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From:	Mr Dario Pirotta Director, MATSEC Support Unit
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Subject:	SEC 39 Information Technology Controlled Assessment Marking Schemes Changes and Clarifications
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Kindly note the following in relation to SEC 39 Information Technology Unit 1 and Unit 2 Controlled Assessment Marking Schemes:

Unit 1 – Question 3c   C2 – MQF 3
Students are to be awarded 1 mark irrespective of any answer provided as a justification in relation to storage capacity.

Unit 1 – Question 6a   K9 – MQF 1
The allocation of marks should be revised so that 0.5 marks are awarded for each part of the definition (informing the manufacturer of the product installed; informing the manufacturer of personal details) as per syllabus content. The following is an example of the expected answer although any other valid definition is also to be accepted:

"Product registration refers to informing the manufacturer of any new product which is installed. It also provides the manufacturer with any required personal details."

Unit 2 – Question 3a   K7 – MQF 1
With reference to "Main Content" as one of the two possible website elements to be listed by students, items in the syllabus content that are listed in brackets (images, videos, forms, paragraphs, lists, tables) are **not** to be considered as valid answers, since these are part of the same element.

Unit 2 – Question 3b   K7 – MQF 2
Students might have opted to identify the header and the navigation menu in the given image of the draft website, other than the two elements which they listed as an answer to Question 3a. In such cases, marks should still be awarded if these elements have been correctly identified in the given image.

Unit 2 – Question 3c   **K7 – MQF 3**

Similar to Question 3b, students might have opted to outline the purpose of header and the navigation menu, rather than the two elements which they listed as an answer to Question 3a. Valid outlines of "header" and "navigation menu" should therefore be accepted too and marks awarded accordingly.

Unit 2 – Question 4c   **C4 – MQF 3**

As long as a valid argument concluding that a dynamic website would be better for T&H Advertising is presented, and it has the depth as expected in the Marking Scheme, the answer should be considered correct and 2 marks should be awarded. Marks should **not** be sub-divided any further or awarded for answers which constitute only a description or an outline.

Please ensure that the above changes and clarifications are brought to the attention of the teachers and internal verifiers concerned with these assessments.