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Abstract

This document contains a template to be used for creating a Certification Practice Statement (CPS) for an Internet Registry (e.g., NIR or RIR) that is part of the Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI).

Conventions used in this document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC-2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

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Preface

This document contains a template to be used for creating a Certification Practice Statement (CPS) for an Internet Registry (e.g., an NIR or RIR) that is part of the Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI). The user of this document should

1. substitute a title page for page 1 saying, e.g., '<Name of Registry> Certification Practice Statement for the Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI)' with date, author, etc.
2. delete this Preface
3. fill in the information indicated below by <text in angle brackets>
4. delete sections [10](#), [11](#), [12](#), [13.1](#), Acknowledgments, Author's Addresses, Intellectual Property Statement, Disclaimer of Validity, Copyright Statement, Acknowledgments; leaving a reference section with just the references in 13.2
5. update the table of contents to reflect the deletions and additions above.

Note: This CPS is based on the template specified in [RFC 3647](#). A number of sections contained in the template were omitted from this CPS because they did not apply to this PKI. However, we have retained the section numbering scheme employed in the RFC to facilitate comparison with the outline in the RFC. [There are 4 sub-sections that I haven't removed yet due to Word problems.)

1. Introduction

This document is the Certification Practice Statement (CPS) of <Name of Registry>. It describes the practices employed by the <Name of Registry> Certification Authority (CA) in the Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI). These practices are defined in accordance with the requirements of the Certificate Policy (CP, [[RFCxxxx](#)]) of this PKI.

The RPKI is designed to support validation of claims by current holders of Internet Number Resources (INRs, see definition in 1.7) in accordance with the records of the organizations that act as CAs in this PKI. The ability to verify such claims is essential to ensuring the unique, unambiguous distribution of these resources

This PKI parallels the existing INR distribution hierarchy. These resources are distributed by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) to the Regional Internet Registries. In some regions, National Internet Registries (NIRs) form a tier of the hierarchy below the RIRs for internet number resource (INR) distribution. ISPs and network subscribers form additional tiers below registries.

1.1. Overview

This CPS describes:

- . Participants
- . Publication of the certificates and CRLs
- . How certificates are issued, managed, and revoked
- . Facility management (physical security, personnel, audit, etc.)
- . Key management
- . Audit procedures
- . Business and legal issues

This PKI encompasses several types of certificates (see IETF document [draft-ietf-sidr-arch-xx](#) [ARCH] for more details):

- . CA certificates for each organization distributing INRs and for each subscriber (INR holder)
- . End entity (EE) certificates for organizations to use to validate digital signatures on RPKI-signed objects (see definition in 1.7).
- . In the future, the PKI also may include end entity certificates in support of access control for the repository system as described in 2.4.

1.2. Document name and identification

The name of this document is '<Name of Registry>'s Certification Practice Statement for the Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI)'.

1.3. PKI participants

Note: In a PKI, the term 'subscriber' refers to an individual or organization that is a Subject of a certificate issued by a CA. The term is used in this fashion throughout this document, without qualification, and should not be confused with the networking use of the term to refer to an individual or organization that receives service from an ISP. In such cases the term 'network subscriber' will be used. Also note that, for brevity, this document always refers to PKI participants as organizations or entities, even though some of them are individuals.

1.3.1. Certification authorities

<Describe the CAs that you will operate for the RPKI. One approach is to operate two CAs: one designated 'offline' and the other designated 'production.' The offline CA is the top level CA for the <Name of Registry> portion of the RPKI. It provides a secure revocation and recovery capability in case the production CA is compromised or becomes unavailable. Thus the offline CA issues certificates only to instances of the production CA; and the CRLs it issues are used to revoke only certificates issued to the production CA. The production CA is used to issue RPKI certificates to <Name of Registry> members, to whom INRs have been distributed. >

1.3.2. Registration authorities

<Describe how the registration authority function is handled for the CA(s) that you operate. The RPKI does not require establishment or

use of a separate registration authority (RA) in conjunction with the CA function. The RA function will be provided by the same entity operating as a CA, e.g., entities listed in [Section 1.3.1](#). An entity acting as a CA in this PKI already has a formal relationship with each organization to which it distributes INRs. These organizations already perform the RA function implicitly since they already assume responsibility for distributing INRs.>

[1.3.3. Subscribers](#)

Two types of organizations receive distributions of INRs from this CA and thus are subscribers in the PKI sense: network subscribers and Internet Service Providers (ISPs). <Additionally, this CA issues certificates to <National> Registries, who, in turn, issue certificates to network subscribers or ISPs.>

[1.3.4. Relying parties](#)

Entities or individuals that act in reliance on certificates or RPKI-signed objects issued under this PKI are relying parties. Relying parties may or may not be subscribers within this PKI. (See [section 1.7](#) for the definition of an RPKI-signed object.)

[1.3.5. Other participants](#)

<Name of Registry> will operate a repository that holds certificates, CRLs, and other RPKI-signed objects.

[1.4. Certificate usage](#)

[1.4.1. Appropriate certificate uses](#)

The certificates issued under this hierarchy are for authorization in support of validation of claims of current holdings of INRs.

Additional uses of the certificates, consistent with the basic goal cited above, are also permitted under the RPKI certificate policy.

