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Foreword

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ISO/IEC 29167 consists of the following parts, under the general title Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques:

— *Part 1: Security services for RFID air interfaces*

— *Part 10: Crypto suite AES-128 security services for air interface communications*

— *Part 11: Crypto suite PRESENT-80 security services for air interface communications*

— *Part 12: Crypto suite ECC-DH security services for air interface communication*

— *Part 13: Crypto suite Grain-128A security services for air interface communications*

— *Part 14: Crypto suite AES OFB security services for air interface communications*

— *Part 16: Crypto suite ECDSA-ECDH security services for air interface communications*

— *Part 17: Crypto suite cryptoGPS security services for air interface communications*

— *Part 19: Crypto suite RAMON security services for air interface communications*

The following parts are under preparation:

— *Part 15: Crypto suite XOR security services for air interface communications*

Introduction

Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) is an approach to public-key cryptography based on the algebraic structure of elliptic curves over finite fields. For elliptic-curve-based protocols, it is assumed that finding the discrete logarithm of a random elliptic curve element with respect to a publicly-known base point is computationally infeasible. The size of the elliptic curve determines the difficulty of the problem.

This part of ISO/IEC 29167 specifies the security services for an RFID Tag with an ECC-DH crypto suite based on the Diffie-Hellman key exchange algorithm. It specifies the details of a protocol and interface format for application with RFID Tags which provide unilateral authentication capability, based on the use of ECC. Although such Tags can operate in any frequency band legitimate for such applications, the main focus of this part of ISO/IEC 29167 is on externally-powered (also called "passive") Tags designed for the HF/UHF frequency bands, where the demands on low silicon footprint and power consumption are most stringent.

This part of ISO/IEC 29167 defines only Tag authentication for the ECC-DH cipher.

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Part 12: Crypto suite ECC-DH security services for air interface communication

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 29167 defines the crypto suite for ECC-DH for the ISO/IEC 18000 air interfaces standards for radio frequency identification (RFID) devices. Its purpose is to provide a common crypto suite with Diffie-Hellmann-based authentication using ECC (elliptic curve cryptography) over binary fields for security for RFID devices that may be referred by ISO committees for air interface standards and application standards.

This part of ISO/IEC 29167 specifies a crypto suite for ECC-DH for air interface for RFID systems. The crypto suite is defined in alignment with existing air interfaces.

This part of ISO/IEC 29167 defines various authentication methods 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.

2 Conformance

2.1 Claiming conformance

To claim conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 29167, an Interrogator or 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 commands 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 commands defined in this part of ISO/IEC 29167.

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

— implement any command that conflicts with this part of ISO/IEC 29167, or

— require the use of an optional, proprietary, or custom command 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 commands 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 commands defined in this part of ISO/IEC 29167.

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

— implement any command that conflicts with this part of ISO/IEC 29167, or

— require the use of an optional, proprietary, or custom command 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 18000-63, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C*

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*

FIPS PUB 186-4, *Digital Signature Standard (DSS)*[1)]

1) http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/FIPS/NIST.FIPS.186-4.pdf