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**Independent Audit on the  
Effectiveness of EXIM's  
Information Security Program and  
Practices Report for  
Fiscal Year 2022**

*March 2, 2023  
OIG-AR-23-04*

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*This audit was conducted in accordance with the generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on the audit objectives.*



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This memorandum transmits the independent audit on the effectiveness of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) information security program and practices for fiscal year (FY) 2022. Under a contract monitored by this office, we engaged the independent public accounting firm of KPMG LLP (KPMG) to conduct the performance audit. The objective of the audit was to determine whether EXIM developed and implemented an effective information security program and practices as required by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA). In addition, we requested that KPMG perform external penetration testing (b) (7)(E). The objectives of the assessment were to determine if (1) information systems are properly configured to prevent unauthorized users (b) (7)(E); (2) significant vulnerabilities (b) (7)(E); (3) vulnerabilities can be exploited to compromise the application, its data, or environment resources; and 4) systems comply with documented baseline security configurations.

According to the instructions detailed within **Appendix F, DHS' FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics**, KPMG determined that EXIM's information security program and practices were considered effective. However, deficiencies were found within the Cybersecurity Identify Function area (b) (7)(E) but were not pervasive enough to affect the overall effectiveness and assessment of the program. Management concurred with the recommendations in this report. We consider management's proposed actions to be responsive. Therefore, the recommendations will be closed upon completion and verification of the implementation of the proposed actions. Also, during the past year, EXIM implemented corrective actions to remediate prior-year deficiencies.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesies provided to KPMG and this office during the audit. If you have questions, please contact me at (202) 565-3976 or [courtney.potter@exim.gov](mailto:courtney.potter@exim.gov). Additional information about EXIM OIG and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, is available at [www.exim.gov/about/oig](http://www.exim.gov/about/oig).



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**Re: Independent Audit on the Effectiveness of EXIM's Information Security Program and Practices Report – Fiscal Year 2022**

Dear Ms. Potter,

We are pleased to submit this report, which presents the results of our independent performance audit of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM or the Agency) to determine whether their information security program and practices were effective for fiscal year (FY) 2022, as of March 2, 2023, in accordance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA). FISMA requires federal agencies, including EXIM, to have an annual independent evaluation performed of their information security programs and practices and to report the results of the evaluation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB has delegated its responsibility for the collection of annual FISMA responses to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS, in conjunction with OMB and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), developed the *FY 2022 Inspector General Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) Reporting Metrics (DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics)*. EXIM OIG contracted with KPMG LLP (KPMG) to conduct this independent performance audit. OIG monitored our work to ensure generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) and contractual requirements<sup>1</sup> were met.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with GAGAS. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

In addition to GAGAS, we conducted this performance audit in accordance with Consulting Services Standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)<sup>2</sup>. This performance audit did not constitute an audit of financial statements or an attestation level report as defined under GAGAS and the AICPA standards for attestation engagements.

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<sup>1</sup> Contract No. GS-00F-275CA, Task Order 83310118F0016, Item 4001, dated March 21, 2022

<sup>2</sup> As an independent public accounting firm, KPMG adheres to professional standards established by the AICPA. Because the AICPA standards do not specifically address performance audits, KPMG conducted this performance audit following the AICPA's Consulting Services Standards in addition to GAGAS. This performance audit did not constitute an attestation level report as defined under GAGAS and AICPA standards for attestation engagements.



The objective for this independent performance audit was to determine whether EXIM developed and implemented an effective information security program and practices for FY 2022 in accordance with the criteria set forth by *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*. KPMG evaluated EXIM's security plans, policies, and procedures in place for effectiveness as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, and guidance issued by OMB and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publications (SP) and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS).

In addition, OIG requested that KPMG perform external penetration testing<sup>3</sup> (b) (7)(E). The objectives of the assessment were to determine if (1) information systems are properly configured to prevent unauthorized users (b) (7)(E); (2) significant vulnerabilities (b) (7)(E); (3) vulnerabilities can be exploited (b) (7)(E); and 4) systems comply with documented baseline security configurations, such as Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs), Center of Information Security (CIS) Benchmarks, etc., when applicable.

We based our independent performance audit work on a selection of EXIM-wide security controls and a selection of system-specific security controls across two EXIM information systems. As part of our audit, we responded to the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* and assessed the metric maturity levels on behalf of the EXIM OIG. Additional details regarding the scope of our independent performance audit are included in the Objective, Scope, and Methodology section and Appendix A, Scope and Methodology. Appendix C, Status of Prior-Year Recommendations, summarizes EXIM's progress in addressing prior-year recommendations.

Consistent with applicable FISMA requirements, OMB policy and guidance, and NIST standards and guidelines, EXIM established and maintained its information security program and practices for its information systems for the five Cybersecurity Functions<sup>4</sup> and nine FISMA Metric Domains.<sup>5</sup>

Based on the results of our performance audit procedures, all five of EXIM's Cybersecurity Functions were assessed at Level 4: Managed and Measurable, therefore, the information security program was considered effective according to the instructions detailed within Appendix F, *DHS' FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*.

