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Abstract

This document provides security requirements and guidelines for Signaling System No.7 (SS7) network and its network interconnections.

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0 INTRODUCTION

The national telecommunications network is evolving into an environment consisting of multiple interconnected network types based on different transport technologies and signaling protocols/architectures. Specifically, it is evolving from a closed environment to include converged network segments (e.g., Next Generation and Voice Over Packet Networks) using common transport for User Network Interface (UNI) control, Network-to-Network Interface (NNI) control and bearer traffic (e.g., Voice over IP services). Also, direct or indirect connectivity to the public Internet is possible (e.g., interconnection to service providers offering voice services over the public Internet). Survivability of the national telecommunications network against malicious attacks will require coordination of security mitigation measures among the different interconnected networks. This standard identifies basic requirements and guidelines to minimize security risks to the SS7 network and its interconnections. This document is based on current understanding of the applicable technologies and operations environment. However, to be successful, this document must continue to evolve as changes in the technologies and operations conditions warrant. Service providers and their vendors may use this document as a foundation and include other network specific requirements to meet specific security needs over and beyond those described in this document.

1 SCOPE, PURPOSE, & APPLICATION

1.1 Scope

This document is part of a suite of signaling and control security standards. Figure 1 illustrates the relationships among these standards. The scope of this document is a Signaling System No.7 (SS7) Network, and SS7 network interconnections. This includes interconnection to other SS7 networks and to multimedia signaling and control networks such as SIP and H.323 networks. Specifically, this document provides security requirements and guidelines for a Signaling System No.7 (SS7) network and its network interconnections.