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Procedure On Maintenance of certification and recertification (Biometric Device)



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Maintenance of Certification- Procedure

1.0 Purpose



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This document describes the procedure for Maintenance of Certification of Certified Biometric Device. The purpose is to ensure that the supplier (client) remains fit to hold Certificate of Approval (of Biometric Device) under Certification Scheme.

2.0 Objective

- a) Supplier (Client's) defined system continue to remain adequate and effective to ensure that Biometric Devices placed in Indian market comply with the applicable UIDAI specification and consistency of Quality of Products is maintained
- b) The supplier support system is adequate, capable and implemented to ensure required services are effectively provided to users.

3.0 Scope

Scope covers certification of FPS & IRIS Biometric devices for

- a) Enrolment
- b) Authentication

4.0 Responsibility

Certification Body (CB)

Certification Body is responsible to ensure that supplier meets criteria specified in this procedure.

Certification Committee (CC)

Responsible for recommendations on continuation of certification, suspension, withdrawal etc.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Decision on Certification following recommendations from CC

Supplier

1. To ensure criteria specified in this procedure are adhered.
2. To maintain the system and records to ensure that only UIDAI compliant devices are supplied

5.0 Surveillance/ Recertification Policy

5.1 Surveillance:



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Surveillance audit (Off site) will be carried out at least once in 3 year of certification cycle. Certified supplier shall provide documentation as per Annexure I to the Certification Body. Certification body will analyze the submitted documents for continuation of Certification. The surveillance/audit frequency can be more based on the recommendation of surveillance team leader.

Every year supplier shall also deposit following documents stamped and signed by authorized signatory -

- Valid ISO 9001 certificate for the scope as specified in the certification scheme.
- Web site address and latest contact details.
- Help desk numbers

5.2 Re-certification:

The validity of the certificate is for 3 years after which supplier has to undergo recertification process. Generally re-certification process will be initiated 3-6 months in advance before the expiry of certificate. The re-certification process will include limited device testing and review of documents.

The supplier shall deposit one device sample at BDTL, Mohali along with a filled copy of application form for re-certification, TCF (only changes), inhouse test report for functional testing and fee of Rs. 1.00 lac + service tax(as applicable).

BDTL will conduct following tests on the sample device:

- a) To verify that the claim of no change in device is valid, BDTL will carry out following comparisons/ checks:
- Cross-verify device with its specification sheet & Manufacturer's Website.
 - Visual appearance comparison (Physical shape, color, ports/ connectors, etc.)
 - Dimensional measurement comparison
 - Weight measurement comparison
 - Output/ Image comparison (visual, image format, image size, etc.)
 - Device manufacturing location
 - Any other
- b) Functional testing of the device submitted
- c) Conduct Image Quality tests on the device submitted

In case of not satisfactory result in any of above, supplier will submit two devices for recheck/retesting. If results are still not satisfactory failure report will be issued.



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6.0 Special Visit

Special visit may be required because of one or more of the followings:

- Discovery of a major non-conformance in a system or product
- Failure to carry out satisfactory corrective action
- Serious complaints from users and other stakeholders
- Non submission of Documents as per Annexure by the client

The decision to initiate the special visit is the responsibility of Certification Body. This special visit may also result in withdrawal/cancellation of the certificate.

7.0 Re-Assessment

Re-assessment is done whenever there are

- Large number or serious complaints
- Changes in technology or products
- Change in specification /UIDAI requirements.

The decision to initiate Re-assessment is the responsibility of Certification Body.

The report of re-assessment is expected to provide useful information to Certification process.

8.0 Procedure for certification /Recertification (Onsite) and Surveillance (Offsite) audit

During audit (On-site/ Off-site) following documents shall be verified:

1. Technical construction file.
2. Continuing compliance to ISO 9001 certification.
3. "No change" undertaking as per Annexure II.
4. Supplier has system to address Customer complaint.
5. STQC or UIDAI/Aadhaar Logo is not used by supplier.
6. Supplier provides necessary trainings to user agencies.
7. Supplier continues to be authorized by OEM to supply devices in India.
8. Supplier continues to comply with latest version of API specification/VDM of UIDAI.
9. Supplier continues to maintain support service to user & also continues to maintain device quality as per UIDAI specification.
10. Supplier's Help desk is effective.
11. Continues to comply with the provisions of the certifications scheme.
12. Supplier's web presence specifies
 - a) Certified device details



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- b) Prominently displayed help desk numbers.
- c) Sales/Marketing persons for enquiry and contact details.

