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draft Regulation on electronic identification and trust services

- This is a great step forward from the old position.
- For Comodo as a commercial TSP, the cross-border piece is probably the most significant.
- We all want Electronic Signatures to be more widely used and, as a potential service provider, we can't easily push the use of Electronic Signatures into new areas of commerce or public life but when their use is seeded by regulation or by a forward-looking commercial requirement it makes so much more sense to us to be able to offer products transnationally.

CA/Browser Forum work-products

- I commend ETSI with the speed with which you have picked up and assimilated the requirements documents that the CA/B Forum has produced and incorporated them into your wider set of standards.

CA/B Baseline Requirements

- The CA/B Forum's 'Baseline requirements' document is relatively new (having been initially published in November 2011 and having a nominal effective date of 1st July 2012) and yet last month you approved Technical Report TR 103 123 which provides Guidance on the application of TS 102 042 to CAs issuing Baseline SSL/TLS certificates - applicable to both CAs (CSPs) and Auditors.

CA/B Security Requirements

- The NETWORK AND CERTIFICATE SYSTEM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS from the CAB Forum has an effective date of 1st Jan 2013 and we hope these will be a relevant source to ETSI to include in TS 101 456 / 102 042.

CA/B Security Requirements

- These set out the areas of responsibility for the security (physical, IT hardware and software) of Certificate Systems.
- They set out a number of general protection measures which must be taken and, where relevant, give suggestions as to how that may be achieved.

WebTrust

- You may be aware that some Commercial CSPs outside (and inside) the EU are audited under the WebTrust regime.
- WebTrust also has been assimilating into its regime the work-products of the CA/Browser forum and, from an outsider's perspective, appears to be moving forward at the same pace as ETSI and the EU.

Progress

- The Commercial CSP space is becoming better regulated and better defined across the board and this new draft regulation should be an enabler for further penetration of Electronic signatures.
- The commercial CSPs welcome this!

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