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<sup>3</sup> Penetration testing involves a simulated cyberattack on EXIM Information Systems (IS) to identify potential vulnerabilities that would allow authorized and unauthorized users to circumvent controls to gain unauthorized access to EXIM resources.

<sup>4</sup> OMB, DHS, and CIGIE developed the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* in consultation with the Federal Chief Information Officers Council. In FY 2022, the nine IG FISMA Metric Domains were aligned with the five Cybersecurity Functions of Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover as defined in the *NIST Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*.

<sup>5</sup> As described in the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*, the nine FISMA Metric Domains are: risk management, supply chain risk management, configuration management, identity, credential, and access management, data protection and privacy, security training, information security continuous monitoring, incident response, and contingency planning.



Also, during the past year, EXIM implemented corrective actions to remediate prior-year findings related to Supply Chain Counterfeit Component Training and weaknesses within the Risk Management Plan of Action and Milestone (POA&M) program.

However, we did identify findings within the Cybersecurity Identify Function area (b) (7)(E) [redacted]. Specifically, we noted the following:

Cybersecurity Function: Identify

- EXIM did not finalize its migration to NIST SP 800-53, Revision (Rev.) 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations*, to include but not limited to cybersecurity controls such as Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Processing and Transparency-2 and Supply Chain Risk Management-3 across the organization. (FISMA domain: Risk Management)

External Penetration Testing

- KPMG conducted an independent external penetration test of (b) (7)(E), (b) (4) [redacted].
  - (b) (7)(E) [redacted] (b) (7)(E), (b) (4) [redacted] (b) (7)(E) [redacted]

(b) (7)(E) [redacted]

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	(b) (7)(E), (b) (4) [redacted]
(b) (7)(E) [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	(b) (7)(E), (b) (4) [redacted]
(b) (7)(E) [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	(b) (7)(E), (b) (4) [redacted]

(b) (7)(E) [redacted]

<sup>7</sup> The Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) version 3.1 provides a numerical (0-10) representation of the severity of an information system vulnerability. (b) (7)(E) [redacted]

[redacted]



We considered these findings when we assessed the maturity levels for the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*. We provided recommendations related to these two control findings that, if effectively addressed by management, should strengthen the respective information systems and EXIM's information security program.

We did not render an opinion on EXIM's internal controls over financial reporting or over financial management systems as part of this performance audit. We caution that projecting the results of our performance audit to future periods or other EXIM information systems not included in our selection is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in technology or because compliance with controls may deteriorate. This report is intended solely for the use and reliance of EXIM, EXIM OIG, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and OMB.

Sincerely,

*KPMG LLP*

March 2, 2023

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Independent Audit of EXIM's Information Security Program  
and Practices Effectiveness – FY 2022  
OIG-AR-23-04, March 2, 2023

## Why We Did This Audit

The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA or the Act) requires agencies to develop, document, and implement an agency-wide information security program to protect their information and information systems, including those provided or managed by another agency, contractor, or source. The Act provides a framework for establishing and maintaining the effectiveness of management, operational, and technical controls over information technology that support operations and assets. It also provides a mechanism for improved oversight of federal agency information security programs, as it requires agency heads, in coordination with their Chief Information Officers and Senior Agency Information Security Officers, to report the security status of their information systems to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which is accomplished through DHS' CyberScope tool. In addition, FISMA requires offices of inspectors general to provide an independent assessment of the effectiveness of an agency's information security program.

To fulfill its FISMA responsibilities the Office of Inspector General (OIG) contracted with KPMG LLP (KPMG) for an independent audit of the effectiveness of the Export-Import Bank of the United States' (EXIM or the Agency) information security program. The objective of this performance audit was to determine whether EXIM developed and implemented an effective information security program and practices as required by FISMA. In addition, KPMG performed external penetration testing (b) (7)(E) and followed-up on prior-year FISMA findings.

## What We Recommend

This report includes recommendations to improve the effectiveness of EXIM's information security program.

## What We Found

EXIM's information security program and practices were effective overall as a result of the testing of the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Functions, for which all (Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover) were assessed at Level 4: Managed and Measurable as described by the DHS criteria. Consistent with applicable FISMA requirements, OMB's policy and guidance, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publications (SPs) and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), EXIM's information security program and practices for its systems were established and maintained for the five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Metric Domains. However, we noted findings within the Cybersecurity Identify Function area across one FISMA Metric Domain (Risk Management) that needs improvement but were not pervasive to affect the overall effectiveness and assessment of the program. (b) (7)(E)

EXIM can further identify in Appendix F the Agency's information security program summary results of the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*.

Further, we determined that EXIM remediated the two findings reported in the FY 2021 FISMA performance audit report (OIG-AR-2022-04, February 11, 2022) related to Supply Chain Counterfeit Training, and the failure to consistently update Plans of Action and Milestones (POA&Ms).

