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Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Controller General of Accounts
Public Financial Management System
GIFMIS Vertical

Date: 03/05/2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Implementation of New window based Digital Signing utility in place of existing Java based utility in the sanction module of PFMS.

References (copies enclosed):

1. OM No. MF-CGA/GIFMIS/2020-21/134 dated 03.09.2021
2. OM No.-V-12025/1/2021-PFMS/ Cyber Security / CN-6609/ 2781-2834 dated 16.09.2021
3. OM No.-V-12025/1/2021-PFMS/Cyber Security/CN-6609/4630-83 dated 27.10.2021

With reference to the OMs referred above, it is informed that the pilot of Window based browser neutral digital signing utility was initiated for digital signing of monthly accounts by PAO and Pr.A.O. and successfully introduced in the ebill system for all related users.

2. It has been decided to extend and implement this Window based digital signing utility from 1st June, 2023 for all types of users of sanction module where presently Java based digital signing utility is being used. The various functionalities which are affected are:

- a. bill signing at DDO level (where ever configured),
- b. digital signing of e-PPO,
- c. digital signing of Advices (e-IAAAs and e-IGAAs),
- d. digital signing of e-payment XML file by signatories level in PAO/CDDO.
- e. counter signing and approval of sanction at PD Checker for DBT payments,
- f. DSC enrollment at various levels.

It is reiterated that the new Window based browser neutral digital signing utility requires Windows 10 and above 64 bit processor, which was also intimated vide PFMS O.M. dated 16-9-2021 and 27-10-2021 referred above.

3 All PrCCAs/CCAs/CAs with independent charges are requested to look into the issue and arrange to put in place the readiness with reference to the above-mentioned OMs before 01-06-2023.

This issues with the approval of Competent authority.

Encl: As Above.



(Anupam Raj)
Dy. CGA (GIFMIS-PFMS)

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All Pr.CCAs/CCAs/Cas (with independent charge)

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Dated: 03 September, 2021

Office Memorandum

Subject: User Guide for New Window Digital signature Certificate (DSC) utility for Monthly Account Submission in PFMS.

Reference is the parallel run of Monthly Account Submission along with DSC by PAO/PrAO user on PFMS. In this regard, a new window utility for digital signature for forwarding the Monthly A/c is developed and implemented in PFMS. In order to provide ease of the users, a user guide is prepared and hereby enclosed for reference.

All Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs with independent charge are requested to guide the concerned users accordingly.



(Anupam Raj)
Asstt. Controller General of Accounts
(GIFMIS)

To

All Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs with independent charge (Through Website)

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It has been noticed that several entities using EAT/DBT module of PFMS have enrolled DSCs which are not procured from the Certifying Authority, authorized by the Controller of Certifying Authority of India.

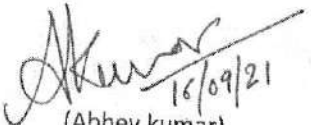
2. A reference is invited on the clause 6(2) published in Gazette notification dated 25/08/2015-Digital signatures (End entity) Rule 2015 issued by Ministry of Communication & Information Technology clearly says that 'The Public key certificate of the Certifying Authorities shall be used to verify the authenticity of the digital signature certificates issued to the subscribers.'

3. In view of the above, following has been decided that: -

- a) For existing Users -PAOs, having DSC enrolled with Non- CCA India are advised to procure the certified DSC from the empaneled vendors and enrolled with the PFMS by 08/10/2021. Thereafter, non- compliant DSCs would be deactivated in PFMS.
- b) For existing Users-Agencies, all such Non CCA, India DSCs will be deactivated with immediate effect with the directions to procure certified DSCs immediately for resuming payment functions.

4. Secondly, it came to notice that, at PFMS portal, interface having utility to perform DSC operations are being done by using operating system windows-7 and Internet explorer. The window-7 is long back discontinued and internet explorer is also discontinued by the popular browsers owing to security risk. In order to disabled the weak cypher suits in PFMS production environment, users working on Windows 7 are advised to upgrade with Window 10 or above for security purposes. The deadline for upgrading the Window 10 by all users shall be 15/10/2021.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


16/09/21
(Abhey kumar)
ACGA(PFMS)

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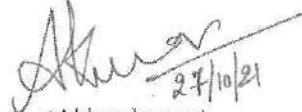
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CORRIGENDUM

In continuation of Office Memorandum vide even No.2781-2834 dated 16.09.2021 (copy enclosed), it is intimated that the new browser neutral utility for DSC also requires a 64-bit system and does not work on systems with 32-bit processor. As such, all users are hereby advised to ensure their computers/systems have a 64-bit processor, on or before 14th November 2021, failing which they will not be able to access any PFMS application which requires DSC authentication.

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27/10/21
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