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Sub: E & ITD- IT Security auditing requirements of Government organizations and critical sectors-advisories- reg:

Ref: Letter No. 3(15)/2004-CERT-In (Vol.IX) from the Director General, CERT-In

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India is maintaining a list of IT security auditing organizations to assist Government organizations and critical sectors in getting their IT systems and networks audited from cyber security point of view and to enhance their security posture. The credentials of these organisations are vetted by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and can be accessed at CERT-In website (www.cert-in.org.in).

The following advisories are to be followed to ensure security while engaging an organization from the CERT empaneled list for security auditing of Government organizations /Autonomous institutions/PSUs/Universities and other critical sectors:

- 1) The concerned Government Ministries / Organizations should obtain NOC from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) before engaging any non-Indian firm so as to avoid exposing sensitive information to non-Indian persons/entities or those having foreign links.
- 2) Every auditing firm and its auditors (personnel) engaged should sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) before being allowed to commence the cyber security auditing work.To the extent feasible, it

may be ensured that any data collected during the auditing work and report prepared thereof is not allowed to be taken out of the Government premises by such auditors/firms.

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All Head of Departments.
All Autonomous bodies and Public Sector Undertakings.
All Universities in Kerala
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The Managing Director, KELTRON, Thiruvananthapuram
The State Informatics Officer, NIC Kerala State Centre,
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