Finally, as outlined in Appendix E, we tested 25 NIST SP 800-53, Revision 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations*, controls in addition to those identified within the Metrics for two randomly selected systems and determined that EXIM effectively designed and implemented these controls.

For additional information, contact the Office of Inspector General at (202) 565-3908 or visit <http://exim.gov/about/oig>

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

AICPA	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
(b) (7)(E), (b) (4)	[REDACTED]
CIGIE	Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
CIS	Center of Information Security
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
DISA	Defense Information System Agency
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
(b) (7)(E), (b) (4)	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
EXIM	Export-Import Bank of the United States
(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	[REDACTED]
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FISMA	Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014
(b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)	[REDACTED]
FY	Fiscal Year
GAGAS	Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards
GISRA	Government Information Security Reform Act of 2000
(b) (7)(E), (b) (4)	[REDACTED]
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
IG	Inspector General
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
POA&M	Plans of Action and Milestone
SIEM	Security Information and Event Management
SP	Special Publication
STIG	Security Technical Implementation Guide
TIC	Trusted Internet Connections

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the independent audit conducted by KPMG LLP (KPMG) of the effectiveness of the information security program and practices of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM or the Agency) for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The objective was to determine whether EXIM developed and implemented effective information security program and practices in accordance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA).

In addition, OIG requested that KPMG perform external penetration testing<sup>8</sup> (b) (7)(E). The objectives of the external penetration testing were to determine whether (1) information systems were properly (b) (7)(E); (2) significant vulnerabilities (b) (7)(E); (3) vulnerabilities could be exploited (b) (7)(E); (4) systems complied with documented baseline security configurations, such as as Defense Information System Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs), Center of Information Security (CIS) Benchmarks, etc., when applicable. Detailed results (b) (7)(E) were transmitted in a restricted presentation to EXIM and EXIM OIG.

## OBJECTIVE, SCOPE, AND METHDODOLOGY

As stated, the objective of the audit was to determine whether EXIM developed and implemented an effective information security program and practices as required by FISMA for FY 2022. To address our objective, we evaluated the Agency's security program, plans, policies, and procedures in place for effectiveness as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, guidance issued by the OMB and NIST. Using evaluation guidance prescribed by the *FY 2022 Inspector General Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) Reporting Metrics (DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics)*, we evaluated Agency and system level security control policies, procedures, and practices associated with the following DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metric Domains:

- Identify – Risk Management and Supply Chain Risk Management;
- Protect – Configuration Management, Identity, Credential, and Access Management, Data Protection and Privacy, and Security Training;
- Detect – Information Security Continuous Monitoring;
- Respond – Incident Response; and
- Recover – Contingency Planning.

We selected two EXIM information systems for our performance of system level security control testing procedures: the (b) (7)(E), (b) (4) for our performance of system level security control testing procedures.

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<sup>8</sup> Penetration testing involves a simulated cyberattack on EXIM Information Systems (IS) to identify potential vulnerabilities that would allow authorized and unauthorized users to circumvent controls to gain unauthorized access to EXIM resources.

We also followed up on the status of prior-year FISMA findings. Finally, at the request of OIG, we performed external penetration testing over select EXIM information systems. The testing plan was conducted in accordance with NIST and FISMA requirements to evaluate internal controls that would prevent and detect unauthorized access, disclosure, modification, or deletion of sensitive data. See Appendix A for more details on the scope and methodology of our performance audit.

## BACKGROUND

EXIM is an independent, self-financing executive agency and a wholly owned United States (U.S.) government corporation. EXIM’s charter, The Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended (Pub. L. 116-94, Dec. 20, 2019), states:

*It is the policy of the United States to foster expansion of exports of manufactured goods, agricultural products, and other goods and services, thereby contributing to the promotion and maintenance of high levels of employment and real income, a commitment to reinvestment and job creation, and the increased development of the productive resources of the United States.*

To fulfill its charter, EXIM assumes the credit and country risks that the private sector is unable or unwilling to accept. EXIM authorizes working capital guarantees, export-credit insurance, loan guarantees, and direct loans to counter the export financing provided by foreign governments on behalf of foreign companies and help U.S. exporters remain competitive. The mission-critical systems supporting these programs and the Agency’s mission are:

(b) (7)(E), (b) (4)



EXIM’s network infrastructure consists largely of networking devices with various servers running different operating system platforms. Standard desktop personal computers and laptops use the Windows 10 operating system. The networks are protected from external threats by a range of information technology security devices and software, including data loss prevention tools, firewalls, intrusion detection and prevention systems, antivirus, software, and spam-filtering systems.

