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Introduction

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

The ISO/IEC 19823 series describes the conformance test methods for security service crypto suites. It is related to the ISO/IEC 18047 series, which describes the radio frequency identification device conformance test methods, in the same way as ISO/IEC 29167 is related to ISO/IEC 18000.

These relations mean that, for a product that is claimed to be compliant to a pair of 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 ISO/IEC 18000 or ISO/IEC 29167, all related parts of ISO/IEC 18047 and ISO/IEC 19823 apply.

NOTE 1 The conformance test requirements of ISO/IEC 18000-6, ISO/IEC 18000-61, ISO/IEC 18000-62, ISO/IEC 18000-63, ISO/IEC 18000-64 are currently all in ISO/IEC 18047-6.

This document describes the test methods for the SIMON crypto suite as standardized in ISO/IEC 29167-21.

NOTE 2 Test methods for interrogator and tag performance are covered by ISO/IEC 18046 (all parts).

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1 Scope

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

This document contains conformance tests for all mandatory functions.

The conformance parameters are the following:

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

Unless otherwise specified, the tests in this document are intended to be applied exclusively to 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 960 MHz Type C*

ISO/IEC 18047-6:2017, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification device conformance test methods — Part 6: Test methods for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz*

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

ISO/IEC 29167-21:2018, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Part 21: Crypto suite SIMON security services for air interface communications*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms given in ISO/IEC 19762 and in ISO/IEC 29167-21 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Test methods

4.1 General

This document describes test methods for ISO/IEC 29167-21. As parts of ISO/IEC 19823 are always tested in relation to ISO/IEC 18047, duplication of information requirements and specifications is meant to be avoided.

[Clause 5](#) defines elements that are covered in the respective part of ISO/IEC 18047.

[Clause 6](#) defines elements that are not covered by ISO/IEC 18047 and are therefore addressed in this document.

4.2 By demonstration

If tests are labelled “**by demonstration**” then laboratory testing of one or (if required for statistical reasons) multiple products, processes or services is required to ensure conformance. A test laboratory that meets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 shall perform the indicated testing to ensure conformance of the component or system.

For protocol requirements that are verified **by demonstration**, the test conditions are specified in this document. The detailed test plan is left to the discretion of the test laboratory.

4.3 By design

If tests are labelled “**by design**” then verification of design parameters and/or theoretical analysis is used to ensure conformance. A vendor submitting a component or system for conformance testing shall provide the necessary technical information, in the form of a technical memorandum or similar. A test laboratory shall issue a test report indicating whether the technical analysis was sufficient to ensure conformance of the component or system.

For protocol requirements that are verified **by design**, the method of technical analysis is at the discretion of the submitting vendor and is not specified by this document. In general, the technical analysis shall have sufficient rigor and technical depth to convince a test engineer knowledgeable of the protocol that the particular requirement has been met.

5 Test requirements for ISO/IEC 18000-63 interrogators and tags

The mandatory requirements and applicable optional requirements of ISO/IEC 18047-6:2017, Clauses 4 and 5 shall be fulfilled.

Before a DUT is tested according to this document, it shall successfully pass ISO/IEC 18047-6:2017, Clause 7.

6 Test methods with respect to ISO/IEC 29167-21 interrogators and tags

6.1 Test map for optional features

[Table 1](#) lists all optional features of this crypto suite and shall be used as a template to report the test results. Furthermore, it is used to refer to the test requirements in [6.2](#).