SCHEDULE 4 - ACCREDITATION METHODOLOGY

1   General Accreditation Process

(1)   Any POS or E-SDC product must undergo a formal accreditation procedure administered by the Department.

(2)   Procedures for accreditation will be transparently published and accessible via the official portal.

2   Accreditation Procedure

(1)   Accessing and registering to test environment provided by the Department

(2)   Submission of technical documentation, system specifications of the product that is subject of accreditation

(3)   Execution of standardized functional, security, interoperability, and performance tests as specified by the Department.

3   Compliance Assessment

(1)   Evaluation of compliance through predefined test cases using an automated test environment provided by the Department.

(2)   Certification of successful completion of testing to be documented and officially communicated.

4   Publication and Registration

(1)   Public disclosure of accredited POS and E-SDC solutions through the Department's online registry.

(2)   Periodic reviews and audits of accredited solutions, with procedures for revocation clearly documented and enforceable.

5   Continuous Monitoring and Revocation

(1)   Authority reserved by the Department to periodically reassess accredited solutions for continued compliance.

(2)   Transparent procedures established for reporting non-compliance, revoking accreditation, and notifying stakeholders in the event of revocation.