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1. Normative References

The following source documents were referenced for the purpose of report:

- Singapore Standard for Multi-Tiered Cloud Computing Security (MTCS SS584:2015 and hereinafter called MTCS SS). MTCS SS aims to encourage the adoption of sound risk management and security practices for cloud computing. MTCS SS provides relevant cloud computing security practices and controls for cloud users, auditors and certifiers to understand cloud security requirements, and for public Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) to strengthen and demonstrate the cloud security controls in their cloud environments.
- ISO/IEC 27018:2014 (hereinafter called ISO 27018) Information technology Security Techniques- Code of practice for protection of personally identifiable information (PII) in public clouds acting as PII processors. ISO 27018 establishes commonly accepted control objectives, controls and guidelines for implementing measures to protect PII in accordance with the privacy principles in ISO 29100 for the public cloud computing environment. In particular, ISO 27018 specifies guidelines based on ISO/IEC 27002:2013 (hereinafter called ISO 27002), taking into consideration the regulatory requirements for the protection of PII which might be applicable within the context of the information security risk environment(s) of a provider of public cloud services.

2. Purpose of Document

This Implementation Guidelines Report is the second report in the set of three (3) documents to support the harmonization between MTCS SS and ISO 27018. The purpose of each document is described in the diagram below.

Gap Analysis Report	Implementation Guideline	Audit Checklist Report
	Report	
The purpose of the Gap Analysis Report is to provide an overview of the differences between the requirements listed in MTCS SS and the ISO 27018 Standard. The information provided in this document aims to assist entities that are MTCS SS certified to adopt the ISO 27018 Standard. CSPs that are MTCS SS certified will have to comply with the requirements stated in ISO 27018 Standard that are not fully covered in MTCS SS.	The purpose of the Implementation Guideline Report is to assist CSPs that are MTCS SS certified to implement the ISO 27018. The guidelines in the report will include recommendations on how to address or the close the gaps. However, the guidelines are generic and need to be tailored to each CSP's specific requirements.	The purpose of the Audit Checklist Report is to guide auditors, including internal audit function, ISO 27018 Certification Bodies and external audit bodies in understanding additional requirements beyond MTCS SS. From the CSPs' perspective, this document serves as a general guide for them to understand the scope covered in ISO 27018 certification audit when the scope of MTCS SS audit overlaps with scope of the ISO 27001 audit.

3. Intended Audience

This Implementation Guidelines Report is meant for following audience

- CSPs who are MTCS Level 2 or Level 3 certified who are interested in complying with ISO 27018.
- Auditors, including internal audit function, ISO 27001 Certification Bodies and external audit bodies on the differences between ISO 27018 Standard and MTCS SS.

4. Document Structure

This document has the following structure from this section onwards. Sections 6, 7 and 8 have introduction statements that will explain the section's background and context in more details.

- Section 5 Terms and Definition
- Section 6 Approach
- Section 7 Summary of findings
- Section 8 Implementation Guidelines

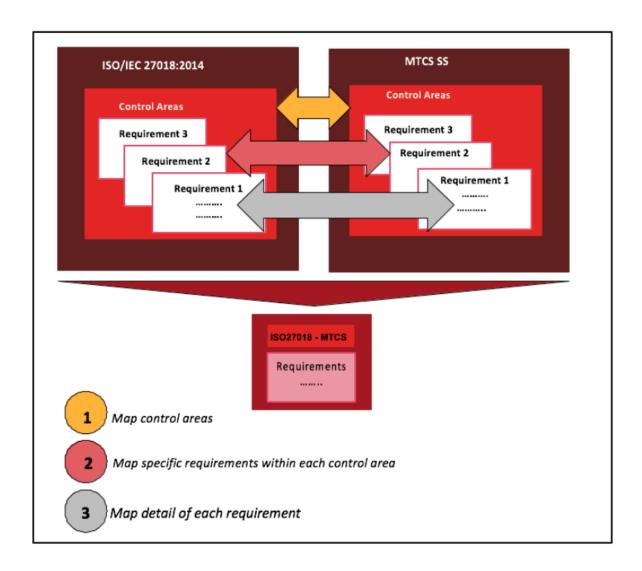
5. Terms and Definitions

All terms used within this report are derived from ISO 27018 and MTCS SS. Reader is advised to refer to the above-mentioned two documents in order to obtain the definitions if further clarity is needed. In case of conflicting terms and definitions provided within the two documents, MTCS SS terms and definitions will take precedence over ISO 27018.

