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Abstract

This document enables OpenPGP ([RFC4880](#)) usage in an compliant manner with OSCCA regulations for use within China.

Specifically, it extends OpenPGP to support the usage of SM2, SM3 and SM4 algorithms, and provides the OSCCA-compliant OpenPGP profile "OSCCA-SM234".

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1. Introduction

SM2 [[GBT.32918.1-2016](#)] [[GMT-0003-2012](#)] [[SM2](#)] [[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa](#)], SM3 [[GBT.32905-2016](#)] [[GMT-0004-2012](#)] [[SM3](#)] [[I-D.shen-sm3-hash](#)] and SM4 [[GBT.32907-2016](#)] [[GMT-0002-2012](#)] [[SM4](#)] are cryptographic standards issued by the Organization of State Commercial Administration of China [[OSCCA](#)] as authorized cryptographic algorithms for the use within China. These algorithms are published in public.

Adoption of this document enables exchange of OpenPGP-secured email [[RFC4880](#)] in a OSCCA-compliant manner through usage of the authorized combination of SM2, SM3 and SM4.

SM2 is a set of public key cryptographic algorithms based on elliptic curves that include:

- o Digital Signature Algorithm [[GBT.32918.2-2016](#)] [[SM2-2](#)]
- o Key Exchange Protocol [[GBT.32918.3-2016](#)] [[SM2-3](#)]
- o Public Key Encryption Algorithm [[GBT.32918.4-2016](#)] [[SM2-4](#)]

SM3 [[GBT.32905-2016](#)] is a hash algorithm designed for electronic authentication purposes.

SM4 [[GBT.32907-2016](#)] is a symmetric encryption algorithm designed for data encryption.

This document extends OpenPGP [[RFC4880](#)] and its ECC extension [[RFC6637](#)] to support SM2, SM3 and SM4:

- o support the SM3 hash algorithm for data validation purposes
- o support signatures utilizing the combination of SM3 with other digital signing algorithms, such as RSA and SM2
- o support the SM2 asymmetric encryption algorithm for public key operations
- o support usage of SM2 in combination with supported hash algorithms, such as SHA-256 and SM3

- o support the SM4 symmetric encryption algorithm for data protection purposes
- o defines the OpenPGP profile "OSCCA-SM234" to enable usage of OpenPGP in an OSCCA-compliant manner.

2. 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 [[RFC2119](#)].

Compliant applications are a subset of the broader set of OpenPGP applications described in [[RFC4880](#)]. Any [[RFC2119](#)] keyword within this document applies to compliant applications only.

2.1. Definitions

OSCCA-compliant

All cryptographic algorithms used are compliant with OSCCA [[OSCCA](#)] regulations.

SM2DSA

The elliptic curve digital signature algorithm defined in [[GBT.32918.2-2016](#)]

SM2KEP

The elliptic curve key exchange protocol defined in [[GBT.32918.3-2016](#)]

SM2PKE

The public key encryption algorithm defined in [[GBT.32918.4-2016](#)]

2.2. Basic Operations

This document utilizes definitions of operations from [[RFC7253](#)] and are included here for reference.

c^i

The integer c raised to the i -th power.

$S || T$

String S concatenated with string T (e.g., $000 || 111 == 000111$).

3. SM2 ECC Algorithms

SM2 is an elliptic curve based cryptosystem (ECC) [[GBT.32918.1-2016](#)] [[GMT-0003-2012](#)] [[SM2](#)] [[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa](#)] designed by Xiaoyun Wang et al. and published by [[OSCCA](#)].

It was first published by the OSCCA in public in 2010 [[SM2](#)], then received the designation [[GMT-0003-2012](#)] in 2012, and published as a Chinese national standard (GB standard) as [[GBT.32918.1-2016](#)].

