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Haryana State
Information Security Management Office
Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Haryana

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To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government of Haryana
2. All Head of Departments
3. The Registrar, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh
4. All the Managing Directors/ Chief Administrators/ Chief Executive Officers of the Boards/ Corporations/ Public Sector Undertakings, Institutions etc.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners Haryana
6. The Registrars of all Universities in Haryana

Sub: - Regarding Antivirus Software for the Computer Systems purchased with Windows 10 Pro Operating System.

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is intimated that paid Antivirus software is being purchased in the State since last many years on behalf of various Govt. Departments/Boards/ Corporations for protecting their Computer Systems/Laptops and to keep the applications & data safe from virus and other security threats.

It is to inform that as per the existing Rate Contract of HARTRON and procurements made through GeM Portal, almost all the Desktop Computers/Laptops are being purchased with latest Windows 10 Pro (64 bit) Operating system. An antivirus software i.e. Windows Defender come built-in with Windows 10 operating system. Windows Defender AV, like any other antivirus software, automatically scans programs, downloads new definitions from Windows update, and provides an interface for in-depth scans. As per features available, Windows Defender AV is very much comparable with the paid Antivirus software available in the market. The Core security features like Spyware, Ransomware and Malware protection, Real-time Protection and Network inspection are available free of cost in Windows Defender AV, however, subscription pack have to be purchased in case of paid antivirus software. Hence, Windows Defender can suffice the requirement of security protection in standalone Desktops/Laptops. In addition, the CDAC Cyber Swachhta Kendra Applications (available free of cost) on **https://www.cyberswachhtakendra.gov.in/security-tools.html** may also be

used for Desktop/Laptop/Mobile as additional security protection from the malicious programs.

Further, the competent authority has decided that HARTRON will not be entertaining the indents received for procurement of Antivirus Software for use on a standalone Computer/Laptop having Windows 10 Pro Operating System.

In view of above, all the State Departments/Boards/ Corporations are requested to consider built-in antivirus provided with Windows 10 Pro Operating System for their standalone Computer systems/Laptops instead of paid antivirus software.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

Munish Chandan
Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Haryana

A copy of the above is forwarded for information please.

1. PS to Principal Secretary E&IT Department for kind information of the Principal Secretary E&IT Department
2. PS to Secretary IT/ Managing Director, HARTRON, SCO 109-110, Sector-17 B, Chandigarh - 160017
3. State Information Officer, NIC, Ground Floor, New Civil Secretariat, Sector - 17, Chandigarh - 160017
4. Asstt. General Manager (H/W), Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation, SCO 109-110, Sector-17 B, Chandigarh - 160017