

PROPRIETARY ARTICLE CERTIFICATE (PAC)

Date:05/01/2026

Reg : Augmentation/Refresh of Network and Security equipment at DC and DRC.

Under the provision of subrule 166 (i) and 166 (iii) as applicable before procuring from single Source, we certify as under

(i) The intended goods are manufactured by Cisco and Checkpoint.

(ii) No other make or model is acceptable for the following reasons.

a) Check Point Firewall Manager is required for managing the existing Check Point firewalls deployed for non-CBS traffic at DRC. Cisco Firewall cluster deployed in Production and are securing CBS servers along with CP4I, Treasury, Biometric, PIM etc. The existing firewalls are deeply integrated with the Bank's CBS network architecture, ensuring stability and seamless operations.

b) Change of OEM would require complete redesign of network and security architecture, policies, and configurations, leading to prolonged downtime and operational risk to critical banking services.

c) Migration to a different OEM introduces interoperability risks, requires retraining of technical teams, increases operational complexity, and exposes the environment to security vulnerabilities during transition.

d) Replacement of End-of-Life equipment with the same OEM ensures compatibility, configuration continuity, operational efficiency, and uninterrupted Banking operations, which cannot be assured with alternate OEMs.

(iii) General Managers Committee agreed and approved to go ahead in the meeting held on 11/12/2025 and an approval from the competent Authority obtained from the IT Strategy committee vide: ITSC/99/2025-26/05/VOL-2/2.04 dated 19.12.2025 for procurement of Network and Security Devices from various Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) through their respective System Integrator (SI).



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