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## **S/MIME Version 3.1 Certificate Profile Addendum**

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### **1. Overview**

In light of the expiration of the primary RSA patent, it is proposed that the RSA algorithm replace the DSS and Diffie-Hellman as the MUST implement algorithms in the S/MIME profile. This draft will describe only the proposed changes to the S/MIME Version 3 Certificate Handling RFC [[SMIMEV3CERT](#)], and the rest of that RFC will remain identical.

#### **1.1 Terminology**

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 [[MUSTSHOULD](#)].

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## **2. Changes to the S/MIME Version 3 Certificate Handling RFC**

The following changes to are proposed to [[SMIMEV3CERT](#)]:

### **1. [Section 4.3](#) is replaced with the following:**

#### **4.3 Certificate and CRL Signing Algorithms**

Certificates and Certificate-Revocation Lists (CRLs) are signed by the certificate issuer. A receiving agent MUST be capable of verifying the signatures on certificates and CRLs made with md2WithRSAEncryption, md5WithRSAEncryption and sha-1WithRSAEncryption signature algorithms with key sizes from 512 bits to 2048 bits described in [PKCS#1V2].

A receiving agent MAY be capable of verifying the signatures on certificates and CRLs made with id-dsa-with-sha1 [[DSS](#)].

## **3. Security Considerations**

The security considerations are the same as for [[SMIMEV3CERT](#)]. <tbid>  
Insert text about PKCS #1 v1.5 problems.

### **A. References**

[SMIMEV3CERT] "S/MIME Version 3 Certificate Handling", [RFC 2632](#)

[DSS] NIST FIPS PUB 186, "Digital Signature Standard", 18 May 1994.

[MUSTSHOULD] "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", [RFC 2119](#)

[PKCS#1V2], "PKCS #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.0", [RFC 2437](#)

### **B. Acknowledgements**

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### **C. Changes from last draft**

Changed name to put it in the working group, as opposed to an individual submission.

Added placeholder text to [section 3](#) explaining problems with PKCS #1

v1.5.

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