6. Approach

In order to assist CSPs that are MTCS-certified to adopt ISO 27018, requirements listed in MTCS SS were mapped against equivalent requirements in ISO 27018. This followed a structured and systematic 3-step approach.

Note the mappings to ISO 27018 were only made for MTCS Level 2 and Level 3 requirements, as MTCS Level 1 requirements are only applicable for hosting of public information that does not include any PII.



7. Summary of Mapping

Of the 98 clauses in ISO 27018, only 39 clauses were found to include public cloud PII protection implementation guidance. Hence, only these 39 PII related clauses with breakdowns of the extent of coverage by MTCS SS are shown in table below, were considered for mapping between ISO 27018 and MTCS SS.

However, for completeness of mapping to other clauses, please refer to the Gaps Analysis Report on cross-certification from MTCS SS to ISO 27001, available from https://www.ida.gov.sg/programmes-partnership/small-and-mediumenterprises/initiatives/MTCS-Certification-Scheme

Coverage description	Number of PII clauses	Percentage of PII clauses (%)
The requirements in ISO27018 are not covered in MTCS	4	10.3
The requirements in ISO27018 are <u>partly covered</u> in MTCS, i.e. some gaps exist	19	48.7
The requirements in ISO27018 are <u>fully covered</u> in the MTCS, i.e. no gap exists.	16	41
Total:	39	100

8. Implementation guidelines

CSPs that are MTCS Level 2 or Level 3 certified and are interested in complying with ISO 27018 can view the implementation guidelines that need to be addressed in Tables 1 and 2, where the requirements of ISO 27018 are partly covered or not covered in MTCS SS.

Table 1: The following requirements in ISO 27018 are not covered in MTCS SS.

ISO 27018 Clause	Clause title	Implementat	Additional information on gap identified	
number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap rachanea
A1.1	Obligation to cooperate with rights of PII principals	customer with the ability to fulfil their obligation for exercising the PII principals' rights to		New Gap was found when mapping MTCS clauses to ISO 27018 Clause A1.1
		CSP would need to establish policies on access systems based on PII principals' rights and also access control) to provision for such activities		
A2.1	Purpose Limitation	While ISO 27018 states that PII to be processed any purpose independent of the instructions of matching clause(s) to satisfy this.	New Gap was found when mapping MTCS clauses to ISO 27018 Clause A2.1	
		CSP would need to establish policies to preven from deviation from the stated purpose in the c also need to be explicit in contractual terms with there is no deviation from the stated purpose w		
A2.2	No commercial use	While ISO 27018 states that PII processed under cloud PII processor for marketing and advertising clause(s) to satisfy this.	New Gap was found when mapping MTCS clauses to ISO 27018 Clause A2.2	
		CSP would need to establish policies to protect consensual marketing and advertising. CSP wo		

ISO 27018 Clause	Clause title	Implementat	Additional information on gap identified		
number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gup rachanea	
		terms with the cloud service customer to ensure			
A5.1	Disclosure notification	advertising without consent. While ISO 27018 states that the cloud service of binding request for disclosure of PII by a law e	New Gap was found when mapping MTCS clauses to		
		is otherwise prohibited, MTCS has no matching	ISO 27018 Clause A5.1		
			CSP would need to establish policies on the handling of legally binding requests with regards to the disclosure of PII and be explicit in contractual terms with the cloud service customer about disclosure notification.		

