FIPS 140-2 Validation Certificate



The National Institute of Standards and Technology of the United States of America





The Communications Security
Establishment of the Government
of Canada

Certificate No. 294

The National Institute of Standards and Technology, as the United States FIPS 140-2 Cryptographic Module Validation Authority; and the Communications Security Establishment, as the Canadian FIPS 140-2 Cryptographic Module Validation Authority; hereby validate the FIPS 140-2 testing results of the Cryptographic Module identified as:

nCipher 800 PCI and nCipher 1600 PCI by nCipher Corporation Ltd.

(When operated in FIPS mode)

in accordance with the Derived Test Requirements for FIPS 140-2, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules. FIPS 140-2 specifies the security requirements that are to be satisfied by a cryptographic module utilized within a security system protecting Sensitive Information (United States) or Designated Information (Canada) within computer and telecommunications systems (including voice systems).

Products which use the above identified cryptographic module may be labeled as complying with the requirements of FIPS 140-2 so long as the product, throughout its life cycle, continues to use the validated version of the cryptographic module as specified in this certificate. The validation report contains additional details concerning test results. No reliability test has been performed and no warranty of the products by both agencies is either expressed or implied.

This certificate includes details on the scope of conformance and validation authority signatures on the reverse.

FIPS 140-2 provides four increasing, qualitative levels of security: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4. These levels are intended to cover the wide range and potential applications and environments in which cryptographic modules may be employed. The security requirements cover eleven areas related to the secure design and implementation of a cryptographic module. The scope of conformance achieved by the cryptographic modules as tested in the product identified as:

nCipher 800 PCI and nCipher 1600 PCI by nCipher Corporation Ltd.

(Hardware Versions: nC3033-800 and nC3033-1K6, Build Standard C, Firmware Version: 2.0.1-3; Hardware)

DOMUS IT Security Laboratory, NVLAP LAB CODE 200017-0 and tested by the Cryptographic Module Testing accredited laboratory: CRYPTIK Version 4.0 is as follows: Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces: Level 3 Cryptographic Module Specification: Level 3 Roles, Services, and Authentication: Finite State Model: Level 3 Level 3 Physical Security: Cryptographic Key Management: Level 3 Level 3 (Multi-Chip Embedded) EMI/EMC: Self Tests: Level 3 Level 4 Mitigation of Other Attacks: Design Assurance: Level 3 N/A Operational Environment: tested in the following configuration(s): N/A N/A

The following FIPS approved Cryptographic Algorithms are used: DES (Cert. #173); DES MAC (Cert. #173, vendor affirmed); Triple-DES (Cert. #109); Triple-DES MAC (Cert. #109, vendor affirmed); AES (Cert. #15); DSA (Cert. #60); SHA-1 (Cert. #95); HMAC-SHA-1 (Cert. #95, vendor affirmed); RSA (PKCS#1, vendor affirmed)

The Cryptographic module also contains the following non-FIPS approved algorithms: ARC FOUR; CAST5; CAST6; HMAC (MD2, MD5, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512 and RIPEMD 160); SHA-256; SHA-384; SHA-512; RIPEMD 160; El-Gamal; Diffie-Hellman (key agreement); Blowfish; Twofish; Serpent; MD2; MD5; SEED; KCDSA; HSA 160

Overall Level Achieved: 3

Signed on behalf of the Government of the United States	Signed on behalf of the Government of Canada
Signature:	Signature:
Dated: 12 April 2001	Dated:
Chief, Computer Security Division National Institute of Standards and Technology	Director, Information Protection Group The Communications Security Establishment