Some of the certificates that may be issued under this PKI could be used to support operation of this infrastructure, e.g., access control for the repository system as described in 2.4. Such uses also are permitted under the RPKI certificate policy.

[1.4.2. Prohibited certificate uses](#)

Any uses other than those described in [Section 1.4.1](#) are prohibited.

1.5. Policy administration

1.5.1. Organization administering the document

This CPS is administered by <Name of Registry>.

1.5.2. Contact person

<Insert Registry contact info here>

1.5.3. Person determining CPS suitability for the policy

Not applicable. Each organization issuing a certificate in this PKI is attesting to the distribution of INRs to the holder of the private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate. The issuing organizations are the same organizations as the ones that perform the distribution hence they are authoritative with respect to the accuracy of this binding.

1.5.4. CPS approval procedures

Not applicable. Each organization issuing a certificate in this PKI is attesting to the distribution of INRs to the holder of the private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate. The issuing organizations are the same organizations as the ones that perform the distribution hence they are authoritative with respect to the accuracy of this binding.

1.6. Definitions and acronyms

BPKI - Business PKI. A BPKI is an optional additional PKI used by an RIR to identify members to whom RPKI certificates can be issued.

CP - Certificate Policy. A CP is a named set of rules that indicates the applicability of a certificate to a particular community and/or class of applications with common security requirements.

CPS - Certification Practice Statement. A CPS is a document that specifies the practices that a Certification Authority employs in issuing certificates.

Distribution of INRs - A process of distribution of the INRs along the respective number hierarchy. IANA distributes blocks of IP addresses and Autonomous System Numbers to the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs). RIRs distribute smaller address blocks and Autonomous System Numbers to organizations within their service regions, who in turn distribute IP addresses to their customers.

IANA - Internet Assigned Numbers Authority. IANA is responsible for global coordination of the Internet Protocol addressing systems and Autonomous System (AS) numbers used for routing internet traffic. IANA distributes INRs to Regional Internet Registries (RIRs).

INRs - Internet Number Resources. INRs are number values for three protocol parameter sets, namely:

- . IP Version 4 addresses,
- . IP version 6 addresses, and
- . Identifiers used in Internet inter-domain routing, currently Border Gateway Protocol-4 Autonomous System numbers.

ISP - Internet Service Provider. An ISP is an organization managing and selling Internet services to other organizations.

NIR - National Internet Registry. An NIR is an organization that manages the distribution of INRS for a portion of the geopolitical area covered by a Regional Registry. NIRs form an optional second tier in the tree scheme used to manage INR distribution.

RIR - Regional Internet Registry. An RIR is an organization that manages the distribution of INRs for a geopolitical area.

RPKI-signed object - An RPKI-signed object is a digitally signed data object (other than a certificate or CRL) declared to be such by a standards track RFC, and that can be validated using certificates issued under this PKI. The content and format of these data constructs depend on the context in which validation of claims of current holdings of INRs takes place. Examples of these objects are repository manifests and CRLs.

2. Publication And Repository Responsibilities

2.1. Repositories

As per the CP, certificates, CRLs and RPKI-signed objects MUST be made available for downloading by all relying parties to enable them to validate this data.

The <Name of Registry> RPKI CA will publish certificates, CRLs, and RPKI-signed objects via a repository that is accessible via RSYNC at rpki.<Name of Registry>.net.

2.2. Publication of certification information

<Name of Registry> MUST publish certificates, CRLs, and RPKI-signed objects issued by it to a local repository system that it operates as part of a world-wide distributed system of repositories.

2.3. Time or Frequency of Publication

<Describe here your procedures for publication (via the repository) of the certificates, CRLs and RPKI-signed objects that you issue. If you choose to outsource publication of PKI data, you still need to provide this information for relying parties. This should include the period of time within which a certificate will be published after the CA issues the certificate and the period of time within which a CA will publish a CRL with an entry for a revoked certificate after it revokes that certificate. >

As per the CP, the following standard exists for publication times and frequency:

The <Name of Registry> RPKI CA MUST publish its CRL prior to the nextScheduledUpdate value in the scheduled CRL previously issued by the CA.

2.4. Access controls on repositories

Access to the repository system, for modification of entries, must be controlled to prevent denial of service attacks. All data (certificates, CRLs and RPKI-signed objects) published to a repository are digitally signed. RPKI items that <Name of Registry> issues MUST be published to the repository that it runs by means not accessible to the outside world. <If <Name of Registry> offers repository services to its subscribers, then <describe here the protocol(s) that you support for their publishing of signed objects.>

3. Identification And Authentication

3.1. Naming

3.1.1. Types of names

The Subject of each certificate issued by this Registry is identified by an X.500 Distinguished Name (DN). The distinguished name will consist of a single Common Name (CN) attribute with a value generated by <Name of Registry>. Optionally, the serialNumber attribute may be included along with the common name (to form a terminal relative distinguished name set), to distinguish among successive instances of certificates associated with the same entity.