**Federal Laws, Roles, and Responsibilities.** On December 17, 2002, the President signed into law the E-Government Act, Pub. L. 107-347, which included the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA). FISMA, as amended,<sup>9</sup> permanently reauthorized the framework established in the Government Information Security Reform Act of 2000 (GISRA), which expired in November 2002. FISMA continues the annual review and reporting requirements introduced in GISRA. In addition, FISMA includes new provisions aimed at further strengthening the security of

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<sup>9</sup> On December 18, 2014, FISMA was amended by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014. Pub. L. 113-283. The amendment: (1) included the reestablishment of the oversight authority of the Director of OMB with respect to agency information security policies and practices, and (2) set forth the authority for the Secretary of DHS to administer the implementation of such policies and procedures for information systems.

the federal government’s information and information systems, such as the development of minimum standards for agency systems. NIST has been tasked to work with federal agencies in the development of those standards. NIST issues these standards and guidelines as FIPS and SP. FIPS provide the minimum information security requirements that are necessary to improve the security of federal information and information systems, and SP 800 and selected 500 series provide computer security guidelines and recommendations. For instance, FIPS Publication 200, *Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems*, requires agencies to adopt and implement the minimum-security controls documented in NIST SP 800-53, Revision (Rev.) 5. Federal agencies are required to develop, document, and implement an agency-wide information security program to protect their information and information systems, including those provided or managed by another agency, contractor, or other source. FISMA provides a framework for establishing and maintaining the effectiveness of management, operational, and technical controls over information technology that support operations and assets. FISMA also provides a mechanism for improved oversight of federal agency information security programs, as it requires agency heads, in coordination with their Chief Information Officers and Senior Agency Information Security Officers, to report the security status of their information systems to DHS and OMB, which is accomplished through DHS’ CyberScope tool. CyberScope, operated by DHS on behalf of OMB, replaces the legacy paper-based submission process and automates agency reporting. In addition, OIGs provide an independent assessment of effectiveness of an agency’s information security program. OIGs must also report their results to DHS and OMB annually through CyberScope.

**DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics.** DHS revised the *FY 2021 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* and published such revisions in the *FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*. DHS created the metrics for IGs to use in conducting their annual independent evaluations to determine the effectiveness of the information security program and practices of their respective agency. The metrics are organized around the five Cybersecurity Functions<sup>10</sup> outlined in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework<sup>11</sup> and are intended to provide agencies with a common structure for identifying and managing cybersecurity risks across the enterprise, as well as to provide IGs with guidance for assessing the maturity of controls to address those risks. In addition, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) developed and published maturity models for Risk Management, Supply Chain Risk Management, Configuration Management, Identity, Credential, and Access Management, Data Protection and Privacy, Security Training, Information System Continuous Monitoring, Incident Response and Contingency Planning. See Table 1, below, for a

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<sup>10</sup> In *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, Version 1.0, NIST created Functions to organize basic cybersecurity activities at their highest level. These Functions are Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover. They aid an organization in expressing its management of cybersecurity risk by organizing information, enabling risk management decisions, addressing threats, and improving by learning from previous activities.

<sup>11</sup> The President issued Executive Order 13636, “Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity,” on February 12, 2013, which established that “[i]t is the Policy of the United States to enhance the security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure and to maintain a cyber environment that encourages efficiency, innovation, and economic prosperity while promoting safety, security, business confidentiality, privacy, and civil liberties.” In enacting this policy, the Executive Order calls for the development of a voluntary risk-based Cybersecurity Framework – a set of industry standards and best practices to help organizations manage cybersecurity risks. The resulting Framework, created through collaboration between government and the private sector, uses a common language to address and manage cybersecurity risk in a cost-effective way based on business needs without placing additional regulatory requirements on businesses.

description of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Security Functions and the associated DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metric Domains.

**Table 1: Alignment of the NIST Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Functions to the DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Metric Domains**

Cybersecurity Framework Security Functions	FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metric Domains
Identify	Risk Management Supply Chain Risk Management
Protect	Configuration Management Identity, Credential, and Access Management Data Protection and Privacy Security Training
Detect	Information Security Continuous Monitoring
Respond	Incident Response
Recover	Contingency Planning

The maturity models have five levels: Level 1: Ad-Hoc, Level 2: Defined, Level 3: Consistently Implemented, Level 4: Managed and Measurable, and Level 5: Optimized. Table 2, below, provides the descriptions for each maturity level.

**Table 2: Inspector General Assessed Maturity Levels**

Maturity level	Maturity Level Description
Level: 1 Ad-hoc	Policies, procedures, and strategy are not formalized; activities are performed in an ad-hoc, reactive manner.
Level: 2 Defined	Policies, procedures, and strategy are formalized and documented but not consistently implemented.
Level 3: Consistently Implemented	Policies, procedures, and strategy are consistently implemented, but quantitative and qualitative effectiveness measures are lacking.
Level 4: Managed and Measurable	Quantitative and qualitative measures on the effectiveness of policies, procedures, and strategy are collected across the organization and used to assess them and make necessary changes.
Level 5: Optimized	Policies, procedures, and strategy are fully institutionalized, repeatable, self-generating, consistently implemented, and regularly updated based on a changing threat and technology landscape and business/mission needs.

The maturity level for a domain is determined by a simple majority, with the most frequently assessed level across the questions serving as the domain rating. A security program is considered effective if the majority of the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* are assessed at Level 4: Management and Measurable. We used this assessment method in our formation of a conclusion on the effectiveness of EXIM's information security program and practices. For information about our conclusion and the results of our performance audits, see the section immediately below.

