

Absolutely — here's a **complete, ready-to-use F5 configuration guide** for your **RabbitMQ HTTPS (SSL Bridging)** setup, including all profiles, health monitor, pool, and virtual server definitions.

This version is designed for **production use**, with clear roles, realistic defaults, and full compatibility with RabbitMQ's management HTTPS port (15671).

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## ? F5 BIG-IP — RabbitMQ HTTPS SSL Bridging Configuration

### ? Goal

- Expose a **public HTTPS VIP (port 443)** to clients.
  - F5 decrypts client SSL (Client SSL Profile).
  - F5 re-encrypts traffic to backend RabbitMQ nodes over port **15671** (Server SSL Profile).
  - F5 performs **health checks** via `/api/overview` expecting HTTP 200 OK.
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## ? 1 Create the SSL Profiles

### ? Client SSL Profile

Handles HTTPS from **client** → **F5**

```
tmsh create ltm profile client-ssl clientssl_rabbitmq \  
    defaults-from clientssl \  
    cert-key-chain add { rabbitmq_cert { certificate example.crt key \  
example.key chain ca-bundle.crt } } \  
    ciphers "TLSv1.3:TLSv1.2:!RC4:!3DES:!aNULL" \  
    options { no-sslsv3 no-tlsv1 no-tlsv1_1 }
```

**GUI Equivalent:**

- Go to **Local Traffic** → **Profiles** → **SSL** → **Client** → **Create**
  - Name: `clientssl_rabbitmq`
  - Parent Profile: `clientssl`
  - Attach certificate/key/chain
  - Disable SSLv3/TLSv1.0
  - Save
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### ? Server SSL Profile

Handles HTTPS from **F5** → **RabbitMQ nodes**

```
tmsh create ltm profile server-ssl serverssl_rabbitmq \  
  defaults-from serverssl \  
  server-ssl-profile true \  
  authenticate name trusted \  
  ciphers "TLSv1.3:TLSv1.2:!RC4:!3DES:!aNULL"
```

(Optional: If you want to verify backend certificates, upload your CA bundle and use *ca-file* option.)

#### GUI Equivalent:

- **Local Traffic → Profiles → SSL → Server → Create**
  - Name: serverssl\_rabbitmq
  - Parent Profile: serverssl
  - Enable “Server Authentication” only if RabbitMQ certs are valid/trusted.
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## 2 Create the HTTPS Health Monitor

Checks /api/overview on port 15671 and expects 200.

```
tmsh create ltm monitor https https_rabbitmq_monitor \  
  send "GET /api/overview HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: localhost\r\nConnection:  
close\r\n\r\n" \  
  recv "200" \  
  interval 5 timeout 16 \  
  alias-service-port 15671
```

#### GUI Equivalent:

- **Local Traffic → Monitors → Create**
  - Name: https\_rabbitmq\_monitor
  - Type: HTTPS
  - Send String:  
GET /api/overview HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: localhost\r\nConnection: close\r\n\r\n
  - Receive String: 200
  - Alias Service Port: 15671
  - Secure: checked (use SSL)
  - Interval: 5, Timeout: 16

This ensures F5 only marks nodes **UP** if the RabbitMQ management API replies 200 OK.

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### 3 Create the Pool

Add your RabbitMQ nodes listening on port 15671.

```
tmsh create ltm pool rabbitmq_pool \  
    monitor https_rabbitmq_monitor \  
    members add { 10.0.0.11:15671 10.0.0.12:15671 10.0.0.13:15671 }
```

**GUI Equivalent:**

- **Local Traffic – Pools → Create**
    - Name: rabbitmq\_pool
    - Health Monitor: https\_rabbitmq\_monitor
    - Load Balancing: round-robin (or least-connections)
    - Members:
      - 10.0.0.11:15671
      - 10.0.0.12:15671
      - 10.0.0.13:15671
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### 4 Create the Virtual Server (VIP)

Expose HTTPS on **port 443** to clients.

```
tmsh create ltm virtual vs_rabbitmq_https \  
    destination 10.0.0.100:443 \  
    ip-protocol tcp \  
    profiles add { http clientssl_rabbitmq serverssl_rabbitmq } \  
    pool rabbitmq_pool \  
    source 0.0.0.0/0 \  
    persist none \  
    translate-address enabled \  
    translate-port enabled
```

**GUI Equivalent:**

- **Local Traffic – Virtual Servers → Create**
  - Name: vs\_rabbitmq\_https
  - Destination Address: 10.0.0.100
  - Service Port: 443
  - Protocol: TCP
  - HTTP Profile: http
  - SSL Profile (Client): clientssl\_rabbitmq
  - SSL Profile (Server): serverssl\_rabbitmq

- Default Pool: rabbitmq\_pool
- Source Address Translation: Auto Map (recommended)

This is your **HTTPS entry point** (port 443). F5 decrypts → processes → re-encrypts to backend 15671.

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## ? 5 Verify the Configuration

### ? Health Check

```
tmsh show ltm pool rabbitmq_pool members
```

→ Should show all members **up (green)** if /api/overview responds 200.

### ? Client Test

```
curl -k https://10.0.0.100/api/overview
```

→ You should see RabbitMQ's JSON response (cluster info).

### ? SSL Handshake

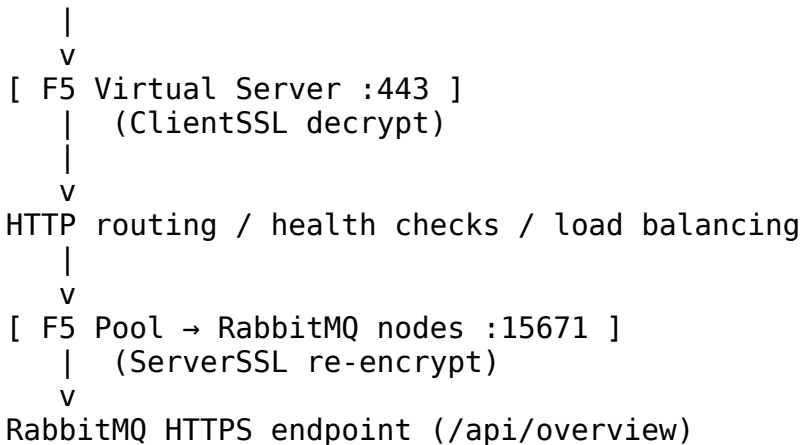
```
openssl s_client -connect 10.0.0.100:443
```

→ Verify the certificate presented by F5 (client-side SSL).

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## 🔒 6 Architecture Recap

Client (HTTPS)



## ? Final Configuration Summary

Component	Name	Port	Role
Client SSL Profile	clientssl_rabbitmq	443	Decrypt client HTTPS
Server SSL Profile	serverssl_rabbitmq	156	Re-encrypt to backend

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Health Monitor	https_rabbitmq_monitor	156	Check /api/overview
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Pool	rabbitmq_pool	156	RabbitMQ backend nodes
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Virtual Server	vs_rabbitmq_https	443	Public HTTPS endpoint

Would you like me to provide an **Ansible playbook** version of this configuration (using `bigip_*` modules) — so you can automate deployment directly to F5?