3.1.2. Need for names to be meaningful

The Subject name in each subscriber certificate will be unique relative to all certificates issued by <Name of Registry>. However, there is no guarantee that the subject name will be globally unique in this PKI. Also, the name of the subscriber need not to be 'meaningful' in the conventional, human-readable sense. The certificates issued under this PKI are used for authorization in support of applications that make use of attestations of Internet resource holding, not for identification

3.1.3. Anonymity or pseudonymity of subscribers

Although Subject names in certificates issued by this registry need not be meaningful, and may appear 'random,' anonymity is not a function of this PKI, and thus no explicit support for this feature is provided.

3.1.4. Rules for interpreting various name forms

None

3.1.5. Uniqueness of names

<Name of Registry> certifies Subject names that are unique among the certificates that it issues. Although it is desirable that these Subject names be unique throughout the PKI, to facilitate certificate path discovery, such uniqueness is neither mandated nor enforced through technical means.

3.1.6. Recognition, authentication, and role of trademarks

Because the Subject names are not intended to be meaningful, there is no provision to recognize or authenticate trademarks, service marks, etc.

3.2. Initial identity validation

3.2.1. Method to prove possession of private key

<Describe the method whereby each subscriber will be required to demonstrate proof-of-possession (PoP) of the private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate, prior to <Name of Registry's> issuing the certificate. One possible approach makes use of the PKCS #10 format, as profiled in [[RFCyyyy](#)]. This request format requires that the PKCS #10 request be signed using the (RSA) private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate request. This mechanism provides proof of possession by the requester.>

3.2.2. Authentication of organization identity

Certificates issued under this PKI do not attest to the organizational identity of subscribers, with the exception of registries. However, certificates are issued to subscribers in a fashion that preserves the accuracy of distributions as represented in <Name of Registry> records.

<Describe the method whereby this is accomplished. For example, a BPKI certificate could be used to authenticate a certificate request that serves as a link to the <Name of Registry> subscriber database that maintains the INR distribution records. The certificate request could be matched against the database record for the subscriber in question, and an RPKI certificate would be issued only if the INRs requested were a subset of those held by the subscriber.>

3.2.3. Authentication of individual identity

Certificates issued under this PKI do not attest to the individual identity of a subscriber. However, <Name of Registry> maintains contact information for each subscriber in support of certificate renewal, re-key, or revocation.

< Describe the procedures that MUST be used to identify at least one individual as a representative of each subscriber. This is done in support of issuance, renewal, and revocation of the certificate issued to the organization. For example, one might say 'The <Name of Registry> BPKI (see [Section 3.2.6](#)) issues certificates that MUST be

used to identify individuals who represent <Name of Registry> subscribers.'' The procedures should be commensurate with those you already employ in authenticating individuals as representatives for INR holders. Note that this authentication is solely for use by you in dealing with the organizations to which you distribute (or sub-distribute) INRs, and thus must not be relied upon outside of this CA-subscriber relationship>

3.2.4. Non-verified subscriber information

No non-verified subscriber data is included in certificates issued under this certificate policy except for SIA/AIA extensions.

3.2.5. Validation of authority

<Describe what procedures that MUST be used to verify that an individual claiming to represent a subscriber, is authorized to represent that subscriber in this context. For example, one could say, ''Only an individual to whom a BPKI certificate (see [Section 3.2.6](#)) has been issued may request issuance of an RPKI certificate. Each certificate issuance request is verified using the BPKI.'' The procedures should be commensurate with those you already employ as a registry in authenticating individuals as representatives of subscribers.>

3.2.6. Criteria for interoperation

The RPKI is neither intended nor designed to interoperate with any other PKI. <If you operate a separate, additional PKI for business purposes (BPKI), then describe (or reference) how the BPKI is used to authenticate subscribers and to enable them to manage their resource distributions.>

3.3. Identification and authentication for re-key requests

3.3.1. Identification and authentication for routine re-key

<Describe the conditions under which routine re-key is required and the manner by which it is requested. Describe the procedures that MUST be used to ensure that a subscriber requesting routine re-key is the legitimate holder of the certificate to be re-keyed. State the approach for establishing PoP of the private key corresponding to the new public key. If you operate a BPKI, describe how that BPKI is used to authenticate routine re-key requests.>

3.3.2. Identification and authentication for re-key after revocation

<Describe the procedures that MUST be used to ensure that an organization requesting a re-key after revocation is the legitimate holder of the INRs in the certificate being re-keyed. This should also include the method employed for verifying PoP of the private key corresponding to the new public key. If you operate a business-based PKI, describe how that BPKI is used to authenticate re-key requests and refer to 3.2.6. With respect to authentication of the subscriber, the procedures should be commensurate with those you already employ in the maintenance of INR distribution records.>

3.4. Identification and authentication for revocation request

<Describe the procedures that MUST be used by an RPKI subscriber to make a revocation request. Describe the manner by which it is ensured that the subscriber requesting revocation is the subject of the certificate (or an authorized representative thereof) to be revoked. Note that there may be different procedures for the case where the legitimate subject still possesses the original private key as opposed to the case when it no longer has access to that key. These procedures should be commensurate with those you already employ in the maintenance of subscriber records.>

Note that if a Subscriber requests a new INR distribution, an existing RPKI certificate issued to the subscriber is NOT revoked, so long as the set of INRs distributed to the subscriber did not 'shrink,' i.e., the new INRs are a superset of the old INR set. However, if a new INR distribution results in 'shrinkage' of the set of INRs distributed to a subscriber, this triggers an implicit revocation of the old RPKI certificate(s) associated with that subscriber.

