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**Part 7:
Signature/sign time series data**

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Partie 7: Données de série chronologique de signature/signé



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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Generalized conformance testing methodology*
- *Part 2: Finger minutiae data*
- *Part 3: Finger pattern spectral data*
- *Part 4: Finger image data*
- *Part 5: Face image data*
- *Part 6: Iris image data*
- *Part 7: Signature/sign time series data*
- *Part 8: Finger pattern skeletal data*
- *Part 9: Vascular image data*
- *Part 10: Hand geometry silhouette data*
- *Part 11: Signature/sign processed dynamic data*
- *Part 13: Voice data*
- *Part 14: DNA data*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 19794-7 specifies two data interchange formats for storing, recording, and transmitting signature/sign time series data records. This part of ISO/IEC 29109 establishes tests for checking the correctness of the binary records.

Without standardized methods for conducting conformance tests of commercial products that claim to support ISO/IEC 19794-7, application developers and implementers of Biometric Service Providers can interpret the ISO/IEC 19794-7 specification differently and this can compromise interoperability. This possibility rests on the assertion that conformance to ISO/IEC 19794-7 is a necessary prerequisite for achieving interoperability among implementations. This is the motivation for development of this conformance testing methodology.

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 supports those applications that require use of signature/sign time series data according to ISO/IEC 19794-7. It defines a testing methodology to assure conformance of a vendor's application or service to the base ISO/IEC 19794-7 specification. Thus this document is intended to

- establish elements of the conformance testing methodology framework that are specific to the signature/sign time series-based data record requirements of ISO/IEC 19794-7,
- define requirements and guidelines for specifying conformance test suites and related test methods for measuring conformity of products and services to the signature/sign time series-based data record requirements of ISO/IEC 19794-7, and
- define test procedures to be followed before, during, and after conformance testing.

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 is applicable to the development and use of conformity test method specifications, conformity test suites for ISO/IEC 19794-7 records, and conformance testing programs for ISO/IEC 19794-7 conformant products. It is intended primarily for use by testing organizations, but can be applied by developers and users of test method specifications and test method implementations.

The tables of test assertions in Clause 6 specify levels of testing for the conformance requirements of ISO/IEC 19794-7.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 specifies elements of conformance testing methodology, test assertions, and test procedures as applicable to ISO/IEC 19794-7. ISO/IEC 19794-7 defines two data interchange formats for signature/sign time series data, one for general use and one compact format for use with smart cards and other tokens.

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 establishes

- test assertions of the structure of both signature/sign time series data formats as specified in ISO/IEC 19794-7 (Type A Level 1 as defined in ISO/IEC 29109-1),
- test assertions of internal consistency by checking the types of values that may be contained within each field (Type A Level 2 as defined in ISO/IEC 29109-1), and
- test assertions on the contents of data records in the signature/sign time series data formats as specified in ISO/IEC 19794-7 (Type A Level 3 as defined in ISO/IEC 29109-1).

This part of ISO/IEC 29109 does not establish

- tests of other characteristics of biometric products or other types of testing of biometric products (e.g. acceptance, performance, robustness, security), and
- tests of conformance of systems that do not produce ISO/IEC 19794-7 records.

2 Conformance

Biometric data interchange format conformance tests conform to this part of ISO/IEC 29109 if they satisfy all of the normative requirements related to Clause 6. Specifically, they shall use the test methodology specified in Clauses 6, 7 and 8 of ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009, and all tests shall use the assertions defined in Table 2 to Table 4.

Implementations of ISO/IEC 19794-7 tested according to the methodology specified shall be able to claim conformance only to those requirements specified in ISO/IEC 19794-7 that are tested by the test methods established by this methodology.

Implementations of ISO/IEC 19794-7 do not necessarily need to conform to all possible aspects of ISO/IEC 19794-7, but only to those ISO/IEC 19794-7 requirements that are claimed to be supported by the implementation in an Implementation Conformance Statement, filled out in accordance with Clause 8 of ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009 and Table 1 of this part of ISO/IEC 29109.

3 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/IEC 19794-7:2007, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 7: Signature/sign time series data*

ISO/IEC 29109-1:2009, *Information technology — Conformance testing methodology for biometric data interchange formats defined in ISO/IEC 19794 — Part 1: Generalized conformance testing methodology*