



PROCESS DESCRIPTION DATA ERASURE

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CHG-MERIDIAN is a market leader in end-of-life management. As an independent financial advisor and technology manager, the company, based in Weingarten in Germany, offers customized business concepts for the efficient management of investments in technology. Secure data erasure forms part of Managed Desktop Solutions (MDS), a package of services that enables companies to reduce their customers' costs over the full IT lifecycle.

CHG-MERIDIAN's MDS customers include companies that are required to conform to the highest standards of data security, such as banks, public authorities, or companies in the healthcare sector. They benefit from lower overall costs, increased process efficiency, strong data security and security

of investment, as well as from intelligent reporting tools for managing their ICT asset estate.

The erasure process is NSM-certified. This standard does not certify the transport step. The process is designed for PCs, notebooks, servers, and disk subsystems. It also covers the SSD and flash memory that can be found in smartphones or solid-state hard drives.

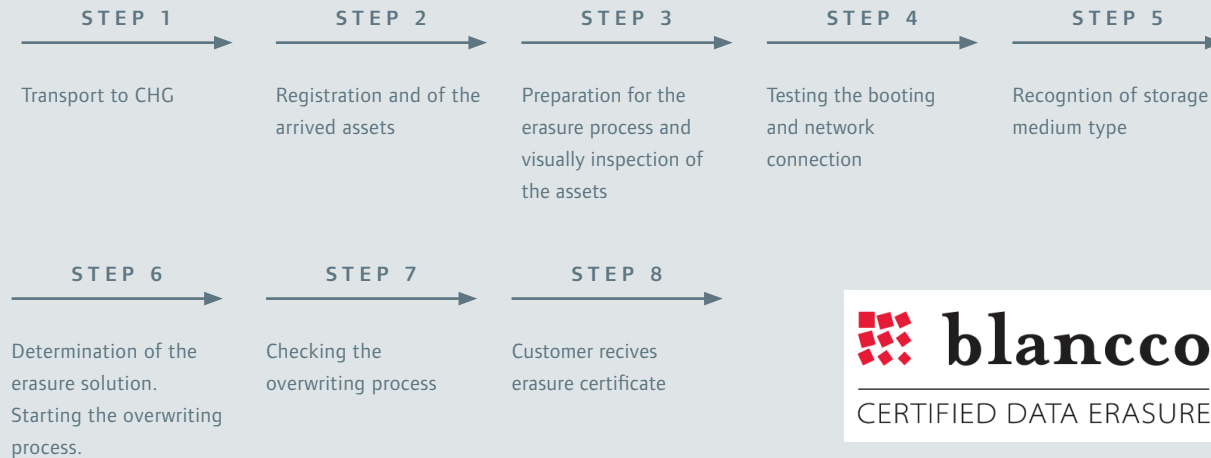
CHG Meridian Technology and Service Center Skien has obtained ISO Certificate

NS-EN ISO 14001:2015 and NS-EN ISO 9001:2015 which guards every step in the deletion process.



PROCESS STEPS

ERASURE PROCESS



1. Transport of the assets to the Technology and Service Center

If the customer asks CHG-MERIDIAN SKIEN to transport the assets, the assets are collected either by a freight forwarder or by CHG-MERIDIAN SKIEN staff. The assets are then transported to the CHG Technology and Service Center SKIEN. Otherwise, the customer takes the assets to the CHG Technology and Service Center.

2. Receipt and documentation of assets at CHG-MERIDIAN

Upon arrival every asset is counted to make sure there is no inconsistency between the customer's asset-list and received assets. Each case is given a unique identifier number which follows the assets throughout the erasure process.

3. Preparation of the erasure process

Every testing station uses EAN labels to register faults and other irregularities while the assets are erased by Blancco drive erasure. All codes registered by barcodes generates a database inquiry and gets logged into the Blancco data erasure software to easily generate certificates later..

The „certified data erasure“ process is designed for PCs, notebooks, servers and disk subsystems (SAS and FC technologies) with IBM compatible BIOS, 80x86 processors, and appropriate peripherals.

This procedure cannot be applied to computers with different hardware infrastructure. For this reason, variant types of computer are separated out at this point (if they haven't been already); where possible, their hard disks are removed, installed in a compatible computer and erased using software.

3.1 Visual inspection of PCs and servers

An employee opens the computer casing (except for laptops) and visually checks how many hard disks have been installed in the computer, to ensure that there are no hard disks in the computer that are unconnected, configured as RAID's or otherwise inaccessible.

3.2 Checking of CD drives, diskette drives, and memory cards

The content of any removable drives is checked and any

data storage media removed. Unless agreed otherwise with the customer, any data storage media found is destroyed immediately.

4. Booting and network connection

The computer system to be processed is started using a network cable /via pxe and then the Blancco controls the rest of the process. The process continues only if the computer is booting according to Blancco's requirements. Otherwise, manual erasure will be executed

5. Automatic recognition of storage medium type

Blancco automatically identifies the storage medium type. The data storage media test detects the following storage types: mechanical hard drives, SSD, hybrid drive, and flash memory.

6. Overwriting of storage medium

The IT-operator determines which type of erasure (mechanical or flash) to carry out and starts the appropriate erasure method.

REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHEST PROTECTION

Following an additional agreement, the contractor can be tasked with the destruction of the data storage media. CHG-MERIDIAN Skien uses a MAXXeGUARD Shredder which meets the following standards

1. EADMS: Level C and D in accordance with the standards of

destruction of the European Association for Data Media Security.

2. DIN 66399: Complies to level H-5 /H-6 for Hard Disks (magnetic), to level O-5 for optical data carriers (CD, DVD) and to level E-4 for electronic data carriers (SSD, USB, memory cards)

7. Checking of the overwriting process

Following erasure there is an automatic check whether:

- there is an erasure log
- the erasure log shows error-free erasure runs.

If an error has occurred, the process is restarted after the error has been corrected, or the hard disk is separated out and classified as 'Cannot be securely erased by overwriting, and then handled as specified:

- Mechanical hard disks are degaussed and subsequently shredded.
- SSD, hybrid drive and flash memory storage media are shredded.

8. Retrieval and distribution of erasure data

Following data erasure, the customer receives an email. The email confirms that the data has been erased successfully, and erasure certificates are included as a ZIP'ed PDF document. For single erasure certificates, the document name is the serial number of the asset in which the hard disk was originally installed.

The relevant data is stored on the CHG file server and can be retrieved at any time. The data erasure reports are retained for at least ten years following completion of the data erasure process.





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