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Citizen Resources Information Department

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No. Admn/315/1SIT/ 98

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government of Haryana
2. All the Heads of Departments in the State of Haryana.
3. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana
4. All the Managing Directors/ Chief Administrators of all the Boards/ Corporations in the Haryana State
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana
6. All the Registrars of Universities in Haryana

Chandigarh dated, the 07.02.2025

Subject: "Safe-to-Host" Security Audit Certificate for Applications Hosted at Haryana State Data Centre, Chandigarh - Compliance and Immediate Action Required.

Cyber security is evolving rapidly, driven by technological advancements that introduce new vulnerabilities and increasingly sophisticated threats, such as hacking, defacement, ransomware, and data breaches. In order to gain fame the hackers generally target Govt. Web Applications which is a threat and is cause for embarrassment. To protect our digital infrastructure and ensure compliance with regulatory standards, it is essential that all websites and applications hosted at the Haryana State Data Centre or other Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) adhere to stringent security protocols.

Regular, timely security audits are critical to identifying vulnerabilities, addressing emerging threats, and fortifying systems against potential attacks. As you are aware, every application intended for hosting at the Data Centre must possess a valid **"Safe-to-Host"** Security Audit Certificate. This certificate, issued by a CERT-IN empaneled agency, serves as a testament that the application has undergone rigorous security audits and meets the requisite standards for protecting citizen data and maintaining a secure hosting environment. It is also to be noted that the certification is valid for one year only and requires timely renewal to ensure uninterrupted hosting services. This certification also becomes invalid in case there is any major code level change carried out in the applications.

It has come to our attention that the required security audit certification for many of the Govt application(s) has expired or yet to be submitted. These websites may be hosted in any Data Centres: like State Data Centre, RailTel, BSNL, Pvt CSPs etc. and they are also mandated for the security Audit requirement as indicated above.

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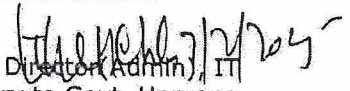नागरिक संसाधन सूचना विभाग

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Given the critical importance of adhering to application hosting compliance requirements, you are requested to:

1. **Immediately initiate the process of security audits** for all applications currently hosted or intended for hosting.

2. Ensure that security audit certificates for applications with certificates nearing expiration are renewed promptly and this **process of audit is initiated well in advance** to adhere the security compliances.

3. Share the updated and valid security audit certificates no later than **28th February 2025** by email at **supportsdc.swan-hry@gov.in, support.desk@haryanaismo.gov.in.**

In order to facilitate the Security audit activity, CRID (erstwhile DITECH) has approved rates for most common categories of web applications, mobile applications, APIs etc. vide letter no. Admin/315/1SIT/23 dated 07 Jan. 2025 (available at: https://haryanaismo.gov.in/assets/pdf/capacityBuilding/Ext_Approved_rates.pdf).

Undersigned is therefore directed to request you to treat this matter with the highest priority and ensure timely compliance with this directive. For any further assistance Sh. Munish Chandan, Addl CITO & Dy. CISO (Ph: 0172: 2703479) or Haryana ISMO (Ph: 0172-2709250) may be contacted.
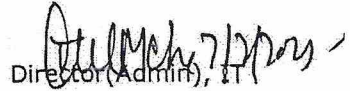
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3. Secretary to SSIT- for kind information of Special Secretary, IT.
4. Addl. CITO & Dy. CISO

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