4. Certificate Life-Cycle Operational Requirements

4.1. Certificate Application

4.1.1. Who can submit a certificate application

Any subscriber who holds INRs distributed by this registry may submit a certificate application to this CA.

4.1.2. Enrollment process and responsibilities

<Describe your enrollment process for issuing certificates both for initial deployment of the PKI and as an ongoing process. Note that most of the certificates in this PKI are issued as part of your normal business practices, as an adjunct to INR distribution, and thus a separate application to request a certificate may not be necessary. If so, reference should be made to where these practices are documented.>

4.2. Certificate application processing

<Describe the certificate request/response processing that you will employ. You should make use of existing standards for certificate application processing. Relevant standards include [RFC 4210](#), Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Management Protocol (CMP), [RFC 2797](#), Certificate Management Messages over CMS, and RSA Labs standards PKCS #7 and PKCS #10. >

4.2.1. Performing identification and authentication functions

<Describe your practices for identification and authentication of certificate applicants. Often, existing practices employed by you to identify and authenticate organizations can be used as the basis for issuance of certificates to these subscribers. Reference can be made to documentation of such existing practices.>

4.2.2. Approval or rejection of certificate applications

<Describe your practices for approval or rejection of applications and refer to documentation of existing business practices relevant to this process. Note that according to the CP, certificate applications will be approved based on the normal business practices of the entity operating the CA, based on the CA's records of subscribers. The CP also says that each CA will follow the procedures specified in 3.2.1 to verify that the requester holds the private key corresponding to the public key that will be bound to the certificate the CA issues to the requester.>

4.2.3. Time to process certificate applications

<Specify here your expected time frame for processing certificate applications.>

4.3. Certificate issuance

4.3.1. CA actions during certificate issuance

<Describe in this section your procedures for issuance and publication of a certificate.>

4.3.2. Notification to subscriber by the CA of issuance of certificate

<Name of registry> MUST notify the subscriber when the certificate is published. <Describe here any other entities that will be notified when a new certificate is published.>

4.3.3. Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

<Describe here any other entities that will be notified when a new certificate is published.>

4.4. Certificate acceptance

4.4.1. Conduct constituting certificate acceptance

When a certificate is issued, the CA MUST publish it to the repository and notify the subscriber. This will be done without subscriber review and acceptance.

4.4.2. Publication of the certificate by the CA

Certificates MUST be published in the RPKI distributed repository system via publication of the certificate at <name of Registry>'s repository publication. This will be done within <specify the timeframe within which the certificate will be placed in the repository and the subscriber will be notified>. <Describe your procedures for publication of the certificate.>

4.5. Key pair and certificate usage

A summary of the use model for the RPKI is provided below.

4.5.1. Subscriber private key and certificate usage

The certificates issued by <name of registry> to subscribers are CA certificates. The private key associated with each of these certificates is used to sign subordinate (CA or EE) certificates and CRLs. A subscriber may in turn issue certificates to any organizations to which it distributes INRs and may issue one or more EE certificates for use in verifying signatures on RPKI-signed objects signed by the subscriber. Subscribers also will issue certificates to operators in support of repository access control.

4.5.2. Relying party public key and certificate usage

The primary relying parties in this PKI are organizations who will use RPKI EE certificates to verify RPKI-signed objects. Repositories will use operator certificates to verify the authorization of entities to engage in repository maintenance activities, and thus repositories represent a secondary type of relying party.

4.6. Certificate renewal

4.6.1. Circumstance for certificate renewal

As per the CP, a certificate MUST be processed for renewal based on its expiration date or a renewal request from the certificate Subject. The request may be implicit, a side effect of renewing its resource holding agreement, or may be explicit. If <Name of Registry> initiates the renewal process based on the certificate expiration date, then <Name of Registry> will notify the subscriber <insert the period of advance warning, e.g., '2 weeks in advance of the expiration date'', or the general policy, e.g., 'in conjunction with notification of service expiration''.> The validity interval of the new (renewed) certificate will overlap that of the previous certificate by <insert length of overlap period, e.g., 1 week>, to ensure uninterrupted coverage.

Certificate renewal will incorporate the same public key as the previous certificate, unless the private key has been reported as compromised. If a new key pair is being used, the stipulations of [Section 4.7](#) will apply.

4.6.2. Who may request renewal

The subscriber or <Name of Registry> may initiate the renewal process. <For the case of the subscriber, describe the procedures that will be used to ensure that the requester is the legitimate holder of the INRs in the certificate being renewed. This should also include the method employed for verifying PoP of the private

key corresponding to the public key in the certificate being renewed or the new public key if the public key is being changed. With respect to authentication of the subscriber, the procedures should be commensurate with those you already employ in the maintenance of INR distribution records. If you operate a BPKI for this, describe how that business-based PKI is used to authenticate re-newal requests and refer to 3.2.6.>

4.6.3. Processing certificate renewal requests

<Describe your procedures for handling certificate renewal requests. This must include verification that the requester is the subscriber or is authorized by the subscriber and that the certificate in question has not been revoked.>

4.6.4. Notification of new certificate issuance to subscriber

<Name of Registry> MUST notify the subscriber when the certificate is published. <Describe your procedure for notification of new certificate issuance to the subscriber. This should be consistent with 4.3.2.>

4.6.5. Conduct constituting acceptance of a renewal certificate

When a renewal certificate is issued, <Name of Registry> MUST publish it to the repository and notify the subscriber. This will be done without subscriber review and acceptance.