## AUDIT RESULTS

Consistent with applicable FISMA requirements, OMB's policy and guidance, the NIST SP and FIPS, EXIM's information security program and practices for its systems were established and have been maintained for the five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Metric Domains. During the past year, EXIM implemented corrective actions to remediate prior-year findings related to Supply Chain Counterfeit Training as well as the failure to consistently update POA&Ms. We assessed a majority of the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* for the five Cybersecurity Functions at Level 4: Managed and Measurable and therefore found that EXIM's information security program and practices were effective, as prescribed by the DHS criteria.

However, we identified findings within the Cybersecurity Identify Function and Risk Management FISMA Metric Domain that, while limited in effect, indicate the need for improvements in EXIM's information security program and practices. (b) (4), (b) (7)(E)

The findings are described in the Findings section, below. We provided recommendations related to the identified control findings that, if effectively addressed by management, should strengthen EXIM's information security program and practices.

A summary of the results for the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* assessment is in Appendix F.

As noted above, we evaluated the open prior-year findings from the FY 2021 FISMA performance audit and noted management took sufficient action to address the two finding conditions identified and related three recommendations. See Appendix C, Status of Prior-Year Findings, for additional details.

In a written response to this report, EXIM Management concurred with our findings and recommendations (see Appendix D, Management Response).

## FINDINGS

### **Finding 1: Identify Function: EXIM needs to update its Enterprise Risk Management Program to comply with NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5**

During FY 2022, we noted EXIM did not complete actions necessary to meet the requirements of, and be in compliance with, NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5, Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations. Incompleted actions included, but were not limited to, the implementation of cybersecurity controls that met the following NIST 800-53 Rev. 5 requirements:

- PII Processing and Transparency-2 and
- Supply Chain Risk Management-3.

The following guidance is relevant to this finding:

Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, *Managing Information as a Strategic Resource*, states:

For legacy information systems, agencies are expected to meet the requirements of, and be in compliance with, NIST standards and guidelines within one year of their respective publication dates unless otherwise directed by OMB. The one-year compliance date for revisions to NIST publications applies only to new or updated material in the publications. For information systems under development or for legacy systems undergoing significant changes, agencies are expected to meet the requirements of, and be in compliance with, NIST standards and guidelines immediately upon deployment of the systems.

After conducting a business feasibility assessment, EXIM management determined the complete transition to NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5, while maintaining their enterprise risk management program, would not be feasible without the the implementation of a Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) tool. As a result of the time needed to evaluate, select, and secure funding for an appropriate tool, EXIM staff reported that they were unable to complete implementation of the requirement in a timely manner.

Enterprise-wide risk management programs provide guidance over controls implemented for the information systems. Outdated programs, policies and procedures can lead to a misunderstanding of the EXIM information security program. This, in turn, increases the risk of improper control implementation, thereby exposing the EXIM to control deficiencies or cyber security risks.

**Independent Auditors' Recommendations:**

We recommend that EXIM management: (1) Update and implement the Enterprise Risk Management program, including applicable policies and procedures, to align with the new requirements outlined in the NIST SP 800-53, Rev. 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations*, dated September 23, 2020, and (2) implement and test controls within the newly implemented GRC system.

**Finding 2:** (b) (7)(E)

(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E)

[Redacted]



(b) (7)(E) [Redacted]  
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## CONCLUSION

Based on the results of our performance audit procedures applied, we assessed all five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Metric Domains at Level 4: Managed and Measurable. Our assessment included consideration of the nature and effect of the above-noted finding. Therefore, we concluded that EXIM’s information security program and practices were effective, as prescribed by the DHS criteria.

We determined that EXIM remediated both of the prior year findings and related recommendations reported in the FY 2021 FISMA performance audit (see Appendix C for details). EXIM should continue to develop and implement controls and practices that are Level 4: Management and

Measurable for the five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Metric Domains to consistently evaluate and improve the effectiveness of its information security program.

In addition, EXIM should implement corrective actions to complete actions necessary to meet the requirements of, and be in compliance with, NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A: Scope and Methodology

To evaluate the effectiveness of EXIM’s information security program and its compliance with FISMA, we conducted a performance audit that was focused on the information security controls, program, and practices at the Agency level (entity level) and for selected information systems. In addition, at the request of EXIM OIG, we performed external penetration testing over select EXIM information systems.

