Functional Area: Product & Service Life Cycle (Security)	
1. Title	Protect products / services intellectual property
2. Code	ITCSPL323A
3. Range	This UoC applies to all considerations and arrangements related to the enforcement and protection of intellectual property (IP) of the company's products and services. This step is related to but even beyond the context of security protection.
4. Level	3
5. Credit	3
6. Competency	 6.1 Possess the knowledge in the subject area 6.1 Possess the knowledge in the subject area 9 Understand the importance of intellectual property protection for all products / services with creative contents, and CIS products / services are of no exception 9 Understand that products / services intellectual property protection may cover a wide range of items including patent, trademark, design and copyright 9 Understand that all intellectual property protection measures must take into consideration related existing legislations 9 Understand that the effectiveness of intellectual protection measures must be accompanied with suitable education and promotion activities 9 Be aware of the possible impact and consequences in case any product / service intellectual property is being infringed
	 6.2 Protect products / services intellectual property Be able to: Well-define in advance the level and scope of intellectual property protection to be applied to the company's different products / services Enforce the established intellectual property protection such as the application of patent or copyright, etc Establish a monitoring scheme such that any infringement of the company products / services' intellectual property can be detected as early as possible Establish effective communication channels with government departments such as the Intellectual Property Department to facilitate handling of IP related matters Establish working relationship with related organisations such as the Intellectual Property Agent to facilitate handling of IP related matters (outsourcing) Establish procedures to handle cases when product / services' intellectual property is being infringed, and ensure the procedures are understood and being followed by related staff members
	 6.3 Exhibit professionalism Always ensure all related staff members contribute their greatest effort in protecting intellectual property of the company's products / services Always strike a proper balance of interests between customers, and the company as the intellectual property owner as a whole
7. Assessment Criteria	 The integrated outcome requirements of this UoC are the abilities to: i. successfully establish and make effective a set of intellectual property protection for the company's products / services ii. ensure that these IP rights are being protected and any infringement can be detected and handled in time
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