National Security Agency

CSfC Independent Layer Approval

(U) NSA has reviewed Cisco Systems, Inc.'s claims of Implementation Independence, which documents the similarities and differences between the product families listed below:

(1) Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) 5500s
   Cisco ASA Virtual (ASAv)
   Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) with Firepower
   Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) running on Firepower 2100s/4100s/9300s

(2) Cisco Integrated Services Router (ISR) 4000s
   Cisco Aggregation Services Router (ASR) 1000s/9000s
   Cisco Embedded Services Router (ESR) 5900s

(U) NSA has determined that sufficient independence exists between these two sets of product families. This Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSfC) Independent Layer Approval letter allows CSfC Multi-Site Connectivity Capability Package (MSC CP) solutions to be registered with the CSfC Program Management Office when a product selected from (1) and (2) are used as two (but not all three) of the following components: Inner Encryption Component, Outer Encryption Component, or as a Gray Network Firewall.

(U) This approval constitutes compliance with the MSC-PS-6 and MSC-PS-10 requirements of the CSfC MSC CP. This approval is limited to those products from (1) and (2) that are validated in accordance with the requirements of the NIAP program and listed in the appropriate categories on the CSfC Components List. Unless otherwise revised or revoked, this Approval is valid for three (3) years, providing these products remain NIAP validated and active on the CSfC Components List.

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