Table 1: The following requirements in ISO 27018 are <u>partially</u> in MTCS SS

ISO	Clause title	Implementati	Additional information on	
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
5.1.1	Policies for Information Security	While ISO 27018 Clause 5.1.1 calls for CSP responsibilities between the public cloud PII service customer, MTCS Clauses 9.2.2(a) an responsibilities of third party service provide agreement. CSP should identify and document in Contra responsibilities of the public cloud PII proce sub-contractor.	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 9.2.2, 9.3.3 and 10.1.2 to ISO 27018 Clause 5.1.1.	
6.1.1	Information Security Roles and Responsibilities	While ISO 27018 Clause 6.1.1 states that processing of PII, for the Cloud Service Customer's contract, MTCS Clauses 6.7.1 requires a desto maintain points of contacts with authorit and contractual agreements and MTCS Claused should be available for contact by Cloud Use However, it is unclear if the ISL's responsibility to the processing of PII. CSP should identify and document the roldesignate if it is not to be clearly included in processing of PII, for the Cloud Service Customator Cloud S	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 6.7.1 and 6.7.3(a) to ISO 27018 Clause 6.1.1.	
10.1.1	Policy on the use of cryptographic controls	While ISO 27018 Clause 10.1 states that information to cloud service customer on the to protect the PII being processed and any cap Service Customer in applying its own crypt	public cloud PII processor should provide circumstances in which it uses cryptography pabilities it provides that may assist the Cloud	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 17.1.2, 17.2.2, 17.3.2, 17.3.3 and 17.4.2 to ISO 27018 Clause 10.1.1.

ISO	Clause title	Implementat	ion Guidance	Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
11.2.7	Secure disposal or re-use of equipment	storage media should be treated as though it contains PII, MTCS Clauses 12.8.2 and 12.9.3 only mention about secure disposal of Media (MTCS Level 1) and the entire Cloud Environment (MTCS Level 2 and above) and not about the situation about the reuse of equipment. ISO 27002 ISMS COP, Clause 11.2.7 suggests that equipment should be verified to		Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 12.8.2 and 12.9.3 to ISO 27018 Clause 11.2.7. Guidelines for implementation could be found in ISO 27002 ISMS COP Clause 11.2.7.
12.1.4	Separation of	technology of the storage media. CSP would need to establish policies to enform PII to go through secure disk erasure prior to corresponding processes such as equipment activities. While ISO 27018 Clause 12.1.4 requires a ri	o re-use. CSP should also establish the re-use procedure etc., to provision for such	Partial Gap was found when
12.1.1	development, testing and	PII for testing purposes that cannot be avoid and 16.3.3 (MTCS Level 2 and above) is get	ed, MTCS Clauses 16.3.2 (MTCS Level 1)	mapping MTCS Clauses

ISO	Clause title	Implementati	ion Guidance	Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
	operation environments	data for testing/development unless certain s safeguards implied are also not clear. By default, all PII in the testing system shou data would have been discouraged in the first where machines like mainframes which are to separate development are used. The restriction CSP would need to perform risk assessment testing cannot be avoided.	16.3.2 and 16.3.3 to ISO 27018 Clause 12.1.4.	
12.3.1	Information Backup	Though ISO 27018 Clause 12.3.1 explicitly copies of data in physically and/or diverse loperiod within which data should be restored, specific documented frequency, MTCS Clause implementing backup procedures and scope of testing and the access and storage location above) and MTCS Clause 12.9.3 also require (MTCS Level 2 and above). ISO 27002 ISMS COP Clause 12.3.1 states to backup copies and restoration procedures she in remote locations at a sufficient distance to main site; backup media should be regularly testing procedures and checked against the recommendation of the comment of the backup and copies and restoration because to the comment of the comment of the backup and copies and checked against the recommendation.	testing cannot be avoided. Though ISO 27018 Clause 12.3.1 explicitly state that CSP should (i) create multiple copies of data in physically and/or diverse locations, (ii) have a specific, documented period within which data should be restored, or (iii) review the backup procedures at a specific documented frequency, MTCS Clause 12.7.2 mentions about establishing and implementing backup procedures and scope of recovery, and to determine the frequency of testing and the access and storage locations of the backups (MTCS Level 1 and above) and MTCS Clause 12.9.3 also requires CSPs to verify the deletion of backup data	

