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Subject:- **Advisory - Corporate Business and Technologies Operating in India (Advisory No. 52)**

Selected IBM software businesses (including Big Fix, Apps Can, Unica, Web Sphere, Lotus Nites, Domino and Tivoli) were acquired by M/s HCL Technologies Ltd, India in 2019. In this backdrop, NTISB has already shared an advisory vide this Division's letter No. 1-5/2003 (NTISB-II), dated 15 November 2019. However, despite lapse of over 3x years since HCL India acquired IBM solutions, SECP is still using HCL provided solutions online; posing a serious national cyber security concern.

2. Above in view, it is once again requested that all Federal Ministries, Divisions, Provincial Chief Secretaries, affiliated/attached departments, autonomous bodies, CMOs and ISPs to take following substantial measures:-

a. Organizations using HCL provided solutions online (i.e. directly connected to internet) be advised to discontinue their use as soon as possible.

b. In scenario, where organizations are using HCL procured solutions offline (i.e. in private networks and not connected with internet) may continue using these without applying and HCL provided update/patch/remote access etc. these organizations should procure alternate solutions as soon as possible suggested below: -

(1) Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM).

(2) Kaspersky Endpoint Protection/Patch Manager.

(3) Symantec Endpoint Protection/Patch Manager.

(4) Window Server Update Services (WSUS).

3. Kindly disseminate the above message to all concerned in your organizations and ensure implementation.

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