We conducted the performance audit and external penetration testing in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and with Consulting Services Standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

To assess EXIM’s information security controls and practices, we applied procedures to test Agency and system level controls, the latter of which were associated with (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED], the two information systems we selected for our performance audit. Using the evaluation guidance prescribed in the *FY 2022 Inspector General Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 Reporting Metrics (DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics)* and the methodology steps outlined below for reach of the five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Metric Domains from the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*:

1. We requested that EXIM management communicate its self-assessed maturity levels, where applicable, to confirm our understanding of the FISMA-related policies and procedures, guidance, structures, and processes established by the Agency.
2. We performed procedures designed to assess whether Agency and (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED] controls were suitably designed and operating effectively to address requirements associated with Level 3: Consistently Implemented maturity models for all nine FISMA Metric Domains. If, based on the results of testing performed, we determined that one or more controls did not meet such requirements, we assessed such controls as Level 1: Ad Hoc or 2: Defined for the associated FISMA Metric Domain questions.
3. For controls that, based on testing performed, met requirements associated with Level 3: Consistently Implemented maturity models, we performed additional procedures designed to assess whether Agency (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED] controls were suitably designed and operating effectively to address requirements associated with Level 4: Managed and Measurable maturity models for applicable FISMA Metric Domain questions.
4. For controls that, based on testing performed, met requirements associated with Level 4: Managed and Measurable maturity models, we performed additional procedures designed to assess whether Agency (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED] control were suitably designed to address requirements associated with Level 5: Optimized maturity models for applicable FISMA Metric Domain questions. The test procedures focused specifically on the evaluation of the design of the controls.

As prescribed in the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*, a FISMA Metric Domain is considered effective if it is at Level 4: Managed and Measurable or at Level 5: Optimized. See Appendix F, *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Metric Results*.

In addition to the procedures above, we selected 25 additional NIST SP 800-53, Rev. 5, security controls that were not referenced in the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* and developed and executed test procedures to test such controls for (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) See Appendix E, Security Controls Selection.

To assess the effectiveness of the information security program and practices of EXIM, our scope included the following:

- Inquiries of information system owners, information system security managers, system administrators, and other relevant individuals to walk through each control process.
- An inspection of the information security practices and policies established by EXIM’s Office of Information Management and Technology.
- An inspection of the information security practices, policies, and procedures in use across EXIM.
- An inspection of IT artifacts to determine the implementation and operating effectiveness of security controls.

We also conducted external penetration testing over select information systems. The plan associated with this testing was conducted in accordance with NIST and FISMA requirements to determine whether (1) information systems were properly configured to prevent unauthorized users from gaining access (b) (7)(E)

(3) vulnerabilities could be exploited (b) (7)(E) 4) systems complied with documented baseline security configurations, such as Defense Information Systems Agency’s Security Technical Implementation Guides, Center for Internet Security Benchmarks, etc., when applicable.

We relied on computer-generated data as part of performing this audit. We assessed the reliability of the data by (1) observing the generation of the data, (2) inspecting parameters or logic used to generate the data, and (3) interviewing EXIM officials knowledgeable about the data. We determined that the data was sufficiently reliable for testing purposes.

The test work was performed remotely due to Coronavirus Disease 2019. We performed our fieldwork with EXIM management and IT personnel during the period of April 25, 2022, through June 30, 2022. During our audit, we met with EXIM management to provide a status of the engagement and discuss our preliminary conclusions.

See Appendix B for the federal laws, regulations, and guidance used as criteria for the performance audit and Appendix C for a status of prior-year recommendations.

## Appendix B: Federal Laws, Regulations, and Guidance

Our performance audit of the effectiveness of EXIM's information security program and practices and external penetration testing was guided by applicable federal laws and regulations related to information security, including but not limited to the following:

- GAO Government Auditing Standards, July 2018 Revision (GAO-18-568G)
- Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-283, §2(a), 128 Stat. 3073, 3075-3078, Dec. 18, 2014)
- OMB Memorandum 21-02, *Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Requirements*
- OMB Circular A-130, *Management of Federal Information Resources*
- OMB Circular A-123, *Management's Responsibility for Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control*
- OMB Memorandum 07-18, *Ensuring New Acquisitions Include Common Security Configurations*
- OMB Memorandum 07-16, *Safeguarding Against and Responding to the Breach of Personally Identifiable Information*
- OMB Memorandum 07-11, *Implementation of Common Accepted Security Configurations for Windows Operating Systems*
- OMB Memorandum 06-19, *Reporting Incidents Involving Personally Identifiable Information and Incorporating the Cost for Security in Agency Information Technology Investments*
- OMB Memorandum 06-16, *Protection of Sensitive Agency Information*
- OMB Memorandum 05-24, *Implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12 – Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors*
- OMB Memorandum 13-02, *Improving Acquisition through Strategic Sourcing*
- OMB Memorandum 11-11, *Continued Implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 – Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors*
- OMB Memorandum 14-03, *Enhancing the Security of Federal Information and Information Systems*
- OMB Memorandum 15-14, *Management and Oversight of Federal Information Technology*
- OMB Memorandum 17-12, *Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information*
- OMB Memorandum 17-25, *Reporting Guidance for Executive Order on Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure*
- OMB Memorandum 19-03, *Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Agencies by Enhancing the High Value Asset Program*
- OMB Memorandum 19-17, *Enabling Mission Delivery through Improved Identity, Credential, and Access Management*
- OMB Memorandum 19-26, *Update to the Trusted Internet Connections (TIC) Initiative*
- OMB FedRAMP Policy Memo, *Security Authorization of Information Systems in Cloud Computing Environments*, Dec. 8, 2011
- DHS FY 2022 IG Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 Reporting Metrics
- NIST SP 800-53, Rev. 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations*

