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To  
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## Approval – Certus Erasure Engine v3.2

The Norwegian National Security Authority (NSM) refers to the request of October 9<sup>th</sup> from Certus Software for NSM's approval of Certus Erasure Engine v3.2.

NSM has assessed the request and reached the following decision:

### Resolution

NSM grants approval for the use of Certus Erasure Engine v3.2 to delete data on storage media cf. *virksomhetsikkerhetsforskriften* §§ 16, 17 and 23. After an overall assessment of the documentation it is concluded that the deletion tool satisfies requirements for secure deletion of data in accordance with the Norwegian Security Act, Common Criteria, NSM's *Handbook on the destruction of documents and storage media* and current standards.

Note that this approval is only valid for version 3.2 of the deletion tool. No technical changes to version 3.2 shall be implemented without prior approval by NSM.

### Background

Certus Software has requested NSM's approval of Certus Erasure Engine v3.2 for the secure deletion of data on storage media.

### Legal background

Destruction of documents and storage media with classified information must be carried out in accordance with the Norwegian Security Act. *Virksomhetsikkerhetsforskriften* §§ 16, 17 and 23 regulate requirements for the use of evaluated and certified products and services, as well as requirements for destruction. This is further elaborated in NSM's *Handbook on the destruction of documents and storage media*. Certification and evaluation of deletion tools by other countries may be the basis for an approval.

**Conclusion**

NSM has reviewed the documentation and finds that it satisfies requirements for secure deletion and destruction of storage media in accordance with the Norwegian Security Act, Common Criteria, NSM's *Handbook on the destruction of documents and storage media* and current standards. The product will be listed as an approved deletion tool at NSM's website.

Regards,

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