4.6.6. Publication of the renewal certificate by the CA

<Describe your policy and procedures for publication of a renewal certificate. This should be consistent with 4.4.2.>

4.6.7. Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

<List here any other entities (besides the subscriber) who will be notified when a renewed certificate is issued.>

4.7. Certificate re-key

4.7.1. Circumstance for certificate re-key

As per the CP, re-key of a certificate will be performed only when required, based on:

- (1) knowledge or suspicion of compromise or loss of the associated private key, or
- (2) the expiration of the cryptographic lifetime of the associated key pair

If a certificate is revoked to replace the [RFC 3779](#) extensions, the replacement certificate will incorporate the same public key, not a new key, unless the subscriber requests a re-key at the same time.

If the re-key is based on a suspected compromise, then the previous certificate will be revoked.

[Section 5.6](#) of the Certificate Policy notes that when a CA signs a certificate, the signing key should have a validity period that exceeds the validity period of the certificate. This places additional constraints on when a CA should request a re-key.

[4.7.2.](#) Who may request certification of a new public key

Only the subscriber may request a re-key. In addition, <Name of Registry> may initiate a re-key based on a verified compromise report. <If the subscriber (certificate Subject) requests the rekey, describe how authentication is effected, e.g., using the <Name of Registry> BPKI. Describe how a compromise report received from other than a subscriber is verified.>

[4.7.3.](#) Processing certificate re-keying requests

<Describe your process for handling re-keying requests. As per the CP, this should be consistent with the process described in [Section 4.3](#). So reference can be made to that section.>

[4.7.4.](#) Notification of new certificate issuance to subscriber

<Describe your policy regarding notifying the subscriber re: availability of the new re-keyed certificate. This should be consistent with the notification process for any new certificate issuance (see [section 4.3.2](#)).>

[4.7.5.](#) Conduct constituting acceptance of a re-keyed certificate

When a re-keyed certificate is issued, the CA will publish it in the repository and notify the subscriber. This will be done without subscriber review and acceptance.

4.7.6. Publication of the re-keyed certificate by the CA

<Describe your policy regarding publication of the new certificate. This should be consistent with the publication process for any new certificate (see [section 4.4.2](#)).>

4.7.7. Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

<List here any entities (other than the subscriber) who will be notified when a re-keyed certificate is issued.>

4.8. Certificate modification

4.8.1. Circumstance for certificate modification

As per the CP, modification of a certificate occurs to implement changes to the [RFC 3779](#) extension values in a certificate. A subscriber can request a certificate modification when this information in a currently valid certificate has changed as a result of changes in the INR holdings of the subscriber.

If INRs are to be distributed to a subscriber and the INRs are in addition to a current distribution, and if the subscriber does not request that a new certificate be issued containing only these additional resources, then this is accomplished through a certificate modification. When a certificate modification is approved, a new certificate is issued. The new certificate will contain the same public key and the same expiration date as the original certificate, but with the incidental information corrected and/or the INR distribution expanded. When previously distributed INRs are to be removed from a certificate, then the old certificate MUST be revoked and a new certificate (reflecting the new distribution) issued.

4.8.2. Who may request certificate modification

The subscriber or <Name of Registry> may initiate the certificate modification process. <For the case of the subscriber, state here what steps will be taken to verify the identity and authorization of the entity requesting the modification.>

4.8.3. Processing certificate modification requests

<Describe your procedures for verification of the modification request and procedures for the issuance of a new certificate. These should be consistent with the processes described in Sections [4.2](#) and 4.3.1.>

4.8.4. Notification of modified certificate issuance to subscriber

<Describe your procedure for notifying the subscriber about the issuance of a modified certificate. This should be consistent with the notification process for any new certificate (see [section 4.3.2](#)).>

4.8.5. Conduct constituting acceptance of modified certificate

When a modified certificate is issued, the <Name of Registry> will publish in the repository and notify the subscriber. This will be done without subscriber review and acceptance.

4.8.6. Publication of the modified certificate by the CA

<Describe your procedure for publication of a modified certificate. This should be consistent with the publication process for any new certificate (see [section 4.4.2](#)).>

4.8.7. Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

<List here any entities (other than the subscriber) who will be notified when a modified certificate is issued.>

4.9. Certificate revocation and suspension

4.9.1. Circumstances for revocation

As per the CP, certificates can be revoked for several reasons. Either <Name of Registry> or the subject may choose to end the relationship expressed in the certificate, thus creating cause to revoke the certificate. If one or more of the INRs bound to the public key in the certificate are no longer associated with the subject, that too constitutes a basis for revocation. A certificate also may be revoked due to loss or compromise of the private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate. Finally, a certificate may be revoked in order to invalidate data signed by the private key associated with that certificate.

