

Minutes

TSA Supply Chain Sub-Group

- Wednesday 25 September 2024
- 13:00-14:30
- Online – in person online (MS Teams)
- Held under **TLP:Amber**

Actions:

- **Sub Group members to complete outstanding actions on the discussion paper, detailed below**
- **JP to review Liabilities Section**
- **JP to distribute a final draft of the document to Sub Group members for signoff as well as Stuart Lyle (for an NICC view)**

Welcome and Introductions:

Jaynesh Patel (JP) welcomed the group and there was a recap of the discussion paper, which breaks down topics into two areas; ambiguity in definitions; and testing and assurance as applies to code of practice and VSA with regard to repeatability and vendor capability. The goal is to characterise the challenges as best as possible and provide a handful of recommendations. There are currently 3-4 pages of text.

Next steps on the Discussion Paper:

We are not expecting Ofcom to report at the very start of October, so there is scope for the Sub Group to take more time to review the paper and ensure that it is complete.

The remaining actions are as follows:

- The text of the definitions piece is broadly complete and needs to be transposed to the discussion paper and have wording reviewed by the group.
- Testing and assurance has been updated since last Sub Group meeting with the operator-to-operator subsection outstanding. The Sub Group members working on this anticipate completion by 01/10/24.
- The Sub Group agreed to reinstate the section on UKTL.

Once complete, JP will send round a tracked changes version of the document for final comments and write an executive summary, as well as consult techUK legal teams for the liabilities section. A copy will also be shared with NICC for their feedback.

JP also noted that various stakeholders may need internal signoff on the paper before submissions to DSIT and requested guidance on how long this process may take. 7-10 days was the longest lead time flagged by attendees.

The group agreed that appropriate next steps following the paper's submission would be to follow up with Ofcom and DSIT to discuss the paper's suggestions.

TSA Industry Sessions

JP noted concerns raised by Tier-3 vendors in the TSA Industry Sessions and will add a caveat to the paper that the paper reflects the views of the Sub Group only, as Tier-3 vendors have not signed off on its contents. He queried whether the paper should be made public, and there was consensus that it should be a techUK paper by and for techUK members to be shared privately with DSIT and Ofcom. The group noted that there was unlikely to be anything in the paper that Tier-3 vendors would object to.

JP clarified the role of the Telecoms Security Act Industry Sessions and Mark Jackson agreed to provide an update on the paper and the Sub Group's next steps at the next session (24/10/24).

AOB and Close

The Sub Group's next meeting takes place on 09/10/24.

Attendees

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| Broadcom |
| Cisco |
| CityFibre |
| Fortinet |
| MBNL |
| NCC Group |
| techUK |
| Three UK |