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For more consumer protection: BSI President Schönbohm presents the first “IT security mark” for routers

LANCOM routers receive “IT security marks” from the German Federal Office for Information Security

Aachen, 24 May 2022—The German network-infrastructure and security supplier LANCOM Systems is the first manufacturer to have twenty of its broadband routers awarded the “IT security mark” from the BSI (German Federal Office for Information Security). With the IT Security Act 2.0 (IT-SiG 2.0) in Germany, the BSI was commissioned in 2021 to introduce a voluntary IT security mark to create transparency for consumers: The label clearly identifies the security features offered by digital products. The first IT security mark for broadband routers was presented to LANCOM Systems by BSI President Arne Schönbohm on May 17, 2022.

The security of the network infrastructure plays a decisive role in fending off cybersecurity threats: Industrial spies and cybercriminals search specifically for vulnerabilities to exploit them for attacks. According to the BSI, routers in particular represent a sensitive potential target.

With immediate effect, twenty current LANCOM broadband routers, including the devices of the LANCOM 1700 and LANCOM 1800 series, each bear their own individual IT security mark from the BSI.

New label for more consumer protection

The IT security mark is a voluntary label for IT products. It helps manufacturers to meet consumers' increasing needs for relevant information. The security features of IT products can be quickly identified by means of a BSI mark. This makes the products stand out in the market. Manufacturers declare that their products are equipped with specific security features that are based on relevant IT security standards. The manufacturer's submitted declaration is checked for plausibility by the BSI as part of the application process. After the mark has been issued, the BSI makes random and case-by-case checks on whether the requirements are met while the mark remains valid.

The IT security mark is additionally linked with [product-related information on the BSI website](#), which informs users about the security features, any current security problems, security updates, and any recommended actions.

“The BSI security mark gives consumers an easy way to recognize the security characteristics of IT products. The label also helps to raise the awareness of IT security in society. We are proud to be the first manufacturer of broadband routers to improve transparency about the IT security that our products promise with the help of the IT security mark,” says **LANCOM CTO Christian Schallenberg**.

BSI President Arne Schönbohm adds: “The IT security mark is an important building block for better information security and consumer protection. It allows citizens to see at a glance when manufacturers

promise to meet certain security requirements. This promotes transparency and trust in the consumer market.”

Further information is available on the following websites:

<https://www.lancom-systems.com/bsi-it-security-label>

<https://www.bsi.bund.de>

About LANCOM Systems:

LANCOM Systems GmbH is a leading European manufacturer of network and security solutions for business and the public sector. The portfolio includes hardware (WAN, LAN, WLAN, firewalls), virtual network components, and cloud-based software-defined networking (SDN).

Software and hardware development as well as manufacturing take place mainly in Germany, as does the hosting of the network management. There is a strong focus on trustworthiness and security. The company is committed to products that are free from backdoors and is a holder of the trust mark “IT Security Made in Germany” as initiated by the German Ministry of Economics.

LANCOM was founded in 2002 and has its headquarters in Würselen near Aachen, Germany. Customers include SMEs, government agencies, institutions, and major corporations from all over the world. Since summer 2018, the company has been an independent subsidiary of the Munich-based technology group Rohde & Schwarz.

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