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1. Introduction

Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS) 140-2, *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules*, specifies the security requirements that are to be satisfied by the cryptographic module utilized within a security system protecting sensitive information within computer and telecommunications systems (including voice systems). The standard provides four increasing, qualitative levels of security: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4. These levels are intended to cover the wide range of potential applications and environments in which cryptographic modules may be employed. The security requirements cover eleven areas related to the secure design and implementation of the cryptographic module. These areas include the following:

1. Cryptographic Module Specification
2. Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces
3. Roles, Services, and Authentication
4. Finite State Model
5. Physical Security
6. Operational Environment
7. Cryptographic Key Management
8. Electromagnetic Interference/Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMI/EMC)
9. Self Tests
10. Design Assurance
11. Mitigation of Other Attacks

The Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP - www.nist.gov/cmvp) validates cryptographic modules to FIPS 140-2 and other cryptography based standards. The CMVP is a joint effort between NIST and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS - <https://cyber.gc.ca/en/>). Modules validated as conforming to FIPS 140-2 are accepted by the Federal agencies of both countries for the protection of sensitive information (United States) or Designated information (Canada).

In the CMVP, vendors of cryptographic modules use independent, accredited testing laboratories to have their modules tested. Organizations wishing to have validations performed would contract with the laboratories for the required services.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this document, and of Annexes C and D, is to provide a list of the approved security functions applicable to FIPS 140-2. Annex C lists the approved Random Bit Generators, while Annex D shows the approved Key Establishment Methods. The remaining approved security functions are listed in this Annex. The Annexes also provide the links to the descriptions of the *allowed* algorithms.

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ANNEX A: APPROVED SECURITY FUNCTIONS

Annex A provides a list of the approved security functions applicable to FIPS 140-2. The categories include transitions, symmetric key encryption and decryption, digital signatures, message authentication and hashing.

Transitions

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Transitioning the Use of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths](#), Special Publication 800-131A, Revision 2, March 2019. Sections relevant to this Annex: 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10.

Symmetric Key Encryption and Decryption (AES, TDEA)

1. Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Advanced Encryption Standard \(AES\)](#), Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 197, November 26, 2001.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation, Methods and Techniques](#), Special Publication 800-38A, December 2001.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Three Variants of Ciphertext Stealing for CBC Mode](#), Addendum to Special Publication 800-38A, October 2010.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CCM Mode for Authentication and Confidentiality](#), Special Publication 800-38C, May 2004.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Galois/Counter Mode \(GCM\) and GMAC](#), Special Publication 800-38D, November 2007.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The XTS-AES Mode for Confidentiality on Storage Devices](#), Special Publication 800-38E, January 2010.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Methods for Key Wrapping](#), Special Publication 800-38F, December 2012.

IEEE Standards Association, [Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks, Media Access Control \(MAC\) Security, Amendment 2: Extended Packet Numbering](#), 802.1AEbw-2013, February 12, 2013.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Methods for Format-Preserving Encryption](#), Special Publication 800-38G, March 2016.

2. Triple-DES Encryption Algorithm (TDEA)

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for the Triple Data Encryption Algorithm \(TDEA\) Block Cipher](#), Special Publication 800-67, Revision 2, November 2017.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation, Methods and Techniques](#), Special Publication 800-38A, December 2001. Appendix E references modes of the Triple-DES algorithm.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Methods for Key Wrapping](#), Special Publication 800-38F, December 2012.

3. **NOTE.** The use of SKIPJACK is approved for decryption only. The SKIPJACK algorithm has been documented in Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 185. This publication is obsolete and has been withdrawn.

Digital Signatures (DSA, RSA and ECDSA)

1. Digital Signature Standard (DSS)

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Digital Signature Standard \(DSS\)](#), Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 186-4, July 2013.

Secure Hash Standard (SHS)

1. Secure Hash Standard (SHS) (SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA-512/224 and SHA-512/256)

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Secure Hash Standard](#), Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 180-4, August, 2015.