The SM2 cryptosystem is composed of three distinct algorithms:

- o an elliptical curve digital signature algorithm ("SM2DSA") [[GBT.32918.2-2016](#)] [[SM2-2](#)], also described in [[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa](#)];
- o a key exchange protocol ("SM2KEP") [[GBT.32918.3-2016](#)] [[SM2-3](#)]; and
- o a public key encryption algorithm ("SM2PKE") [[GBT.32918.4-2016](#)] [[SM2-4](#)].

This document will refer to all three algorithms for the usage of OpenPGP [[RFC4880](#)].

3.1. SM2 Digital Signature Algorithm

The SM2 Digital Signature Algorithm is intended for digital signature and verifications in commercial cryptographic applications, including, but not limited to:

- o identity authentication
- o protection of data integrity
- o verification of data authenticity

The process of digital signature signing and verifying along with their examples are found in [[GBT.32918.2-2016](#)] [[SM2-2](#)], and also described in [[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa](#)].

The SM2DSA process requires usage of a hash function within. For OSCCA-compliant usage, a OSCCA-compliant hash function such as SM3 [[GBT.32905-2016](#)] MUST also be used.

In terms of OpenPGP usage, SM2DSA is an alternative to the ECDSA algorithm specified in [[RFC6637](#)].

The SM2DSA algorithm has been cryptanalyzed to a certain extent, with the current strongest attack being nonce [[SM2-DSA-Nonces](#)] [[SM2-DSA-Nonces2](#)] and lattice attacks [[SM2-DSA-Lattice](#)].

For OpenPGP compatability, these additional requirements MUST be adhered to:

- o SM2DSA allows use of an optional "user identity" string which is hashed into "ZA" (Section 3.5 of [[SM2-2](#)] and [Section 5.1.4.4](#) of [[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa](#)]). In OpenPGP, the user identifier "IDA" MUST be the empty string.
- o While SM2DSA usually signs "H(ZA || msg)" ([Section 4.1](#) [[SM2-2](#)]), but in OpenPGP, following the convention of [[RFC6637](#)], we do not directly sign the raw message "msg", but its hash "H(msg)". Therefore when a message is signed by SM2DSA in OpenPGP, the algorithm MUST sign the content of "H(ZA || H(msg))" instead of "H(ZA || msg)". Both hash algorithms used here MUST be identical.

[3.2.](#) SM2 Key Exchange Protocol

The SM2 Key Exchange Protocol is used for cryptographic key exchange, allowing the negotiation and exchange of a session key within two to three message transfers.

The process of key exchange and verification along with their examples are found in [[GBT.32918.3-2016](#)] [[SM2-3](#)], and also described in [[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa](#)].

SM2KEP is not used with OpenPGP as it is a two- to three- pass key exchange mechanism, while in OpenPGP, public keys of recipients are available initially.

The SM2KEP is now considered insecure due to [[SM2-KEP-Comments](#)], similar in status to the Unified Model and MQV schemes described in [[NIST.SP.800-56Ar2](#)].

[3.3.](#) SM2 Public Key Encryption

The SM2 Public Key Encryption algorithm is an elliptic curve (ECC) based asymmetric encryption algorithm. It is used for cryptographic encryption and decryption, allowing the message sender to utilize the public key of the message receiver to encrypt the message, with the recipient decrypting the messaging using his private key.

The full description of SM2PKE is provided in [[GBT.32918.4-2016](#)].

It utilizes a public key size of 512 bits and private key size of 256 bits [[GBT.32918.4-2016](#)] [[GMT-0003-2012](#)].

The process of encryption and decryption, along with their examples are found in [[GBT.32918.4-2016](#)] and [[SM2-4](#)].

The SM2PKE process requires usage of a hash function within. For OSCCA-compliant usage, a OSCCA-compliant hash function such as SM3 [[GBT.32905-2016](#)] MUST also be used.

In OpenPGP, SM2PKE is an alternative to RSA specified in [[RFC4880](#)].

[3.4.](#) Recommended SM2 Curve

The recommended curve is specified in [[GBT.32918.5-2017](#)] [[SM2-5](#)] and provided here for reference. SM2 uses a 256-bit elliptic curve.

