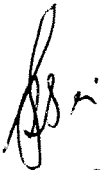


Advisory Note to Subscribers and New Applicants of TCS Certifying Authority (TCS CA)

30th December 2011

All existing subscribers and new applicants wishing to apply for Digital Signature Certificate under The Information Technology Act 2000 (21 of 2000) as amended by The Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008 (10 of 2009) (w.e.f. 27-10-2009) are hereby advised as below.

1. Government of India vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 783 (E) dated 25th October 2011 requires the use of SHA-1 to be discontinued and SHA-2 to be used in its place.
2. Consequently TCS CA shall not issue any Digital Signature Certificate signed with SHA-1 w.e.f. 1st January 2012.
3. All Digital Signature Certificates that have been issued signed with SHA-1 by TCS CA to its subscribers shall continue to be valid till their expiry.
4. Subscribers are solely responsible for affixing their Digital Signature using their Private Key. Subscribers are advised to satisfy themselves that any software or application which they use in order to affix a Digital Signature is compliant with the provisions of the abovementioned Gazette Notification G.S.R. 783 (E). TCS CA has no role in affixing Digital Signatures of any subscriber and accepts no responsibility or liability of any kind for the same.



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