SHA-3 Standard

1. SHA-3 Hash Algorithms (SHA3-224, SHA3-256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512)

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [SHA-3 Standard](#), Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 202, August, 2015.

2. SHA-3 Extendable-Output Functions (XOF) (SHAKE128, SHAKE256)

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [SHA-3 Standard](#), Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 202, August, 2015.

3. SHA-3 Derived Functions: cSHAKE, KMAC, TupleHash, and ParallelHash

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [SHA-3 Derived Functions: cSHAKE, KMAC, TupleHash, and ParallelHash](#) Special Publication 800-185, December 2016

Message Authentication (Triple-DES, AES and HMAC)

1. Triple-DES

National Institute of Standards and Technology, Computer Data Automation, Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 113, 30 May 1985. This standard has been withdrawn by NIST on September 1, 2008. The CMVP will accept, until December 31, 2017, the new submissions with the

claims of vendor affirmation to this standard. The existing validations with the claim of Triple-DES MAC complying with FIPS 113 will remain in place.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block cipher Modes of Operation: The CMAC Mode for Authentication](#), Special Publication 800-38B, May 2005.

2. AES

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CMAC Mode for Authentication](#), Special Publication 800-38B, May 2005.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CCM Mode for Authentication and Confidentiality](#), Special Publication 800-38C, May 2004.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Galois/Counter Mode \(GCM\) and GMAC](#), Special Publication 800-38D, November 2007.

3. HMAC

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [The Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code \(HMAC\)](#), Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 198-1, July 2008.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, [Recommendation for Applications Using Approved Hash Algorithms](#), Special Publication 800-107 Revision 1, Section 5.3, August 2012.

Document Revisions

| Date | Change |
|------------|--|
| 05-13-2002 | Symmetric Key , Number 1: Added: <i>Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)</i> |
| | Keyed Hash , Number 1: Added: <i>The Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC)</i> |
| 02-19-2003 | Symmetric Key , Number 1: Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation, Methods and Techniques</i> |
| 12-16-2003 | Asymmetric Key , Number 1: Deleted: Removed Asymmetric Key references to ANSI X9.31-1998 and ANSI X9.62-1998. These are referenced FIPS 186-2. |
| 03-11-2004 | Hashing , Number 1: Added: <i>Secure Hash Standard - SHA-256, SHA-384 and SHA-512</i> |
| 05-13-2004 | Hashing , Number 1: Added: <i>Secure Hash Standard - SHA-224</i> |
| 08-18-2004 | Asymmetric Key , Number 1: Updated: Modified reference to include Change Notice 1 - <i>Digital Signature Standard (DSS)</i> |
| 09-23-2004 | Message Authentication , Number 3: Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CCM Mode for Authentication and Confidentiality</i> |
| 05-19-2005 | Symmetric Key , Number 2: Added: <i>Recommendation for the Triple Data Encryption Algorithm (TDEA) Block Cipher</i> |
| 04-03-2006 | Message Authentication , Number 4: Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CMAC Mode for Authentication</i> |
| 01-24-2007 | Random Number Generators , Number 1: Updated: Modified reference document date - <i>Annex C: Approved Random Number Generators for FIPS 140-2, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules</i> |
| 05/19/2007 | Symmetric Key , Number 2: Deleted: References to DES removed. |
| | Message Authentication , Numbers 1 and 2: Deleted: References to DES removed. |
| 10/18/2007 | Updated: Modified URL's |
| 12/18/2007 | Symmetric Key , Number 1: Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Galois/Counter Mode (GCM) and GMAC</i> |
| 10/21/2008 | Hashing , Number 1: Updated: FIPS 180-3 replaces FIPS 180-2 - <i>Secure Hash Standard</i> |
| 06/18/2009 | Asymmetric Key - Signature , Number 1: Updated: FIPS 186-3 replaces FIPS 186-2 - <i>Digital Signature Standard (DSS)</i> |
| 07/21/2009 | Asymmetric Key - Signature , Number 1: Added: Included reference to archived <i>Digital Signature Standard (DSS) – FIPS 186-2</i> until transition plan from FIPS 186-2 to FIPS 186-3 ends. |
| 10/08/2009 | Updated: Editorial Changes to align with the CAVP |
| 10/22/2009 | Key Management , Number 1: Added: <i>Recommendation for Key Derivation Using Pseudorandom Functions</i> |
| 01/27/2010 | Symmetric Key , Number 1: Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The XTS-AES Mode for Confidentiality on Storage Devices</i> |