ISO	Clause title	Implementati	ion Guidance	Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
13.2.1	Information transfer policies and procedures	Although MTCS Clauses 12.4 and 12.5 general data protection (MTCS Level 1 and above), for incoming/outgoing physical media contained under ISO 27018). CSP would need to enhance policies on Asset that incoming/outgoing physical media containen enhance the corresponding processes such as for such activities.	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 12.4 and 12.5 to ISO 27018 Clause 13.2.1.	
16.1.1	Responsibilities and procedures for security incidents	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires a revie to determine if a data breach involving PII h CSPs to implement, maintain and periodicall (MTCS Level 1 and above). CSP would need to enhance the information having additional steps to ascertain if a corresponding follow-up to manage such incomes.	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 11 to ISO 27018 Clause 16.1.1.	
18.2.1	Independent Review of Information Security	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires the CSI the CSP's implementation and operation of i CSP's policy and procedures, MTCS Clause independent reviews and assessments perfor bearing on the relevant cloud service (MTCS ISO 27002 Clause 18.2.1 states that results or recorded and reported to the management whindication on allowing independent evidence CSP would need to make available to cloud the implementation and operation of information mechanism to make the independent evidence	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 10.2.2 to ISO 27018 Clause 18.2.1.	

ISO	Clause title	Implementat	ion Guidance	Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
A4.1	Erase Temporary Files	While ISO 27018 requires the CSP to specifically erase or destroy temporary files and documents or that such erasure or destruction should be within a specified, documented period, MTCS Clause 12.6.3 require CSPs to have secure deletion or removal procedures when data is no longer needed (MTCS Level 2 and above), Additionally, MTCS Clause 12.8.2 requires CSPs to ensure that media that is no longer required is securely wiped or disposed of (MTCS Level 1 and above). CSP would need to establish policies that require the CSP to specifically destroy temporary files (E.g. cookies) and documents and also such erasure or destruction should be within a specified, documented period. CSP should also establish the corresponding hardening guidelines to be applied to the applications.	While ISO 27018 requires the CSP to specifically erase or destroy temporary files and documents or that such erasure or destruction should be within a specified, documented period, MTCS Clauses 12.6.3 and 12.6.4 require CSPs to have secure deletion or removal procedures when data is no longer needed (MTCS Level 2 and above), and to provide mechanisms for cloud users to remove or destroy all data (including backups) in the event of contract termination either on expiry or prematurely (MTCS Level 3 and above). Additionally, MTCS Clause 12.8.2 requires CSPs to ensure that media that is no longer required is securely wiped or disposed of (MTCS Level 1 and above). CSP would need to establish policies that require the CSP to specifically destroy temporary files (E.g. cookies) and documents and also such erasure or destruction should be within a specified, documented period. CSP should also establish the corresponding hardening guidelines to be applied to the applications	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 12.6.3, 12.6.4 and 12.8.2, to ISO 27018 Clause A4.1.
A7.1	Disclosure of subcontracted PII processing	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires the CSI its cloud service customers before their use, place an effective control framework over its 1 and above). Additionally, under MTCS Cl	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 5 and 9, to ISO 27018 Clause A7.1.	

ISO	Clause title	Implementati	ion Guidance	Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
		required to, indicate whether consent from the used. CSP should disclose the use of sub-contractor them acknowledged.	•	
A9.2	Retention of security policies and guidelines	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires copies of upon replacement, MTCS sets out in a lot of what must be in these policies. CSP would need to establish policies that recognition policies for a time period upon replacement.	detail what policies must be in place and quire the retention of copies of obsolete	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS requirements to ISO 27018 Clause A9.2.
A9.3	PII return, transfer and disposal	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires the CSP to make the disposition of PII policy available to its cloud service customers, MTCS is more generic and has all necessary controls for data handling (Clauses 12.4, 12.11, 18.2) including Clause 12.6.3 requiring CSPs to have secure deletion or removal procedures when data is no longer needed (MTCS Level 2 and above). Additionally, MTCS Clause 12.8.2 requires CSPs to ensure that media that is no longer required is securely wiped or disposed of (MTCS Level 1 and above).	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires the CSP to make the disposition of PII policy available to its cloud service customers, MTCS is more generic and has all necessary controls for data handling (Clauses 12.4, 12.11, 18.2) including Clauses 12.6.3 and 12.6.4 requiring CSPs to have secure deletion or removal procedures when data is no longer needed (MTCS Level 2 and above), and to provide mechanisms for cloud users to remove or destroy all data (including backups) in the event of contract termination either on expiry or prematurely (MTCS Level 3 and above). Additionally, MTCS Clause 12.8.2 requires CSPs to ensure that media that is	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 12.4, 12.11, 18.2, 12.6.3, 12.6.4 and 12.8.2 to ISO 27018 Clause A9.3.