[3.4.1.](#) Definitions

- p
an integer larger than 3
- a, b
elements of F_q , defines an elliptic curve E on F_q
- n
Order of base point G (n is a prime factor of $E(F_q)$)
- x_G
x-coordinate of generator G
- y_G
y-coordinate of generator G

[3.4.2.](#) Elliptic Curve Formula

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

[3.4.3.](#) Curve Parameters


```

p  = FFFFFFFE FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF
    FFFFFFFF 00000000 FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF
a  = FFFFFFFE FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF
    FFFFFFFF 00000000 FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFC
b  = 28E9FA9E 9D9F5E34 4D5A9E4B CF6509A7
    F39789F5 15AB8F92 DDBCBD41 4D940E93
n  = FFFFFFFE FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF
    7203DF6B 21C6052B 53BBF409 39D54123
x_G = 32C4AE2C 1F198119 5F990446 6A39C994
    8FE30BBF F2660BE1 715A4589 334C74C7
y_G = BC3736A2 F4F6779C 59BDCEE3 6B692153
    D0A9877C C62A4740 02DF32E5 2139F0A0

```

4. SM3 Hash Algorithm

The SM3 Cryptographic Hash Algorithm [[GBT.32905-2016](#)] is an iterative hash function designed by Xiaoyun Wang et al., published by [[OSCCA](#)] as an alternative to SHA-2 [[NIST.FIPS.180-4](#)].

It was first published by the OSCCA in public in 2010 [[SM3](#)], then received the designation [[GMT-0004-2012](#)] in 2012, and published as a Chinese national standard (GB standard) as [[GBT.32905-2016](#)].

The algorithm is designed to be used for commercial cryptographic applications including, but not limited to:

- o digital signatures and their verification
- o message authentication code generation and their verification
- o generation of random numbers

According to the authors, SM3 is designed with a Merkle-Damgard construction and is very similar to SHA-2 [[NIST.FIPS.180-4](#)] of the MD4 [[RFC6150](#)] family, with the addition of several strengthening features such as a more complex step function and stronger message dependency than SHA-256 [[SM3-Boomerang](#)].

SM3 produces an output hash value of 256 bits long, based on 512-bit input message blocks [[SM3-Boomerang](#)], on input lengths up to 2^m .

The specification of SM3 is described in [[GBT.32905-2016](#)], [[SM3](#)] and [[I-D.shen-sm3-hash](#)].

5. SM4 Symmetric Encryption Algorithm

SM4 [GBT.32907-2016] [GMT-0002-2012] [SM4] is a symmetric encryption algorithm designed by Shuwang Lu et al. originally intended for the usage of wireless local area network (Wireless LAN) products.

SMS4 was first published in public by OSCCA in 2006 [SM4], formally renamed as SM4 [GMT-0002-2012] in 2012, and eventually published as the Chinese national standard [GBT.32907-2016].

It is a required encryption algorithm specified in WAPI (Wired Authentication and Privacy Infrastructure), the Chinese National Standard for Wireless LAN [GB.15629.11-2003].

SM4 is a 128-bit block cipher, uses a key size of 128 bits and internally uses an 8-bit S-box. It performs 32 rounds per block. Decryption is achieved by reversing the order of encryption.

6. Supported Algorithms

6.1. Public Key Algorithms

The SM2 algorithm is supported with the following extension.

The following public key algorithm IDs are added to expand Section 9.1 of [RFC4880], "Public-Key Algorithms":

ID	Description of Algorithm
TBD	SM2

Compliant applications MUST support both usages of SM2 Section 3:

- o SM2 Digital Signature Algorithm (SM2DSA) [GBT.32918.2-2016]
- o SM2 Public Key Encryption (SM2PKE) [GBT.32918.4-2016]

6.2. Symmetric Key Algorithms

The SM4 algorithm is supported with the following extension.