- NIST SP 800-53A, Rev. 1, *Guide for Assessing Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations*
- NIST SP 800-30, *Managing Information Security Risk*
- NIST SP 800-34, *Contingency Planning Guide for Federal Information Systems*
- NIST SP 800-37, Rev. 1, *Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems*
- NIST SP 800-61, Rev. 2, *Computer Security Incident Handling Guide*
- NIST SP 800-137, Rev. 1, *Information Security Continuous Monitoring for Federal Information Systems and Organizations*
- FIPS 199: *Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems*
- FIPS 200: *Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems*

## Appendix C: Status of Prior-Year Recommendations

As part of the FY 2022 EXIM FISMA performance audit, we followed up on the status of open prior-year findings. We inquired of EXIM personnel and inspected evidence related to current-year test work to determine the status of the findings. If recommendations were implemented, we closed the findings. If recommendations were partially implemented, not implemented at all, or we identified findings during our testing, we have noted that status within the table below.

**Table 3: Status of Prior Audit Recommendations**

Finding	Recommendation	FY Identified	Status
<i>Independent Audit of EXIM's Information Security Program and Practices Effectiveness for FY 2021 (OIG-AR-2022-04, February 11, 2022)</i>			
<u>Finding 1</u> - Identify Function: Failure to completely and consistently update POA&Ms.	We recommended that the OCIO: 1) Define the methodology and frequency in which POA&Ms should be updated. 2) Ensure completion of required fields to enable accurate reporting of items needing improvement.	2021	Closed
<u>Finding 2</u> - Identify Function: Weakness in Supply Chain Counterfeit Component Training.	We recommended that the OCIO: 3) Formally design and implement its Supply Chain Risk counterfeit detection training program.	2021	Closed

## Appendix D: Management’s Response



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**DATE:** February 6, 2023

**TO:** The Honorable Parisa Salehi, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General

**THROUGH:** Mary Jean Buhler, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** Adam Martinez, Senior Vice President and Chief Management Officer **ADAM MARTINEZ**

**SUBJECT:** EXIM Management Response to the Draft Report, Independent Audit on the Effectiveness of EXIM’s Information Security Program and Practices for Fiscal Year 2022 (OIG-AR-23-04)

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Dear Ms. Salehi,

Thank you for providing the Export-Import Bank of the United States (“EXIM” or “EXIM Bank”) management with the Office of Inspector General’s (“OIG”) *Independent Audit on the Effectiveness of EXIM’s Information Security Program and Practices for Fiscal Year 2022*, OIG-AR-23-04, dated January 26, 2023 (the “Report”). The OIG contracted with KPMG, LLP (“KPMG”) to conduct a performance audit of EXIM’s information security program and practices.

EXIM appreciates KPMG concluding that “EXIM’s information security program and practices were effective, as prescribed by the DHS criteria.” In addition, EXIM appreciates OIG noting that “both of the prior year findings and related recommendations reported in the FY 2021 FISMA performance audit” were remediated by EXIM.

EXIM agrees with the recommendations and will work to implement them. EXIM looks forward to continuing to strengthen our working relationship with the OIG.



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## Appendix E: Security Controls Section

During the planning phase of our performance audit, we identified the NIST SP 800-53, Rev. 5 controls referenced in the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*. From the remaining NIST SP 800-53, Rev. 5 controls not referenced in the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*, we selected a nonstatistical sample of 25 controls presented in Table 4 below to test for (b) (4), (b) (7)(E).

**Table 4: Additional Security Controls and Testing Results**

No.	NIST SP 800-53 Security Control	Control Name	System	Conclusion
1	AC-3	Access Enforcement	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
2	AC-19	Access Control for Mobile Devices	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
3	AT-4	Training Records	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
4	AT-6	Training Feedback	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
5	AU-8	Time Stamps	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
6	AU-9	Protection of Audit Information	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
7	CA-1	Assessment, Authorization and Monitoring	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
8	CM-2	Baseline Configuration	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
9	CM-4	Impact Analysis	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
10	CM-5	Access Restrictions for Change	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
11	CP-6	Alternate Storage Site	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
12	CP-9	System Backup	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
13	IA-1	Policy and Procedures	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
14	IA-10	Adaptive Authentication	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
15	IA-12	Identity Proofing	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
16	IR-1	Policy and Procedures	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
17	IR-2	Incident Response Training	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
18	IR-3	Incident Response Testing	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
19	IR-8	Incident Response Plan	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
20	MP-5	Media Transport	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
21	PE-2	Physical Access Authorizations	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
22	PL-2	System Security and Privacy Plans	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
23	PS-4	Personnel Termination	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
24	SI-11	Error Handling	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted
25	SR-2	Supply Chain Risk Management Plan	(b) (4), (b) (7)(E)	No exceptions noted

## Appendix F: DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Metric Results

On July 20, 2022, we provided EXIM OIG with the assessed maturity levels for each of the 20 core metrics outlined in the *DHS FY IG 2022 FISMA Reporting Metrics*. The following tables represent each of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Functions and FISMA Domains that were assessed to respond to the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*. Each of the five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Domains had specific evaluation questions that were assessed, for each metric, which derived a maturity level for each metric, Cybersecurity Function, and FISMA Domain.

