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Part 4:

**Asymmetric cryptosystems —  
Key management and life cycle**

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## Foreword

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ISO 11568 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Banking — Key management (retail)*:

- *Part 1: Principles*
- *Part 2: Symmetric ciphers, their key management and life cycle*
- *Part 3: Key life cycle for symmetric ciphers (withdrawn; incorporated into Part 2)*
- *Part 4: Asymmetric cryptosystems — Key management and life cycle*
- *Part 5: Key life cycle for public key cryptosystems*
- *Part 6: Key management schemes (withdrawn)*

## Introduction

ISO 11568 is one of a series of International Standards describing procedures for the secure management of cryptographic keys used to protect messages in a retail financial services environment; e.g. messages between an acquirer and a card acceptor, or an acquirer and a card issuer.

This part of ISO 11568 addresses the key management requirements that are applicable in the domain of retail financial services. Typical of such services are point-of-sale/point-of-service (POS) debit and credit authorizations and automated teller machines (ATM) transactions.

ISO 11568-2 and ISO 11568-4 describe key management techniques which, when used in combination, provide the key management services identified in ISO 11568-1. These services are:

- a) key separation;
- b) key substitution prevention;
- c) key identification;
- d) key synchronization;
- e) key integrity;
- f) key confidentiality;
- g) key compromise detection.

This part of ISO 11568 also describes the key life cycle in the context of secure management of cryptographic keys for asymmetric cryptosystems. It states both requirements and implementation methods for each step in the life of such a key, utilizing the key management principles, services and techniques described herein and in ISO 11568-1. This part of ISO 11568 does not cover the management or key life cycle for keys used in symmetric ciphers, which are covered in ISO 11568-2.

This part of ISO 11568 is one of a series that describes requirements for security in the financial services environment, as follows:

ISO 9564-1; ISO 9564-2; ISO 9564-3; ISO/TR 9564-4; ISO 11568; ISO 13491; ISO/TR 19038.

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# Banking — Key management (retail) —

## Part 4:

# Asymmetric cryptosystems — Key management and life cycle

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11568 specifies techniques for the protection of symmetric and asymmetric cryptographic keys in a retail financial services environment using asymmetric cryptosystems and the life cycle management of the associated asymmetric keys. The techniques described in this part of ISO 11568 enable compliance with the principles described in ISO 11568-1. For the purposes of this document, the retail financial services environment is restricted to the interface between:

- a card-accepting device and an acquirer;
- an acquirer and a card issuer;
- an ICC and a card-accepting device.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 9564-1, *Banking — Personal Identification Number (PIN) management and security — Part 1: Basic principles and requirements for online PIN handling in ATM and POS systems*

ISO/IEC 9796-2:2002, *Information technology — Security techniques — Digital signature schemes giving message recovery — Part 2: Integer factorization based mechanisms*

ISO/IEC 10116:1997, *Information technology — Security techniques — Modes of operation for an n-bit block cipher*

ISO/IEC 10118 (all parts), *Information technology — Security techniques — Hash functions*

ISO 11568-1, *Banking — Key management (retail) — Part 1: Principles*

ISO 11568-2, *Banking — Key management (retail) — Part 2: Symmetric ciphers, their key management and life cycle*

ISO/IEC 11770-3, *Information technology — Security techniques — Key management — Part 3: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques*

ISO 13491-1, *Banking — Secure cryptographic devices (retail) — Part 1: Concepts, requirements and evaluation methods*

ISO 13491-2, *Banking — Secure cryptographic devices (retail) — Part 2: Security compliance checklists for devices used in financial transactions*

ISO/IEC 14888-3, *Information technology — Security techniques — Digital signatures with appendix — Part 3: Discrete logarithm based mechanisms*

ISO 15782-1:2003, *Certificate management for financial services — Part 1: Public key certificates*

ISO/IEC 15946-3:2002, *Information technology — Security techniques — Cryptographic techniques based on elliptic curves — Part 3: Key establishment*

ISO 16609:2004, *Banking — Requirements for message authentication using symmetric techniques*

ISO/IEC 18033-2, *Information technology — Security techniques — Encryption algorithms — Part 2: Asymmetric ciphers*

ANSI X9.42-2003, *Public Key Cryptography for the Financial Services Industry: Agreement of Symmetric Keys Using Discrete Logarithm Cryptography*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions in ISO 11568-1, ISO 11568-2 and the following apply.

**3.1**  
**asymmetric cipher**  
cipher in which the encipherment key and the decipherment key are different, and in which it is computationally infeasible to deduce the (private) decipherment key from the (public) encipherment key

**3.2**  
**asymmetric cryptosystem**  
cryptosystem consisting of two complementary operations each utilizing one of two distinct but related keys, the public key and the private key, having the property that it is computationally infeasible to determine the private key from the public key

**3.3**  
**asymmetric key pair generator**  
secure cryptographic device used for the generation of asymmetric cryptographic keys

**3.4**  
**certificate**  
credentials of an entity, signed using the private key of the certification authority which issued it, and thereby rendered unforgeable

**3.5**  
**certification authority**  
**CA**  
entity trusted by one or more entities to create, assign and revoke or hold public key certificates

NOTE Optionally the certification authority can create and assign keys to the entities.

**3.6**  
**communicating party**  
party that sends or receives the public key for the communication with the party that owns the public key

**3.7**  
**computationally infeasible**  
property that a computation is theoretically achievable but is not feasible in terms of the time or resources required to perform it