The following symmetric encryption algorithm ID is added to expand Section 9.2 of [RFC4880], "Symmetric-Key Algorithms":

ID	Description of Algorithm
TBD	SM4

Compliant applications MUST support SM4 [Section 5](#).

6.3. Hash Algorithms

The SM3 algorithm is supported with the following extension.

The following symmetric encryption algorithm IDs are added to expand [Section 9.3 of \[RFC4880\]](#), "Hash Algorithms":

ID	Description of Algorithm
TBD	SM3

Compliant applications MUST support SM3 [Section 4](#).

7. Conversion Primitives

The encoding method of [\[RFC6637\] Section 6](#) MUST be used, and is compatible with the definition given in [\[SEC1\]](#).

For clarity, according to the EC curve MPI encoding method of [\[RFC6637\]](#), the exact size of the MPI payload for the "SM2 Recommended" 256-bit curve [\[GBT.32918.5-2017\]](#), is 515 bits.

8. SM2 Key Derivation Function

A key derivation function (KDF) is necessary to implement EC encryption.

The SM2PKE KDF is defined in Section 3.4.3 of [\[GBT.32918.4-2016\]](#) (and Section 5.4.3 of [\[I-D.shen-sm2-ecdsa\]](#), Section 3.4.3 of [\[SM2-4\]](#)).

For OSCCA-compliance, it SHOULD be used in conjunction with an OSCCA-approved hash algorithm, such as SM3 [\[GBT.32905-2016\]](#).

The SM2PKE KDF is equivalent to the KDF2 function defined in Section 13.2 of [\[IEEE.1363a.2004\]](#) given the following assignments:

- o Parameter

- * v as hBits, the output length of the selected hash function Hash
- o Input
 - * KEYLEN as oBits
 - * Z as the plaintext string; and
 - * PB is set to the empty bit string.

Pseudocode of the SM2KDF function is provided here for convenience. This function contains edited variable names for clarity.

8.1. Prerequisites

- o Hash(S) is a hash function that outputs a v -bit long hash value based on input S .
- o MSB(b, S) is a function that outputs the b most significant bits of the bitstream S .
- o Floor(r) and Ceil(r) are the floor and ceiling functions respectively for the input of real number r . Both functions outputs an integer.

8.2. Inputs

KEYLEN

Desired key length. A positive integer less than $(2^{32} - 1) \times v$.

Z

Plaintext. String of any length.

8.3. Outputs

K

Generated key. String of length KEYLEN.

K is defined as follows.


```

Counter = 1                // a 32-bit counter
n = KEYLEN / v

for each 1 <= i <= Ceil(n)
  Ha_i = Hash( Z || Counter )
  Counter = Counter + 1
end for

if n is a whole number then
  Ha! = Ha_{Ceil(n)}
else
  Ha! = MSB(KEYLEN - (v x Floor(n)), Ha_{Ceil(n)})
end if

K = Ha_1 || Ha_2 || ... || Ha_{Ceil(n)-1} || Ha!

```

9. Encoding of Public and Private Keys

9.1. Public-Key Packet Formats

The following algorithm-specific packets are added to [Section 5.5.2 of \[RFC4880\]](#), "Public-Key Packet Formats", to support SM2DSA and SM2PKE.

This document extends the algorithm-specific portion with the following fields.

Algorithm-Specific Fields for SM2DSA keys:

- o a variable-length field containing a curve OID, formatted as follows:
 - * a one-octet size of the following field; values 0 and 0xFF are reserved for future extensions
 - * octets representing a curve OID, described in [Section 11](#)
- o MPI of an EC point representing a public key

Algorithm-Specific Fields for SM2PKE keys:

- o a variable-length field containing a curve OID, formatted as follows:
 - * a one-octet size of the following field; values 0 and 0xFF are reserved for future extensions
 - * octets representing a curve OID, described in [Section 11](#)

- o MPI of an EC point representing a public key

Note that both SM2DSA and SM2PKE public keys are composed of the same sequence of fields, and use the same codepoint to identify them. They are distinguished by the key usage flags.

