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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 19823-21:2019), which has been technically revised.

The main change is as follows: test items have been updated to reflect changes to the over-the-air protocol.

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 19823 series can be found on the ISO and IEC websites.

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Introduction

The ISO/IEC 29167 series describes security services that are applicable for the ISO/IEC 18000 series. The various parts of the ISO/IEC 29167 series describe crypto suites that are optional extensions to the ISO/IEC 18000 air interfaces.

The ISO/IEC 19823 series describes conformance test methods for security service crypto suites. The ISO/IEC 19823 series is related to the ISO/IEC 18047 series, which describes the radio frequency identification device conformance test methods, in the same way as the ISO/IEC 29167 series is related to the ISO/IEC 18000 series. These relations mean that, for a product that is claimed to conform to a pair ISO/IEC 18000-n and ISO/IEC 29167-m, the test methods of ISO/IEC 18047-n and ISO/IEC 19823-m apply. If a product supports more than one part of the ISO/IEC 18000 series or the ISO/IEC 29167 series, all related parts of the ISO/IEC 18047 series and the ISO/IEC 19823 series apply.

The conformance parameters are:

- parameters that apply directly affecting system functionality and inter-operability;
- protocol including commands and replies;
- nominal values and tolerances.

NOTE 1 ISO/IEC 18047-6 contains the conformance test requirements of ISO/IEC 18000-6, ISO/IEC 18000-61, ISO/IEC 18000-62, ISO/IEC 18000-63 and ISO/IEC 18000-64.

NOTE 2 Test methods for Interrogator and Tag performance are covered by the ISO/IEC 18046 series.

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1 Scope

This document describes the test methods for determining conformance to the security crypto suite SIMON defined in ISO/IEC 29167-21.

This document contains conformance tests for all mandatory functions.

Unless otherwise specified, the tests in this document are only applicable to radio frequency identification (RFID) Tags and Interrogators defined in the ISO/IEC 18000 series using ISO/IEC 29167-21.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO/IEC 18000-63, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 930 MHz Type C*

ISO/IEC 18047-6:2025, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification device conformance test methods — Part 6: Test methods for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 930 MHz*

ISO/IEC 19762, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 29167-21:2026, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Part 21: Crypto suite SIMON security services for air interface communications*

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