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## PREFACE

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The objective of this Standard is to align Australian key management usage with international principles and facilitate financial service interoperability.

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11568-2	Part 2: Symmetric ciphers, their key management and life cycle	2805.6.1.2	Part 6.1.2: Key management—Symmetric ciphers, their key management and life cycle
11568-4	Part 4: Asymmetric cryptosystems—Key management and life cycle	2805.6.1.4	Part 6.1.4: Key management—Asymmetric cryptosystems—Key management and life cycle

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## INTRODUCTION

The ISO 11568 series of International Standards describes procedures for the secure management of the cryptographic keys used to protect the confidentiality, integrity and authenticity of data in a retail banking environment, for instance, messages between an acquirer and a card acceptor, or an acquirer and a card issuer.

Whereas key management in a wholesale banking environment is characterized by the exchange of keys in a relatively high-security environment, this part of ISO 11568 addresses the key management requirements that are applicable in the accessible domain of retail banking services. Typical of such services are point-of-sale/point-of-service (POS) debit and credit authorizations and automated teller machine (ATM) transactions.

Key management is the process whereby cryptographic keys are provided for use between authorized communicating parties and those keys continue to be subject to secure procedures until they have been destroyed. The security of the data is dependent upon the prevention of disclosure and unauthorized modification, substitution, insertion, or termination of keys. Thus, key management is concerned with the generation, storage, distribution, use, and destruction procedures for keys. Also, by the formalization of such procedures, provision is made for audit trails to be established.

This part of ISO 11568 does not provide a means to distinguish between parties who share common keys. The final details of the key management procedures need to be agreed upon between the communicating parties concerned and will thus remain the responsibility of the communicating parties. One aspect of the details to be agreed upon will be the identity and duties of particular individuals. ISO 11568 does not concern itself with allocation of individual responsibilities; this needs to be considered for each key management implementation.

## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

**Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces**

## Part 6.1.1:

## Key management—Principles (ISO 11568-1:2005, MOD)

**1 Scope**

This part of ISO 11568 specifies the principles for the management of keys used in cryptosystems implemented within the retail banking environment. The retail banking environment includes the interface between

- a card accepting device and an acquirer,
- an acquirer and a card issuer,
- an ICC and a card-accepting device.

An example of this environment is described in Annex B, and threats associated with the implementation of this part of ISO 11568 in the retail banking environment are elaborated in Annex C.

This part of ISO 11568 is applicable both to the keys of symmetric cipher systems, where both originator and recipient use the same secret key(s), and to the private and public keys of asymmetric cryptosystems, unless otherwise stated. The procedure for the approval of cryptographic algorithms used for key management is specified in Annex A.

The use of ciphers often involves control information other than keys, e.g. initialization vectors and key identifiers. This other information is collectively called “keying material”. Although this part of ISO 11568 specifically addresses the management of keys, the principles, services, and techniques applicable to keys may also be applicable to keying material.

This part of ISO 11568 is appropriate for use by financial institutions and other organizations engaged in the area of retail financial services, where the interchange of information requires confidentiality, integrity, or authentication. Retail financial services include but are not limited to such processes as POS debit and credit authorizations, automated dispensing machine and ATM transactions, etc.

ISO 9564 and ISO 16609 specify the use of cryptographic operations within retail financial transactions for personal identification number (PIN) encipherment and message authentication, respectively. The ISO 11568 series of standards is applicable to the management of the keys introduced by those standards. Additionally, the key management procedures may themselves require the introduction of further keys, e.g. key encipherment keys. The key management procedures are equally applicable to those keys.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 11568-2:1994, *Banking — Key management (retail) — Part 2: Symmetric ciphers, their key management and life cycle*

ISO 11568-4:1998, *Banking — Key management (retail) — Part 4: Asymmetric cryptosystems — Key management and life cycle*