9.0 Renewal of certificate

After three years certificate will be renewed for further period of three years if following are met.

- 1. Supplier meets the certification criteria during on-site recertification audit.
- 2. If no complaint received by STQC/Complaint addressed satisfactorily.
- 3. Satisfactorily Declarations given on time annually

If there is a gap after expiry of initial certification, supplier has to pay as per defined annual charges from the date of expiration of the certificate.

Extension of certification-In case recertification process is not complete before expiry of certification; validity can be extended for maximum one year period provided following conditions are met-

- 1. Supplier requests in writing with justification for extension before expiry of certificate.
- 2. Declaration under oath from supplier is received.
- 3. Past performance in respect of following is satisfactory- -Satisfactory onsite/offsite surveillance
 - No major customer complaints received by him
 - No negative feedback from UIDAI
 - Undertaking from supplier for no major complaints received by supplier

10.0 STQC Recertification Charges:

a) No Change:

- I. Functional Test
- II. Image quality Test
- III. Visual inspection, dimension and weight

Recertification charges- Rs 1lac+service tax (as applicable)

b) Change

- I. Minor – Technical committee can recommend for charges as application a) above for limited test. Applicant shall give representation extent of change and impact of those changes. STQC test engineering shell will do the technical evaluation to identify extent of testing required and continue invoice of charges
- II. Major – Complete Full Testing will be done and full Charges will be applicable

The above charges includes testing charges and offsite surveillance charges

The applicant shall pay Rs. 1 Lakh for maintaining certificate for next 3 years if the applicant approaches STQC for recertification before expiry of already certified devices.



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Rs. 10000 per year as delay fee for maximum of 2 years along with recertification fee of 1 lakh will have to be paid by the applicant in case of delay with reasonable justification. **If the gap period is more than 2 years then a vendor has to be go for full device certification as a fresh case.**

In such cases the date of certification shall apply from date of expiration of the previous certificate.

11.0 Sharing of the Test Report by different supplier

In case of supplier

- a) Supplier to authorize to other suppliers to use his/her test report
 - I. An NOC from owner of the report shall be obtained by the supplier. Based on NOC STQC will issue certificate to device and 20 % of testing charges plus taxes as applicable will be paid by the new supplier
- b) Supplier approaches independently to STQC for product certification, though product may be certified. In this case re-testing will be done and full charges will be applicable.
- c) Testing performed by OEM:

He can authorize multiple supplier to use his test report with information to STQC. Each supplier has to pay 20 % of the testing charges plus taxes as applicable
- d) In case of OEM gets the testing done and is owner of the report for his sole supplier, OEM will give an authorization certificate and sole supplier will not be charged any fee since same has been paid by the OEM. However the subsequent supplier of the OEM of the testing charges plus taxes as applicable. This is also applicable for initial certification.



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Annexure I

1. Technical Construction File (Only for changes from at the time of previous certification).
2. Valid ISO 9001 certificate for the scope as specified in the certification scheme.(applicable only for any change).
3. Undertaking on No change in Material, Component, Design & Manufacturing process as per Annexure II
4. Evidence for handling customer complaints along with information on major customer complaint.
5. Undertaking by supplier that he is not making unauthorized use of STQC or UIDAI/ Aadhar logo/ mark/ certificate.
6. Commitment on continued API/VDM Compliance for any change in API requirement by UIDAI
7. Undertaking on compliance with the Biometric device certification scheme.
8. Corrective actions of previous audit (Offsite/Onsite).
9. Evidence of supplier web presence.
10. Any outstanding issues as identified in previous assessment report.

Annexure II

This is certified that there is no change in the Model ----- delivered in India (UIDAI application) in the duration from----- (Date) to ----- (Date) in respect of the followings:

1. Material and Components used,
2. Design of the device
3. Manufacturing process

(Authorized Signature)