4.9.2. Who can request revocation

The subscriber or <Name of Registry> may request a revocation. <For the case of the subscriber, describe what steps will be taken to verify the identity and authorization of the entity requesting the revocation.>

4.9.3. Procedure for revocation request

<Describe your process for handling a certificate revocation request. This should include:

- o Procedure to be used by the subscriber to request a revocation
- o Procedure for notification of the subscriber when the revocation is initiated by <Name of ISP>.

4.9.4. Revocation request grace period

A subscriber should request revocation as soon as possible after the need for revocation has been identified.

4.9.5. Time within which CA must process the revocation request

<Describe your policy on the time period within which you will process a revocation request.>

4.9.6. Revocation checking requirement for relying parties

As per the CP, a relying party is responsible for acquiring and checking the most recent, scheduled CRL from the issuer of the certificate, whenever the relying party validates a certificate.

4.9.7. CRL issuance frequency

<State the CRL issuance frequency for the CRLs that you publish.> Each CRL will carry a nextScheduledUpdate value; and a new CRL will be published at or before that time. <Name of Registry> will set the nextScheduledUpdate value when it issues a CRL, to signal when the next scheduled CRL will be issued.

4.9.8. Maximum latency for CRLs

A CRL will be published to the repository system within <state the maximum latency> after generation.

4.10. Certificate status services

<Name of Registry> does not support OCSP or SCVP. <Name of Registry> issues CRLs.

5. Facility, Management, and Operational Controls

5.1. Physical controls

<As per the CP, describe the physical controls that you employ for certificate management. These should be commensurate to those used in the management of INR distribution.>

5.1.1. Site location and construction

5.1.2. Physical access

5.1.3. Power and air conditioning

5.1.4. Water exposures

5.1.5. Fire prevention and protection

5.1.6. Media storage

5.1.7. Waste disposal

5.1.8. Off-site backup

5.2. Procedural controls

<As per the CP, describe the procedural security controls that you employ for certificate management. These should be commensurate to those used in the management of INR distribution.>

5.2.1. Trusted roles

5.2.2. Number of persons required per task

5.2.3. Identification and authentication for each role

5.2.4. Roles requiring separation of duties

5.3. Personnel controls

<As per the CP, describe the personnel security controls that you employ for individuals associated with certificate management. These should be commensurate to those used in the management of INR distribution.>

[5.3.1. Qualifications, experience, and clearance requirements](#)**[5.3.2. Background check procedures](#)****[5.3.3. Training requirements](#)****[5.3.4. Retraining frequency and requirements](#)****[5.3.5. Job rotation frequency and sequence](#)****[5.3.6. Sanctions for unauthorized actions](#)****[5.3.7. Independent contractor requirements](#)****[5.3.8. Documentation supplied to personnel](#)****[5.4. Audit logging procedures](#)**

<As per the CP, describe in the following sections the details of how you implement audit logging.>

[5.4.1. Types of events recorded](#)

Audit records will be generated for the basic operations of the certification authority computing equipment. Audit records will include the date, time, responsible user or process, and summary content data relating to the event. Auditable events include:

Access to CA computing equipment (e.g., logon, logout)

Messages received requesting CA actions (e.g., certificate requests, certificate revocation requests, compromise notifications)

Certificate creation, modification, revocation, or renewal actions

Posting of any material to a repository

Any attempts to change or delete audit data

<List here any additional types of events that will be audited.>

[5.4.2. Frequency of processing log](#)

<Describe your procedures for review of audit logs.>

[5.4.3. Retention period for audit log](#)

<Describe your policies for retention of audit logs.>

5.4.4. Protection of audit log

<Describe your policies for protection of the audit logs.>

5.4.5. Audit log backup procedures

<Describe your policies for backup of the audit logs.>

5.4.6. Audit collection system (internal vs. external) [OMITTED]

5.4.7. Notification to event-causing subject [OMITTED]

5.4.8. Vulnerability assessments

<Describe any vulnerability assessments that you will apply (or have already applied) to the PKI subsystems. This should include whether such assessments have taken place and any procedures or plans to perform or repeat/reassess vulnerabilities in the future.>

5.5. Records archival [OMITTED]

5.6. Key changeover

The <Name of Registry> CA certificate will contain a validity period that is at least as long as that of any certificate being issued under that certificate. When <Name of Registry> CA wishes to change keys, <Name of Registry> will create a new signature key pair, and acquire and publish a new certificate containing the public key of the pair, <specify here the minimum amount of lead time, e.g., 'a minimum of 6 months''> in advance of the scheduled change of the current signature key pair.

5.7. Compromise and disaster recovery [OMITTED]

5.8. CA or RA termination

<Describe your policy for management of your CA's INR distributions in case of its own termination.>

6. Technical Security Controls

This section describes the security controls used by <Name of Registry>.

