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Dear SUSE Partner,

SUSE® officially released <u>SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP7</u> on June 17, 2025. In addition to this latest version of SUSE Linux Enterprise, we are pleased to announce the availability of the latest <u>SUSE YES Certification</u> <u>Kit (SCK)</u>, <u>version 9.2</u>! SCK 9.2 provides SUSE YES Certification support for SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP7 and 15 SP6, as well as SUSE Linux Micro 6.1 and 6.0.

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 and SUSE Linux Micro 6 require separate certifications. If your company requires both, two separate certification test runs and submissions will be necessary. SCK 9.2 replaces the previously released SCK 9.1. With SCK 9.2 your company can still leverage a SLES 15 SP7 or SP6 certification to add SUSE Linux Enterprise Workstation Extension or SUSE Linux Enterprise Point-of-Service (SLEPOS) as an additional supported product. This requires using the corresponding project in TestConsole. Virtualization certifications for SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP7 and SP6 remain available using KVM and/or Xen as virtualization hosts and Virtual Machines. Reminder: If you successfully complete and submit a Server-Full certification on a system, you are eligible to use the Virtualization-Reduced certification project to test and certify virtualization on that same system.

SCK 9.2 continues support for system certification of all SUSE Linux supported architectures:

- x86_64
- Arm
- IBM® Power® and IBM Z®

This new release of the SCK supports the certification of servers, edge nodes, workstations, desktops, laptops, point-of-service systems, virtualization hosts, and third-party hypervisors. Any device requiring a robust Linux operating system can likely be YES Certified.

The changes from SCK 9.1 to 9.2 are mainly to enable SLE 15 SP7 but also include various bug fixes. The supported version of SLES installed on the TestConsole has been updated to SLES 15 SP6.

We encourage the immediate use of the new SCK 9.2 Gold Master (GM) release for all future certification testing. SUSE partners are strongly encouraged to download and install the new version as soon as possible. The new SCK 9.2 ISO image is contained in a compressed .zip file and can be downloaded from the public YES System Test Tools for SUSE® Linux webpage or from the SUSE® Bulletin System (SBS) main landing webpage (requiring a login). The SCK 9.2 documentation is also available at these download locations and is packaged as a compressed .zip file. We strongly recommend utilizing the SCK documentation for the best experience. Important: Please review the README file, which is part of the SCK download .zip file, for a detailed list of known issues with SCK 9.2. Understanding these issues will save you time.

We understand that our partners may be in the middle of certifying systems with SCK 9.1 and may need to complete this process before updating. Therefore, we have set the submission **deadline for tests** using SCK 9.1 as July 31, 2025. After that date we reserve the right to reject submissions tested with the SCK 9.1 version. *All SLE 15 SP7 certifications require SCK 9.2*.

Note: SLES 15 SP6 general support will end December 31, 2025 (for additional support dates see the <u>SUSE Lifecycle</u> page). Once SLES transitions from general to SUSE Long-Term Support Services (LTSS),



customers will be required to purchase an LTSS contract for continued support and update services. YES Certifying a system with a SLES version in LTSS is possible, but those certifications require certain policy changes, these changes are outlined here. Because SLES 15 SP7 is the last service pack for the SLES 15 family the general support window is extended to July 31, 2031.

With SUSE Linux Enterprise and the latest System Certification Kit, partners have the power to leverage the premier system certification program: SUSE YES Certification. We are confident that these tools and SUSE YES Certification will help increase your product sales opportunities.

Best regards, SUSE Partner Engineering