



## **Astaro Security Gateway receives Common Criteria certification**

*First UTM appliance to be certified by German BSI*

**London and Karlsruhe (Germany) 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2006** – Astaro Corporation ([www.astaro.co.uk](http://www.astaro.co.uk)), a leader in providing unified threat management security solutions, has announced today that Astaro Security Gateway V6.300 has received the coveted Common Criteria certification from the German Federal Office for Information Security BSI (Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik). This certification will serve to assure customers, including those within the government sector, that Astaro's systems and processes have been successfully tested by an independent and accredited evaluation laboratory and conform to IT security standards sanctioned by the International Standards Organisation.

Common Criteria for IT Security Evaluation (CC), also known as ISO standard 15408, was collectively developed by the national security organisations of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the Netherlands. It is a standard for evaluating the security features and capabilities of information technology products and is accepted by many countries around the globe.

“Large enterprises, healthcare and government agencies demand the strictest of security standards,” said Jan Hichert, CEO at Astaro. “Astaro's products had already received firewall certification from ICSA Labs and we are very proud that our products are now the first and only UTM appliances to have received Common Criteria certification from the German BSI.”

After BSI accepted the Astaro Security Gateway product into evaluation in November 2005, the product was then thoroughly scrutinised under a long and rigorous evaluation phase conducted by atsec information security, an independent laboratory with many years of experience in Common Criteria evaluation”

“We have conducted intensive evaluation sessions with Astaro's firewall as well as Astaro's internal processes for product development, testing, configuration, delivery, operation and documentation,” said Gerald Krummeck, principal consultant at atsec. “Customers who buy Astaro Security Gateway systems can rely on the products as



trusted security solutions and can be assured that the company will provide professional support.”

The Common Criteria certificate has been issued for Astaro Security Gateway V6.300, which runs on all Astaro appliances as well as on Intel-compatible servers.

More information about Astaro's Common Criteria certification can be found under <http://www.bsi.bund.de/zertifiz/zert/report.htm#Firewalls>.

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#### **About Astaro**

Astaro develops a complete line of network security products including the Astaro Security Gateway software and Astaro Security Gateway line of security appliances. All Astaro products offer nine critical security applications in three categories – Web Security, Email Security and Network Security – fully integrated on a single management platform. The company is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and with facilities in Karlsruhe, Germany. Astaro's software has won numerous industry awards, and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 350 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

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