6.1. Key pair generation and installation

6.1.1. Key pair generation

<Describe the procedures that will be used to generate the CA key pair, and, if applicable, key pairs for subscribers. In most instances, public-key pairs will be generated by the subscriber, i.e., the organization receiving the distribution of INRs. However, your procedures may include one for generating key pairs on behalf of your subscribers if they so request. (This might be done for subscribers who do not have the ability to perform key generation in a secure fashion or who want a registry to provide backup for the subscriber private key.) Since the keys used in this PKI are not for non-repudiation purposes, generation of key pairs by CAs does not inherently undermine the security of the PKI.>

6.1.2. Private key delivery to subscriber

<If the procedures in 6.1.1 include providing key pair generation services for subscribers, describe the means by which private keys are delivered to subscribers in a secure fashion. Otherwise say this is not applicable.>

6.1.3. Public key delivery to certificate issuer

<Describe the procedures that will be used to deliver a subscriber's public keys to the <Name of Registry> RPKI CA. These procedures should ensure that the public key has not been altered during transit and that the subscriber possesses the private key corresponding to the transferred public key. >

6.1.4. CA public key delivery to relying parties

CA public keys for all entities (other than trust anchors) are contained in certificates issued by other CAs and MUST be published to the RPKI repository system. Relying parties MUST download these certificates from this system. Public key values and associated data for (putative) trust anchors MUST be distributed out of band and accepted by relying parties on the basis of locally-defined criteria, e.g., embedded in path validation software that will be made available to the Internet community.

6.1.5. Key sizes

The key sizes used in this PKI are as specified in RFC ZZZZ [[RFCzzzz](#)]. <Describe any deviations from this statement.>

6.1.6. Public key parameters generation and quality checking

The public key algorithms and parameters used in this PKI are as specified in RFC ZZZZ [[RFCzzzz](#)]. <Describe any deviations from this statement.>

<If the procedures in 6.1.1 include subscriber key pair generation, EITHER insert here text specifying that the subscriber is responsible for performing checks on the quality of its key pair and saying that <Name of Registry> is not responsible for performing such checks for subscribers OR describe the procedures used by the CA for checking the quality of these subscriber key pairs.>

6.1.7. Key usage purposes (as per X.509 v3 key usage field)

The Key usage extension bit values will be consistent with [RFC 5280](#). For <Name of Registry>'s CA certificates, the keyCertSign and cRLSign bits will be set TRUE. All other bits (including digitalSignature) will be set FALSE, and the extension will be marked critical. <Specify whether end entity certificates (e.g., issued by the CA for its operators) will include this extension and if so, the appropriate bit values as per [RFC 5280](#).>

6.2. Private Key Protection and Cryptographic Module Engineering Controls

6.2.1. Cryptographic module standards and controls

The <Name of Registry> CA employs a cryptographic module evaluated under FIPS 140-2/3, at level 3 [[FIPS](#)].

6.2.2. Private key (n out of m) multi-person control

<If you choose to use multi-person controls to constrain access to your CA's private keys, then insert the following text. ''There will be private key <insert here n> out of <insert here m> multi-person control.'''>

6.2.3. Private key escrow

No private key escrow procedures are required for this PKI.

6.2.4. Private key backup

<Describe the procedures used for backing up your CA's private key. The following aspects should be included. (1) The copying should be done under the same multi-party control as is used for controlling the original private key. (2) At least one copy should be kept at an off-site location for disaster recovery purposes.>

6.2.5. Private key archival

See sections [6.2.3](#) and [6.2.4](#)

6.2.6. Private key transfer into or from a cryptographic module

The private keys for <Name of Registry>'s production CA < if appropriate, change ''production CA'' to ''production and offline CAs''> MUST be generated by the cryptographic module specified in 6.2.1. The private keys will never leave the module except in encrypted form for backup and/or transfer to a new module.

6.2.7. Private key storage on cryptographic module

The private key for <Name of Registry>'s production CA < if appropriate, change ''production CA'' to ''production and offline CAs''> MUST be stored in the cryptographic module and will be protected from unauthorized use in accordance with the FIPS 140-2/3 requirements applicable to the module. (See [[FIPS](#)])

6.2.8. Method of activating private key

<Describe the mechanisms and data used to activate your CA's private key.>

6.2.9. Method of deactivating private key

The cryptographic module, when activated, will not be left unattended. After use, it will be deactivated by <Describe the procedure for deactivation of your CA's private key.> The module will be stored securely when not in use.

6.2.10. Method of destroying private key

<Describe the method used for destroying your CA's private key, e.g., when it is superseded. This will depend on the particular module.>

6.2.11. Cryptographic Module Rating

The cryptographic module used by the <Name of Registry> production CA will be certified FIPS 140-2/3, at level 3 [[FIPS](#)].

6.3. Other aspects of key pair management

6.3.1. Public key archival

Because this PKI does not support non-repudiation, there is no need to archive public keys.

6.3.2. Certificate operational periods and key pair usage periods

The <Name of Registry> CA's key pair will have a validity interval of <insert number of years - Registry key pairs and certificates should have long validity intervals, e.g., 10 years, to minimize the disruption caused by key changeover for top tier CAs.>

6.4. Activation data

6.4.1. Activation data generation and installation

<Describe how activation data for your CA will be generated.>

6.4.2. Activation data protection

Activation data for the CA private key will be protected by <Describe your procedures here>.

