Dear Sir/Madam,

We present to you the next edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights the concepts of Microsoft® Windows®:

- Windows 10 is available as Pro or Home (single language) editions in Retail.
- Windows 10 Pro OEM (bundled with a new PC) can be downgraded to Windows 8.1 Pro or Windows 7 Pro only not to Vista or XP.
- Windows 10 Pro Full version is only available via FPP (retail) channel. It does not have any downgrade rights to previous version. FPP license can be transferred to a New PC. It can be used to Legalize existing non-genuine versions.
- Windows 10 Pro GGS can be downgraded to Vista or XP. A GGS license is non-transferable just like an OEM License.
- Active Software Assurance on a desktop OS can be transferred to a new system.
- Windows 10 Enterprise E3 offers advanced protection against modern security threats, multiple OS deployment and update control, and comprehensive device management. E3 includes Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection (Windows Defender ATP), a new service that helps enterprises detect, investigate, and respond to advanced attacks on their networks.
- Windows 10 Enterprise LTSB is designed for systems that need only security and critical bug fixes. By using a Long Term Servicing Channel, you can apply regular Windows 10 security updates.
- The Windows VDA subscription license provides the right to access virtual desktop environments from devices that do not have a qualifying Windows OS such as thin clients. Windows VDA is available on a per device or per user basis.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to provide you additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com for any queries or feedback.

Regards,

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