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Foreword

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- *Part 11: Air Interface for security services crypto suite PRESENT-80*
- *Part 12: Air Interface for security services crypto suite ECC-DH*
- *Part 13: Air Interface for security services crypto suite Grain-128A*
- *Part 14: Air Interface for security services crypto suite AES-OFB*
- *Part 15: Air Interface for security services crypto suite XOR*
- *Part 16: Air Interface for security services crypto suite ECDSA-ECDH*
- *Part 17: Air Interface for security services crypto suite Crypto GPS*
- *Part 19: Air Interface for security services crypto suite RAMON*

Introduction

This international standard describes a crypto suite based on Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) for the ISO/IEC 18000- series of standards protocol. In particular, it specifies the use of Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) key agreement in a secure channel establishment and the use of Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) in an authentication mechanism.

This international standard defines only mutual authentication for the ECDSA-ECDH cipher. An Interrogator or a Tag authentication is not supported in this international standard.

ECDSA-ECDH cipher is a high-weight security protocol especially for active RFID system, aiming at meeting those scenarios with high level security requirement.

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Part 16:

Crypto suite ECDSA-ECDH security services for air interface communications

1 Scope

This international standard describes a crypto suite based on Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) for the ISO/IEC 18000- series of standards protocol. In particular, it specifies the use of Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) key agreement in a secure channel establishment and the use of Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) in an authentication mechanism.

This international standard specifies a crypto suite for ECDSA-ECDH for air interface for RFID systems. The crypto suite is defined in alignment with existing air interfaces.

This international standard defines a mutual authentication method and methods of use for the cipher. A Tag and an Interrogator may support one, a subset, or all of the specified options, clearly stating what is supported. Key update is not supported in this international standard.

2 Conformance

2.1 Claiming conformance

To claim conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 29167, an Interrogator or a Tag shall comply with all relevant clauses of this part of ISO/IEC 29167, except those marked as “optional”.

2.2 Interrogator conformance and obligations

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29167, an Interrogator shall

- implement the mandatory messages and responses format defined in this part of ISO/IEC 29167, and conform to the relevant part of ISO/IEC 18000

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29167, an Interrogator may

- implement any subset of the optional parameters for message and response format defined in this part of ISO/IEC 29167

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29167, the Interrogator shall not

- implement any messages and responses format that conflicts with this part of ISO/IEC 29167, or
- require the use of an optional, proprietary, or custom parameters for message and response format to meet the requirements of this part of ISO/IEC 29167.

2.3 Tag conformance and obligations

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29167, a Tag shall

- implement the mandatory message and response formatting defined in this part of ISO/IEC 29167 for the supported types, and conform to the relevant part of ISO/IEC 18000

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29167, a Tag may

- implement any subset of the optional parameters in the message and response formatting defined in this part of ISO/IEC 29167

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29167, a Tag shall not

- implement any message and response formatting that conflicts with this part of ISO/IEC 29167, or
- require the use of an optional, proprietary, or custom parameter in the message and response formatting to meet the requirements of this part of ISO/IEC 29167.

3 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 18000-4, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 4: Parameters for air interface communications at 2,45 GHz*

ISO/IEC 19762 (all parts), *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 29167-1, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Part 1: Security services for RFID air interfaces*

ISO/IEC 14888-3:2006, *Information technology — Security techniques — Digital signatures with appendix — Part 3: Discrete logarithm based mechanisms*

ISO/IEC 11770-3:2008, *Information technology — Security techniques — Key management — Part 3: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques*

ISO/IEC 9798-3:1998/Amd.1:2010, *Information technology — Security techniques — Entity authentication — Part 3: Mechanisms using digital signature techniques / Amendment 1: .*

ISO/IEC 18031:2011, *Information technology — Security techniques — Random bit generation*

ISO/IEC 11770-6, *Information technology — Security techniques – Key management — Part 6: Key derivation*

RFC 3280, *Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile*

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19762 (all parts) and the following apply.

4.1

command (message)

command that Interrogator sends to Tag with “Message” as parameter

4.2

message

part of the Command that is defined by the CS