6.4.3. Other aspects of activation data

<Add here any details you wish to provide with regard to the activation data for your CA. If there are none, say 'None.'>

6.5. Computer security controls

6.5.1. Specific computer security technical requirement

<Describe your security requirements for the computers used to support this PKI, e.g., requirements for authenticated logins, audit capabilities, etc. These requirements should be commensurate with those used for the computers used for managing distribution of INRs.>

6.6. Life cycle technical controls

6.6.1. System development controls

<Describe any system development controls that you will apply to the PKI systems, e.g., use of Trusted System Development Methodology (TSDM) Level 2.>

6.6.2. Security management controls

<Describe the security management controls that will be used for the RPKI software and equipment employed by the CA. These security measures should be commensurate with those used for the systems used by the CAs for managing and distributing INRs.>

6.6.3. Life cycle security controls

<Describe how the equipment (hardware and software) used for RPKI functions will be procured, installed, maintained, and updated. This should be done in a fashion commensurate with the way in which equipment for the management and distribution of INRs is handled. >

6.7. Network security controls

<Describe the network security controls that will be used for CA operation. These should be commensurate with the network security controls employed for the computers used for managing distribution of INRs.>

6.8. Time-stamping

The RPKI does not make use of time stamping.

7. Certificate and CRL Profiles

8. Please refer to the Certificate and CRL Profile [[RFCyyyy](#)].

Compliance Audit and Other Assessments

<List here any audit and other assessments used to ensure the security of the administration of INRs. These are sufficient for the RPKI systems.>

[8.1.](#) Frequency or circumstances of assessment

[8.2.](#) Identity/qualifications of assessor

[8.3.](#) Assessor's relationship to assessed entity

[8.4.](#) Topics covered by assessment

[8.5.](#) Actions taken as a result of deficiency

[8.6.](#) Communication of results

9. Other Business And Legal Matters

<The sections below are optional. Fill them in as appropriate for your organization. The CP says that CAs should cover 9.1 to 9.11 and 9.13 to 9.17 although not every CA will choose to do so. Note that the manner in which you manage your business and legal matters for this PKI should be commensurate with the way in which you manage business and legal matters for the distribution of INRs.>

9.1. Fees

9.1.1. Certificate issuance or renewal fees

9.1.2. Fees for other services (if applicable)

9.1.3. Refund policy

9.2. Financial responsibility

9.2.1. Insurance coverage

9.2.2. Other assets

9.2.3. Insurance or warranty coverage for end-entities

9.3. Confidentiality of business information

9.3.1. Scope of confidential information

9.3.2. Information not within the scope of confidential information

9.3.3. Responsibility to protect confidential information

9.4. Privacy of personal information

9.4.1. Privacy plan

9.4.2. Information treated as private

9.4.3. Information not deemed private

9.4.4. Responsibility to protect private information

9.4.5. Notice and consent to use private information

9.4.6. Disclosure pursuant to judicial or administrative process

[9.4.7.](#) Other information disclosure circumstances

[9.5.](#) Intellectual property rights (if applicable)

[9.6.](#) Representations and warranties

[9.6.1.](#) CA representations and warranties

[9.6.2.](#) Subscriber representations and warranties

[9.6.3.](#) Relying party representations and warranties

[9.7.](#) Disclaimers of warranties

[9.8.](#) Limitations of liability

[9.9.](#) Indemnities

[9.10.](#) Term and termination

[9.10.1.](#) Term

[9.10.2.](#) Termination

[9.10.3.](#) Effect of termination and survival

[9.11.](#) Individual notices and communications with participants

[9.12.](#) Amendments

[9.12.1.](#) Procedure for amendment

[9.12.2.](#) Notification mechanism and period

[9.13.](#) Dispute resolution provisions

[9.14.](#) Governing law

[9.15.](#) Compliance with applicable law

[9.16.](#) Miscellaneous provisions

[9.16.1.](#) Entire agreement

[9.16.2.](#) Assignment

[9.16.3.](#) Severability

[9.16.4.](#) **Enforcement (attorneys' fees and waiver of rights)**

[9.16.5.](#) **Force Majeure**

10. Security Considerations

The degree to which a relying party can trust the binding embodied in a certificate depends on several factors. These factors can include the practices followed by the certification authority (CA) in authenticating the subject; the CA's operating policy, procedures, and technical security controls, including the scope of the subscriber's responsibilities (for example, in protecting the private key), and the stated responsibilities and liability terms and conditions of the CA (for example, warranties, disclaimers of warranties, and limitations of liability). This document provides a framework to address the technical, procedural, personnel, and physical security aspects of Certification Authorities, Registration Authorities, repositories, subscribers, and relying party cryptographic modules, in order to ensure that the certificate generation, publication, renewal, re-key, usage, and revocation is done in a secure manner. Specifically, [Section 3](#) Identification and Authentication (I&A); [Section 4](#) Certificate Life-Cycle Operational Requirements; [Section 5](#) Facility Management, and Operational Controls; [Section 6](#) Technical Security Controls; [Section 7](#) Certificate and CRL Profiles; and [Section 8](#) Compliance Audit and Other Assessments are oriented towards ensuring secure operation of the PKI entities such as CA, RA, repository, subscriber systems, and relying party systems.

11. IANA Considerations

None.

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