates are integrated in the employees card (Defensiepas).

### *Vetting*

NL MoD employees can only get their certificates after identification with an legal identification document. The names in the certificates represent the names in the legal identity document. Certificates are revoked when an employee receives a new card, leaves the NL MoD or a compromise happened or is suspected.

### *Usage*

The NL MoD limits use of its certificate to strictly business purposes.

Full description of the certificates issued and their respective validation procedures are covered in the NL MoD's CPS documents.

#### 4 Limitation of the use of the reliability of certificates

The NL MoD limits the reliability and use of its certificates to all use cases where the subject operates as an employee of the NL MoD and the relying needs the certificates for a work process related to the NL MoD. The NL MoD prohibits use of its certificates for employees private transactions.

#### 5 Obligations for employees

Employees must:

- Submit accurate and complete information when applying for a card
- Exercise reasonable care to avoid unauthorized use of the card and pin
- Only use the card for work related activities.
- Call the service desk and ask for a revocation of their card when:
  - o the card has been, potentially or actually lost, stolen or compromised
  - o the pin code is revealed to others than the intended owner
  - o inaccuracy or changes to the certificate of card content, as notified to the employee

For a more complete list of obligations, employees can refer to the contract he/she signed when receiving his/her employee card, the "gebruikers overeenkomst Defensiepas"

#### 6 Obligations of the relying parties

Relying parties should direct their questions on when to use NL MoD certificates in their processes to their security officer.

Relying party must perform these action before committing to a transaction based on the NL MoD's PKI:

- Independently assess the appropriateness of the use of a certificate for any given purpose and determine that the certificate will, in fact, be used for an appropriate purpose.
- Utilize the appropriate software and/or hardware to perform digital signature verification or other cryptographic operations, as a condition of relying on a certificate in connection with each such operation. Such operations include:
  - identifying a certificate chain
  - verifying the digital signatures on all certificates in the certificate chain and;
  - abort the transaction if the verification fails.

If all of the checks described above are successful, relying party can use the certificates provided that reliance upon the certificate is reasonable under the circumstances.

## 7 Exclusion and liability limitation clauses

The NL MoD accepts liability as far as they are specified in the CPS and the relying party complied with the requirements in paragraph 6, none when certificates are used in inappropriate ways or the checks in paragraph 6 have not been performed.

## 8 Applicable agreements

NL MoD employees sign an agreement, stating their rights and obligations before receiving their card. Relying parties are those parties that have a need-to-be/need-to-have relation with the NL MoD. They have a business/contractual relation with the NL MoD, that justifies the use of the certificates.

## 9 Reimbursement directives

Not applicable.

## 10 Governing Law and settlement of disputes clauses

All services concerning the certificates are governed by NL MoD policy, ABDO and Dutch law.

## 11 Certification

The NL MoD is subject to a yearly compliance audit by an accredited auditor against the requirements of :

- European Union's (EU) eIDAS regulation;
- The program of requirements PKI Overheid;
- ETSI EN 319 411 -1 and ETSI EN 319 411 -2.

Proof of successful certification can be found by viewing the certificate of compliance on our website.