9.2. Secret-Key Packet Formats

The following algorithm-specific packets are added to [Section 5.5.3. of \[RFC4880\]](#), "Secret-Key Packet Formats", to support SM2DSA and SM2PKE.

This document extends the algorithm-specific portion with the following fields.

Algorithm-Specific Fields for SM2DSA or SM2PKE secret keys:

- o an MPI of an integer representing the secret key, which is a scalar of the public EC point

10. Message Encoding with Public Keys

10.1. Public-Key Encrypted Session Key Packets (Tag 1)

[Section 5.1 of \[RFC4880\]](#), "Public-Key Encrypted Session Key Packets (Tag 1)" is extended to support SM2PKE using the following algorithm specific fields for SM2PKE, through applying the KDF described in [Section 8](#).

Algorithm Specific Fields for SM2 encryption:

- o The SM2 ciphertext is formatted in the OpenPGP bitstream as a single MPI. This consists of:
 - * "C = (C1 || C3 || C2)" (step A8 of [Section 4.1 \[SM2-4\]](#)), followed by
 - * a single octet giving the code for the hash algorithm used within the calculation of the KDF mask "t" (step A5 of [Section 4.1 \[SM2-4\]](#)) and the calculation of "C3" (step A7 of [Section 4.1 \[SM2-4\]](#)). For OSCCA compliance, this MUST be an OSCCA-approved hash function, and in any case, it SHOULD be a hash which is listed in the receiving keys "Preferred Hash Algorithms" list ([Section 5.2.3.8 of \[RFC4880\]](#)).

10.2. Signature Packet (Tag 2)

10.2.1. Version 3 Signature Packet Format

[Section 5.2.2 of \[RFC4880\]](#) define the signature format for "Version 3 Signature Packet Format". Similar to ECDSA [\[RFC6637\]](#), no changes in the format is necessary for SM2DSA.

10.2.2. Version 4 Signature Packet Format

[Section 5.2.3 of \[RFC4880\]](#) define the signature format for "Version 4 Signature Packet Format". Similar to ECDSA [\[RFC6637\]](#), no changes in the format is necessary for SM2DSA.

11. SM2 ECC Curve OID

This section provides the curve OID of the "SM2 Recommended Curve" [\[GBT.32918.5-2017\]](#) described in [Section 3](#), according to the method of [\[RFC6637\]](#).

We specify the curve OID of the "SM2 Recommended Curve" to be the registered OID entry of "SM2 Elliptic Curve Cryptography" according to [\[GMT-0006-2012\]](#), which is "1.2.156.10197.1.301".

The table below specifies the exact sequence of bytes of the mentioned curve:

ASN.1 Object Identifier	OID len	Curve OID bytes in hexadecimal representation	Curve name
1.2.156.10197.1.301	8	2A 81 1C CF 55 01 82 2D	SM2 Recommended

The complete ASN.1 DER encoding for the SM2 Recommended curve OID is "06 08 2A 81 1C CF 55 01 82 2D", from which the first entry in the table above is constructed by omitting the first two octets. Only the truncated sequence of octets is the valid representation of a curve OID.

12. Compatibility Profiles

12.1. OSCCA SM234 Profile

The "OSCCA SM234" profile is designed to be compliant to OSCCA regulations. A compliant OpenPGP implementation MUST implement the following items as described by this document:

- o SM2 Recommended Curve ([Section 11](#))
- o SM2 (SM2DSA and SM2PKE) ([Section 3](#))
 - * The hash function selected in SM2DSA and SM2PKE MUST also be OSCCA-compliant, such as SM3 [[SM3](#)]
- o SM3 ([Section 4](#))
- o SM4 ([Section 5](#))

