

**Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for  
Recognized Certification Authorities (ACCOP)**

**Summary of Updates Since Last Meeting**

**Introduction**

This paper briefs Members on the events related to the voluntary certification authority (“CA”) recognition scheme established pursuant to the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553) (“ETO”) up to October 2007.

**Related events**

2. Related events that occurred since the last meeting of the Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities are summarized in chronological order below:

December 2004	The Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities was issued to effect changes resulting from the amendment of the ETO and the change of post titles due to merger and reorganization of the then Information Technology Services Department and the then Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau to become the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.
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October 2006	The consultation paper on the draft 2007 Digital 21 Strategy was issued to ACCOP Members for their information and comment.
January 2007	<p>The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer received HiTRUST's letter informing that it would withdraw from the voluntary scheme and cease to be a recognized CA with effect from 29 April 2007.</p> <p>Revocation of the recognition of HiTRUST and its certificates took effect on 29 April 2007.</p>
April 2007	Postmaster General had outsourced its e-Cert operation to a contractor, namely E-Mice Solutions (HK) Limited, with effect from 1 April 2007.

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