

**Supplementary Note to the
Guidance Note on Recognition of Certification Authorities and Certificates
under the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553)**

A. The following text is inserted between paragraph 6 and paragraph 7 of the “Guidance Note on Recognition of Certification Authorities and Certificates under the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553)” published by the Director of Information Technology Services (the Director) in January 2000 (Guidance Note):

6A. Paragraph 6B will come into effect from 7 August 2001.

6B. In addition to the requirements set out in paragraph 6, the applicant should provide evidence that it has acquired insurance cover against claims arising from error or omission of the CA, with a minimum limit of indemnity in relation to each and every single claim during the period of insurance of not less than –

- (a) 10 times the reliance limit specified by the CA on its certificates; or
- (b) \$200,000;

whichever is higher. Moreover, the total insurance cover for aggregate claim amount in any one insurance period of 12 months should be set at 10 times the amount of (a) or (b) whichever is higher. Such liability cover should be in place at all times and should be arranged for each type, class or description of recognized certificates issued by the CA. Should the CA choose to put in place other forms of liability cover, the same minimum limit of indemnity should be provided for.

B. The following text is inserted between paragraph 10 and paragraph 11 of the Guidance Note:

10A. The assessment report shall be prepared by a qualified person in accordance with the Guidance Note on Compliance Assessment of Certification Authorities published by the Director.

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