Based on the results of our performance audit procedures performed, we assessed all five Cybersecurity Functions and nine FISMA Metric Domains at Level 4: Managed and Measurable. Therefore, we concluded that EXIM’s information security program and practices were effective, as prescribed by the DHS criteria.

However, we did identify findings within the Cybersecurity Identify Function area, Risk Management FISMA Domain (See Finding 1 in the Findings section, above).

The tables below present the derived maturity level for the Cybersecurity Functions and FISMA Domains.

**Table 5: EXIM’s FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metric Results**

### Function 1A: Identify - Risk Management

Maturity Level	Count
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	1
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	4
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

### Function 1B: Identify - Supply Chain Risk Management

Maturity Level	Count
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	1
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 2A: Protect - Configuration Management**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	2
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 2B: Protect – Identity, Credential, and Access Management**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	3
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 2C: Protect – Data Protection and Privacy**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	2
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 2D: Protect – Security Training**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	1
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 3: Detect - ISCM**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	2
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 4: Respond - Incident Response**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	2
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Function 5: Recover - Contingency Planning**

<b>Maturity Level</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ad-hoc	0
Defined	0
Consistently Implemented	0
Managed and Measurable	2
Optimized	0
Function Rating:	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)

**Maturity Levels by Function**

Function	Calculated Maturity Level	Assessed Maturity Level	Explanation	Function Maturity Level
Function 1A: Identify - Risk Management	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Risk Management at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	Identify: Managed and Measurable (Level 4)
Function 1B: Protect – Supply Chain Risk Management	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Supply Chain Risk Management at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	
Function 2A: Protect – Configuration Management	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Configuration Management at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	Protect: Managed and Measurable (Level 4)
Function 2B: Protect – Identity, Credential, and Access Management	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Identity and Access Management at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	
Function 2C: Protect – Data Protection and Privacy	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Data Protection and Privacy at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	
Function 2D: Protect –	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Security Training at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	

Function	Calculated Maturity Level	Assessed Maturity Level	Explanation	Function Maturity Level
Security Training				
Function 3: Detect - ISCM	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for ISCM at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	Detect: Managed and Measurable (Level 4)
Function 4: Respond - Incident Response	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Incident Response at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	Respond: Managed and Measurable (Level 4)
Function 5: Recover - Contingency Planning	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	Managed and Measurable (Level 4)	We assessed EXIM's information security program and practices for Contingency Planning at the Managed and Measurable maturity level 4.	Recover: Managed and Measurable (Level 4)
Overall	Effective	Effective	Using the <i>FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics</i> guidance and based on findings noted during our performance audit, we identified maturity levels associated with each of the Cybersecurity Framework Functional and metric domain areas. These maturity levels were entered into CyberScope, a web-based application operated by DHS on behalf OMB that is used to facilitate IT security reporting for Federal agencies in satisfaction of certain requirements of FISMA. CyberScope is configured to output an overall rating of agency security programs of Effective or Not Effective based the <i>FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics</i> guidance, which states ratings for the nine metric domains will be determined by a simple majority and adopts the most frequent level across the metrics will for the domain rating. With respect to the findings and related maturity	Not applicable

Function	Calculated Maturity Level	Assessed Maturity Level	Explanation	Function Maturity Level
			<p>levels identified as a result of our performance audit of EXIM's information security program, CyberScope output an overall program rating of Effective based on data inputs because the majority of the Cybersecurity Framework Functional areas were assessed as Managed and Measurable (level 4).</p>	

## Appendix G: System Selection Approach

We obtained a schedule of all systems from EXIM’s FISMA system inventory and noted that there was a total of [REDACTED] systems listed. We sorted the FISMA system inventory to identify systems managed and hosted by EXIM [REDACTED] (b) (4), (b) (7)(E)

[REDACTED] We selected a nonstatistical sample of two systems, [REDACTED] (b) (4), (b) (7)(E), since they were categorized as FIPS 199 Moderate risk and [REDACTED] (b) (4), (b) (7)(E), we also tested 25 NIST 800-53 controls in addition to those identified within the Metrics as detailed in Appendix E, Security Controls Selection.

In summary, we selected the following as the representative subset of systems to test for the FY 2022 EXIM FISMA performance audit:

- [REDACTED] (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) – was tested for system-level procedures for the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics* and the 25 additional selected NIST SP 800-53 SP Rev. 5 controls by KPMG.
- [REDACTED] (b) (4), (b) (7)(E) – was tested for contractor and cloud specific test procedures for the *DHS FY 2022 IG FISMA Reporting Metrics*.

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