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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-005 on Financial Transaction Systems to supersede AS 2805.5.3—1992.

The objective of this Standard is to provide a mathematical algorithm for enciphering, deciphering, signing and verifying information relating to financial applications.

This Standard is Part 5.3 of AS 2805 *Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces*, which, when complete, will consist of the following:

- Part 1: Communications
- Part 2: Message structure, format and content
- Part 3: PIN management and security
- Part 4: Message authentication
  - Part 4.1: Message authentication—Mechanisms using a block cipher
  - Part 4.2: Message authentication—Mechanisms using a hash-function
- Part 5.1: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 1 (DEA 1)
- Part 5.2: Ciphers—Modes of operation for an n-bit block cipher algorithm
- Part 5.3: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 2 (DEA 2) (this Standard)
- Part 6.1: Key management—Principles
- Part 6.2: Key management—Transaction keys
- Part 6.3: Key management—Session keys—Node to node
- Part 6.4: Key management—Session keys—Terminal to acquirer
- Part 6.5.1: Key management—TCU initialization—Principles
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- Part 7: POS message content
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- Part 9: Privacy of communications
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- Part 11: Card parameter table
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- Part 13.2: Secure hash functions—MD5
- Part 13.3: Secure hash functions—SHA-1
- Part 14.1: Secure cryptographic devices (retail)—Concepts, requirements and evaluation methods
- Part 14.2: Secure cryptographic devices (retail)—Security compliance checklists for devices used in magnetic stripe card systems

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ are used to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A normative appendix is an integral part of a standard, whereas an informative appendix is only for information and guidance.

The algorithm specified in this Standard is based on that specified in ISO/IEC 9594-8, *Information Processing Systems—Open Systems Interconnection—The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks*, Appendix E.

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## FOREWORD

This Standard specifies a data encipherment algorithm (DEA) for the cryptographic protection of digital data. The DEA is a complete description of a mathematical algorithm for enciphering and deciphering binary coded information. Encipherment transforms data (plain text) into an unintelligible form (cipher text). Decipherment transforms the cipher text back to the original form. The algorithm described in this Standard is an n-bit block cipher algorithm, where n is selectable according to the security level required. The length of a key is related to the block size selected. The algorithm specified in this Standard is identical to the algorithm described in Appendix E of ISO/IEC 9594-8.

The keys are generated in such a way that secret components are unpredictable. The algorithm specified in this Standard is asymmetric in that different keys are used for encipherment and decipherment. The key used to decipher data must be kept secret in order to use this cryptosystem to satisfy security requirements. The encipherment algorithm specified in this Standard is publicly known. Therefore, the cryptographic security of the data depends solely on the security provided for the keys.

The asymmetric nature of the DEA specified in this Standard means that the private key need not be shared at any time during the operation of systems using this algorithm.

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#### 1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies a mathematical algorithm for enciphering, deciphering, signing and verifying information relating to financial applications.

#### 2 APPLICATION

This Standard can be used for all applications (e.g. data transmission, data storage, authentication, privacy) that require encipherment, decipherment, signing and verification of messages relating to financial transactions and information related to the management of components of EFT systems.

#### 3 REFERENCES

AS

2805 Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces

2805.6.1 Part 6.1: Key management—Principles

ISO/IEC

9796 Information technology—Security techniques—Digital signature schemes giving message recovery

#### 4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard the definitions below apply.

##### 4.1 Algorithm

A clearly specified mathematical process for computation; a set of rules which, if followed, will give a prescribed result.

##### 4.2 Cipher text

Enciphered information.

##### 4.3 Clear text

Unenciphered information.

NOTES:

1 'Clear text' may also be referred to as 'plain text'.

2 'Clear text' may contain enciphered information from a previous enciphering operation.

##### 4.4 Data encipherment algorithm (DEA)

An algorithm designed to encipher and decipher blocks of data.

##### 4.5 Decipherment

The transformation of cipher text into plain text.

NOTE: 'Decipherment' is also referred to as 'decryption'.