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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-005, Financial Transaction Systems to supersede AS 2805.4.2—2001.

The objective of this Standard presents a choice of hash functions algorithms for use within the Australian Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) environment.

This revision is to update the Standard in a number of areas, notably anomalies with MAC sizes and printing errors.

This Standard is based on the International Standard ISO/IEC 9797-2 but presents a different choice of algorithms and presentation layout. For compatibility with the ISO Standard users should choose the SHA-1 function as the hash algorithm.

This Standard forms part of the AS 2805 series of Standards on electronic funds transfer (EFT) requirements for interfaces, as follows:

AS

- 2805 Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces
- 2805.1 Part 1: Communications
- 2805.2 Part 2: Message structure, format and content
- 2805.3.1 Part 3.1: PIN management and security—General
- 2805.3.2 Part 3.2: PIN management and security—Offline
- 2805.4.1 Part 4.1: Message authentication—Mechanisms using a block cipher
- 2805.4.2 Part 4.2: Message authentication—Mechanisms using a hash function
- 2805.5.1 Part 5.1: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 1 (DEA 1)
- 2805.5.2 Part 5.2: Ciphers—Modes of operation for an n-bit block cipher algorithm
- 2805.5.3 Part 5.3: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 2 (DEA 2)
- 2805.5.4 Part 5.4: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 3 (DEA 3) and related techniques
- 2805.6.1 Part 6.1: Key management—Principles
- 2805.6.2 Part 6.2: Key management—Transaction keys
- 2805.6.3 Part 6.3: Key management—Session keys—Node to node
- 2805.6.4 Part 6.4: Key management—Session keys—Terminal to acquirer
- 2805.6.5.1 Part 6.5.1: Key management—TCU initialization—Principles
- 2805.6.5.2 Part 6.5.2: Key management—TCU initialization—Symmetric
- 2805.6.5.3 Part 6.5.3: Key management—TCU initialization—Asymmetric
- 2805.6.6 Part 6.6: Key management—Session keys—Node to node with KEK replacement
- 2805.9 Part 9: Privacy of communications
- 2805.10.1 Part 10.1: File transfer integrity validation
- 2805.10.2 Part 10.2: Secure file transfer (retail)
- 2805.11 Part 11: Card parameter table
- 2805.12.1 Part 12.1: Message content—Structure and format
- 2805.12.2 Part 12.2: Message content—Codes
- 2805.12.3 Part 12.3: Message content—Maintenance of codes
- 2805.13.1 Part 13.1: Secure hash functions—General
- 2805.13.2 Part 13.2: Secure hash functions—MD5
- 2805.13.3 Part 13.3: Secure hash functions—SHA-1
- 2805.14.1 Part 14.1: Secure cryptographic devices (retail)—Concepts, requirements and evaluation methods
- 2805.14.2 Part 14.2: Security, compliance checklists for devices used in magnetic stripe and card systems

The following Handbooks relate to the AS 2805 series of Standards:

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| 127 | Electronic funds transfer—Implementing message content Standards—
Conversion Handbook (changing from AS 2805.2 to the AS 2805.12 series) |
| 128 | Electronic funds transfer—Implementing message content Standards—
Terminal Handbook |
| 129 | Electronic funds transfer—Implementing message content Standards—
Interchange Handbook |

In the AS 2805 series of Standards, the definitions of words and phrases used are specific to the Part in which they appear.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies two Message Authentication Code (MAC) algorithms that use a secret key and a hash-function with an n -bit result to calculate an m -bit MAC. These mechanisms are data integrity mechanisms to verify that data has not been altered in an unauthorized manner. They may also be used as message authentication mechanisms to provide assurance that a message has been originated by an entity in possession of the secret key. The strength of the data integrity mechanism and message authentication mechanism is dependent on the length (in bits) k and secrecy of the key, on the length (in bits) n of the hash-function and its strength, on the length (in bits) m of the MAC, and on the specific mechanism.

This Standard provides a method for protection against accidental or deliberate alteration of messages between sending and receiving parties.

A hash-function based file integrity mechanism is described in AS 2805.10.1.

This Standard does not provide for—

- (a) the use of encryption for the protection of messages against unauthorized disclosure; or
- (b) protection against message loss or duplication.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

- 1776 Information Processing—7-bit coded character set for information interchange
- 2805 Electronic Funds Transfer—Requirements for interfaces
- 2805.2 Part 2: Message structure, format and content
- 2805.4.1 Part 4.1: Message authentication—Mechanism using a block cipher
- 2805.6 Part 6: Key management—Principles
- 2805.10.1 Part 10.1: File transfer integrity validation
- 2805.13.1 Part 13.1: Secure hash functions—General
- 2805.13.2 Part 13.2: Secure hash functions—MD5
- 2805.13.3 Part 13.3: Secure hash functions—SHA-1

ISO/IEC

- 546 Information technology—ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange
- 9797 Information technology—Security techniques—Message Authentication Codes (MACs)
- 9797-2 Part 2: Mechanisms using a dedicated hash-function