

Request for “Mifare certification”^{*} hinders competition and fosters monopolies

As a leading supplier of secure semiconductor solutions for transport ticketing applications, Infineon has sold more than 5 billion ICs worldwide and offers the market’s most comprehensive portfolio of transport ticketing chip solutions.

We would like to reiterate Infineon’s solid commitment to building solutions based on open standards. In this context, we wish to draw your attention to the serious drawbacks involved in implementing proprietary solutions and in requesting certification from non-independent certification bodies.

Interoperability can only be achieved through open standards such as CIPURSE™. Open standards are also the only way to foster healthy competition in the marketplace – to the benefit of end customers and users. By very definition, open standards must be developed by an independent body, offer membership to all industry players and accept contributions from all industry players and end customers. By extension, open standards must be validated by an independent certification institute under the guidance of the standardization body.

Any certification initiative steered and controlled by a single company limits competition and fosters monopolies. Therefore the market should – under no circumstances – support or even tolerate efforts to oblige partners to certify products at non-independent certification houses.

Sincerely yours,

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^{*} “Mifare certification” as described by NXP on www.mifare.net/en/partners/certification-partner-2