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To Whom It May Concern

A compliance review of Cisco Secure Firewall Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) release 9.16.4 ("the Product") deployed in the following platforms:

FPR-1010	FPR-1010E	FPR -1120	FPR-1140
FPR-1150	FPR-4110	FPR-4112	FPR-4115
FPR-4120	FPR-4125	FPR-4140	FPR-4145
FPR-4150	FPR9K-SM-24	FPR9K-SM-36	FPR9K-SM-40
FPR9K-SM-44	FPR9K-SM-48	FPR9K-SM-56	ASA-5506-X
ASA-5506H-X	ASA-5506W-X	ASA-5508-X	ASA-5516-X

was completed and found that the Product incorporates the following FIPS 140-3 compliant cryptographic module:

- Cisco FIPS Object Module (FOM) version 7.3a ('Coordination' status as of 7/22/2023) https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process/Modules-In-Process-List

NOTE1: Currently, FOM version 7.3 is in review by the CMVP. Cisco intends to replace that version with version 7.3a which includes a fix for a CVE (CVE-2022-4304), however, the CMVP has requested that Cisco wait until further documentation review has completed before that change is made.

Cisco confirms that the cryptographic module listed above provides cryptographic services for the following:

- TLS v1.2 (HTTPS)
- SSHv2
- IPSEC / IKEv2
- SNMPv3

The review/testing confirmed that:

1. The cryptographic module (mentioned above) does initialize in a manner that is compliant with its Security Policy.
2. All cryptographic algorithms used for session establishment are handled within the cryptographic module.
3. All underlying cryptographic algorithms support each service's key derivation function.

This letter has been generated, with caveats, in accordance with guidance provided by the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP) (https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/validated-modules)

Due to known delays with the CMVP review process, this temporary letter will serve in the interim between completed laboratory evaluation and formal review finalization (https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/cmvp-flow). A temporary letter will be released after a submission has been at the 'Review Pending' or later milestone for more than thirty days. Upon formal review finalization and certificate posting, this temporary letter will be replaced with a standard compliance review letter.

The 'Review Pending' and later milestones mean that NIST has received both a complete set of testing documents and a signed recommendation letter for validation from an accredited laboratory, however, CMVP review has not completed (https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/modules-in-process).

This letter is also intended to act as an authorization package artifact that can augment a Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) similar to guidance provided by the FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO) (https://www.fedramp.gov/blog/2022-12-22-crypto-modules-historical-status/). It is expected that this POA&M would be used to facilitate tracking of the module's formal listing and subsequent updating of an authorization package.

The CMVP has not independently reviewed this analysis, testing or the results.

Any questions regarding these statements may be directed via e-mail to the Cisco Global Certification Team (GCT) at certteam@cisco.com.

Sincerely,

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