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| 11/24/2010 | <p>Symmetric Key, Number 1: Added: <i>Addendum to Special Publication 800-38A, October 2010: Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Three Variants of Ciphertext Stealing for CBC Mode</i></p> <p>Message Authentication, Number 3: Updated: Revision date - <i>FIPS 198-1, July 2008: The Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC)</i></p> |
| 01/04/2011 | Moved Key Management/Establishment references to FIPS 140-2 Annex D. |
| 07/26/2011 | <p>Added new Section: Transitions Added: <i>Recommendation for Transitioning the Use of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths</i></p> |
| 05/30/2012 | <p>Secure Hash Standard (SHS), Number 1: Updated: FIPS 180-4 replaces FIPS 180-3 - <i>Secure Hash Standard</i></p> |
| 01/31/2014 | <p>Asymmetric Key - Signature, Number 1: Updated: FIPS 186-4 replaces FIPS 186-3 - <i>Digital Signature Standard (DSS)</i> Deleted: Reference to RSA Laboratories, <i>PKCS#1 v2.1: RSA Cryptography Standard</i>, June 14, 2002. Included in FIPS 186-4.</p> |
| 10/08/2014 | <p>Symmetric Key, Number 1: Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Methods for Key Wrapping</i></p> <p>Secure Hash Standard (SHS), Number 1: Added: <i>Guidelines for the Selection, Configuration, and Use of Transport Layer Security (TLS) Implementations</i></p> |
| 09/17/2015 | <p>SHA-3 Standard: Added: SHA-3 Hash Algorithms and Extendable-Output Functions</p> |
| 01/04/2016 | <p>Digital Signature Standard (DSS), Deleted: References to FIPS 186-2</p> |
| 01/25/2016 | <p>Escrowed Encryption Standard (EES) Deleted: Skipjack is withdrawn effective December 31, 2015.</p> |
| 02/01/2016 | <p>Symmetric Key, Advanced Encryption Standard (AES): Added: GCM-AES-XPB mode from IEEE Standard 802.1AEbw-2013.</p> |
| 04/06/2016 | <p>Symmetric Key, Advanced Encryption Standard (AES): Added: SP 800-38G, <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Methods for Format-Preserving Encryption.</i></p> |
| 05/10/2017 | <p>Transitions Updated: SP 800-131Arev1 replaces SP 800-131A Triple-DES Encryption Algorithm (TDEA) Updated: SP 800-67rev1 replaces SP 800-67 Added SP 800-38F to the list of standards defining the approved modes of TDEA SHS Deleted: SP 800-52 Rev 1, April 2014 Random Number Generators (RNG and DRBG) Deleted RNG section. Approved RNGs are listed in Annex C. Message Authentication (Triple-DES, AES and HMAC) Added the transition information for vendor affirmation of Triple-DES MAC Added: <i>Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CMAC Mode for Authentication</i></p> <p>Overall Document Modified section titles, added notes and fixed broken links.</p> |
| 01/10/2018 | <p>Triple-DES Encryption Algorithm (TDEA) Updated: SP 800-67rev2 replaces SP 800-67rev1</p> |
| 06-10-2019 | <p>Transitions Updated: SP 800-131Arev2 replaces SP 800-131Arev1 SHA-3 Standard Added: SP 800-185, December 2016</p> |