13. Security Considerations

- o Products and services that utilize cryptography are regulated by OSCCA [[OSCCA](#)]; they must be explicitly approved or certified by OSCCA before being allowed to be sold or used in China.
- o SM2 [[GBT.32918.1-2016](#)] is an elliptic curve cryptosystem (ECC) published by OSCCA [[OSCCA](#)]. Its security relies on the assumption that the elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem (ECLP) is computationally infeasible. With advances in cryptanalysis, new attack algorithms may reduce the complexity of ECLP, making it easier to attack the SM2 cryptosystem that is considered secure at the time this document is published. You SHOULD check current literature to determine if the algorithms in SM2 have been found vulnerable.
- o SM3 [[GBT.32905-2016](#)] is a cryptographic hash algorithm published by OSCCA [[OSCCA](#)]. No formal proof of security is provided. As claimed in [[I-D.shen-sm3-hash](#)], the security properties of SM3 are under public study. There are no known feasible attacks against the SM3 algorithm at the time this document is published.
- o SM4 [[GBT.32907-2016](#)] is a block cipher certified by OSCCA [[OSCCA](#)]. No formal proof of security is provided. There are no known feasible attacks against SM4 algorithm by the time of publishing this document. On the other hand, there are security concerns with regards to side-channel attacks, when the SM4 algorithm is implemented in a device [[SM4-Power](#)]. For instance, [[SM4-Power](#)] illustrated an attack by measuring the power consumption of the device. A chosen ciphertext attack, assuming a fixed correlation between the sub-keys and data mask, is able to recover the round

key successfully. When the SM4 algorithm is implemented in hardware, the parameters/keys SHOULD be randomly generated without fixed correlation.

- o SM2 has a key length of 512 bits for public key and 256 bits for private key. It is considered an alternative to ECDSA P-256 [RFC6637]. Its security strength is comparable to a 128-bit symmetric key strength [I-D.ietf-msec-mikey-ecc], e.g., AES-128 [NIST.FIPS.197].
- o SM3 is a hash function that generates a 256-bit hash value. It is considered as an alternative to SHA-256 [RFC6234].
- o SM4 is a block cipher symmetric algorithm with key length of 128 bits. It is considered as an alternative to AES-128 [NIST.FIPS.197].
- o Security considerations offered in [RFC6637] and [RFC4880] also apply.

14. IANA Considerations

The IANA "Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)" registry [RFC8126] has made the following assignments for algorithms described in this document, namely:

- o ID XXX of the "Public Key Algorithms" namespace for SM2 [Section 3](#)
- o ID XXX of the "Hash Algorithms" namespace for SM3 [Section 4](#)
- o ID XXX of the "Symmetric Key Algorithms" namespace for SM4 [Section 5](#)

15. Examples

15.1. Public Key Example

```
-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
xLIEWbGKwmMIKoEcz1UBgi0CAwQx5lUJNwGp01AB7YfAye0oMmyIPYe/cQPvwh8/7RCu
ywZLMDdAM7qn6TNqTtdKw+7tLFhtOC4yzDVK8UjN/ccazSBTTTTIgMjU2LWJpdCBrZXkg
PGphY2tAbG9jYWxob3N0PsJ0BBNjaQAmBQJZsYpfAhsDBQsJCAcCBhUICQoLAgUWAgMB
AAkQC/UcNw0bAZcAAJt5AP4oXvi3xl2RUwAvVjLzXtLL87g6x9cIBS7EB/cvAsw78AEA
/Wt6qWlBVZ6TYiqNPt9An/4cjKyNpAv7S9u3neGXWUU=
=RJ3C
-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
```


[15.2. Signature Example](#)

Detached signature of the string "SM2 example" using the above key:

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----  
wmQEAGMIABYFAlmxj+cFAwAAAAAJEAv1HDcNGwGXAAB+SQEAY5AHKgiRxg0ogB/2sfge  
JaVoLgpXvDp9yIcaLFP++xkBAPGuZ1f9FjxVd5jlCGd1jFzAPpt8N2Lc3FQDqVjgJvV9  
=Xbbj  
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

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