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MEMORANDUM FOR NISP Contractors with DSS Authorized Information Systems (IS)

DATE: 28 September 2017

SUBJECT: DSS Guidance for the Removal of Kaspersky Labs software or hardware from DSS Authorized IS in cleared industry

1. Effective immediately, all NISP contractor facilities possessing classified IS under DSS cognizance and authorization are directed to remove all Kaspersky Labs software or hardware from the authorized IS.
2. Companies will identify any use or presence of Kaspersky products on their classified IS in the next 30 days, develop detailed plans to remove and discontinue present and future use of the products in the next 60 days, and at 90 days from the date of this memorandum begin to implement the plans to discontinue use and remove the products from IS.
3. This memorandum is being implemented due to recent directives and orders issued by various federal government agencies.
4. This memorandum applies to all NISP classified IS under DSS cognizance and authorization. This memorandum remains in effect until given further guidance from this office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karl Hellmann".

Karl Hellmann  
Asst. Deputy Director, NISP AO