ISO	Clause title	Clause title Implementation Guidance		Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
		CSP should propagate the disposition of PII policy to cloud service customers. CSP should also establish a mechanism to propagate the PII policy.	no longer required is securely wiped or disposed of (MTCS Level 1 and above). CSP should propagate the disposition of PII policy to cloud service customers. CSP should also establish a mechanism to propagate the PII policy.	
A10.1	Confidentiality Agreements	While ISO 27018 specifically requires the employees or third parties to be subject to a confidentiality obligation, MTCS (Clause 7) is more generic and requires CSPs to have signed contracts with their employees and relevant third parties covering compliance with the CSPs responsibilities for information security, CSP should subject the employees or third parties to a confidentiality obligation and have them acknowledge by signing the form.		Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 7 to ISO 27018 Clause A10.1.
A10.2	Restriction on hard copy material	While ISO 27018 specifically requires the CSP to have restrictions on the creation of hardcopy materials displaying PII, MTCS is more generic and Clauses 12.4 and 12.5 cover data labelling/handling and data protection (MTCS Level 1 and above), and MTCS Clause 12.8 covers the secure destruction of hardcopy materials. CSP would need to enhance the Document Control Policy to include restrictions on the creation of hardcopy materials displaying PII. CSP should also enhance the corresponding processes such as Document Information Control Procedure, Distribution lists etc.to provision for such activities as control points to apply such restrictions.		Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clauses 12.4, 12.5, 12.8 to ISO 27018 Clause A10.2.
A10.3	Log of data restoration	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires the CSP to have a procedure for, or log of, data restoration efforts, MTCS (Clause 13) requires CSPs to track and monitor all access to network resources and system components. CSP should also establish the procedure or log of data restoration efforts. The procedure should also consist of regular reviews being conducted to check whether logs of data restoration efforts are maintained up-to-date.		Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 13 to ISO 27018 Clause A10.3.

ISO	Clause title	Implementation Guidance		Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
A10.9	Records of authorized users	While ISO 27018 explicitly requires for user MTCS (Clause 23) is generic and requires the process to grant, modify and restrict user account above). CSP would need to establish the relevant polypersonal information so that user records or establish the corresponding processes, such a user records are maintained up-to-date.	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 23 to ISO 27018 Clause A10.9.	
A10.10	User ID Management	While ISO 27018 explicitly states that de-activated or expired user IDs are not to be granted to other individuals, MTCS (Clause 23) is generic and requires the CSP to establish a formal user registration process to grant, modify and restrict user access to the cloud services (MTCS Level 1 and above). ISO 27002 ISMS COP Clause 9.1.1 is more generic and suggests that control should comprise of asset owners determining appropriate access control rules, access rights and restrictions for specific user roles towards their assets, with the amount of detail and the strictness of the controls reflecting the associated information security risks. The policy should also take into account the security requirements of business applications, relevant legislation and contractual obligations regarding limitations of access to data or services. ISO 27002 ISMS COP Clause 9.2.1 also suggests that redundant user-ids should not be issued to others. CSP would need to establish policies on User-ID Management to disallow the granting of de-activated and expired user-IDs to other individuals.		Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 23 to ISO 27018 Clause A10.9. Guidelines for implementation could be found in ISO 27002 ISMS COP Clauses 9.1.1 and 9.2.1.
A10.11	Contract measures	While ISO 27018 explicitly states the follow	ring are required:	Partial Gap was found when mapping MTCS Clause 10.1
		(i) requirement for the CSP to have a contract ensure that the contract includes minimum to		to ISO 27018 Clause A10.11. Guidelines for

ISO	.		ion Guidance	Additional information on
27018 Clause number		MTCS Level 2	MTCS Level 3	gap identified
		that the CSP has security measures are in place and ensure that data is not processed for any purpose independent of the instructions of the customer; or		implementation could be found in ISO 27002 ISMS COP Clause 18.1.1.