

News release

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SECCONDD Stakeholder Workshop

The European Commission Preparatory Action for Security Research (2005) Supporting Activity **SECure CONtainer Data Device standardisation** (SECCONDD) will hold a workshop for interested stakeholders on Tuesday 8th May 2007, at the CEN Meeting Centre in Brussels . CEN is the European Committee for Standardization: more information is available at www.cen.eu

The aim of SECCONDD is to initiate the international standardisation of the technical interface between a secure container or vehicle and a data reader at a port or border crossing. The interface should enable authorised law enforcement and trade officials to read security data, including stored information from internal security and location sensors. It will thus be possible for them to determine where the container or vehicle has been, whether items (e.g. explosive devices) or people may have been inserted en route, and whether there may be hazardous items within it. Secondary purposes are to interface to a cargo tracking system and to provide data for automated cargo handling systems.

The interface will be specified in such a way that it:

- * employs radio frequencies which can be used worldwide;
- * can be read rapidly and at a range consistent with port operations;
- * has authentication and data protection features;
- * has optional data fields to support new sensors;
- * can be implemented in a device with low cost, small size and low power consumption.

SECCONDD is expected to produce a set of unbiased, open, technical standards that can be utilised as inputs by the International Standards Organisation for future secure container standardisation activities.

Further details of the project can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/security/doc/project_flyers/766-06_seccondd.pdf

This workshop is aimed at all stakeholders involved in secure containers and vehicles and will enable all participants to learn about the work of SECCONDD, to provide their feedback and express opinions in an open forum. A white paper providing an overview of the proposed SECCONDD technical standards is available on request.

If you wish to consider attending the workshop, please send an email (with subject "SECCONDD Workshop") to the project co-ordinator (Thales Research & Technology UK Ltd) at SECCONDD.trtuk@thalesgroup.com and a copy of the white paper, a full agenda and registration form will be sent to you. Registration for the event will close on 1st May 2007.

Note to Editors:

Cotecna was granted funding by the European Commission as a member of the SECCONDD Consortium. For more information see Cotecna's press release of June 29, 2006.

http://www.cotecna.ch/COM/EN/latest_news.aspx

Attachment: SECCONDD White paper