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Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage Guidance for the Internet Key Exchange Protocol Version 2 (IKEv2)

### Abstract

The IPsec series of protocols makes use of various cryptographic algorithms in order to provide security services. The Internet Key Exchange (IKE) protocol is used to negotiate the IPsec Security Association (IPsec SA) parameters, such as which algorithms should be used. To ensure interoperability between different implementations, it is necessary to specify a set of algorithm implementation requirements and usage guidance to ensure that there is at least one algorithm that all implementations support. This document updates RFC 7296 and obsoletes RFC 4307 in defining the current algorithm implementation requirements and usage guidance for IKEv2, and does minor cleaning up of the IKEv2 IANA registry. This document does not update the algorithms used for packet encryption using IPsec Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP).

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## 1. Introduction

The Internet Key Exchange (IKE) protocol [RFC7296] is used to negotiate the parameters of the IPsec SA, such as the encryption and authentication algorithms and the keys for the protected communications between the two endpoints. The IKE protocol itself is also protected by cryptographic algorithms, which are negotiated between the two endpoints using IKE. Different implementations of IKE may negotiate different algorithms based on their individual local policy. To ensure interoperability, a set of "mandatory-toimplement" IKE cryptographic algorithms is defined.

This document describes the parameters of the IKE protocol and updates the IKEv2 specification. It changes the mandatory-toimplement authentication algorithms in Section 4 of [RFC7296] by saying that RSA key lengths of less than 2048 SHOULD NOT be used. does not describe the cryptographic parameters of the Authentication Header (AH) or ESP protocols.

## 1.1. Conventions Used in This Document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

When used in the tables in this document, these terms indicate that the listed algorithm MUST, MUST NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, or MAY be implemented as part of an IKEv2 implementation. Additional terms used in this document are:

- SHOULD+ This term means the same as SHOULD. However, it is likely that an algorithm marked as SHOULD+ will be promoted at some future time to be a MUST.
- SHOULD-This term means the same as SHOULD. However, an algorithm marked as SHOULD- may be deprecated to a MAY in a future version of this document.
- This term means the same as MUST. However, it is expected  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ MUSTat some point that this algorithm will no longer be a MUST in a future document. Although its status will be determined at a later time, it is reasonable to expect that if a future revision of a document alters the status of a MUST- algorithm, it will remain at least a SHOULD or a SHOULD- level.
- IoT This abbreviation stands for "Internet of Things".

### 1.2. Updating Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage Guidance

The field of cryptography evolves continuously. New, stronger algorithms appear and existing algorithms are found to be less secure than originally thought. Therefore, algorithm implementation requirements and usage guidance need to be updated from time to time to reflect the new reality. The choices for algorithms must be conservative to minimize the risk of algorithm compromise. Algorithms need to be suitable for a wide variety of CPU architectures and device deployments ranging from high-end bulk encryption devices to small low-power IoT devices.

The algorithm implementation requirements and usage guidance may need to change over time to adapt to the changing world. For this reason, the selection of mandatory-to-implement algorithms was removed from the main IKEv2 specification and placed in this separate document.

## 1.3. Updating Algorithm Requirement Levels

The mandatory-to-implement algorithm of tomorrow should already be available in most implementations of IKE by the time it is made mandatory. This document attempts to identify and introduce those algorithms for future mandatory-to-implement status. There is no guarantee that the algorithms in use today may become mandatory in the future. Published algorithms are continuously subjected to cryptographic attack and may become too weak or could become completely broken before this document is updated.

This document provides updated recommendations for the mandatory-to-implement algorithms. As a result, any algorithm listed at the IKEv2 IANA registry not mentioned in this document MAY be implemented. For clarification and consistency with [RFC4307], an algorithm will be denoted here as MAY only when it has been downgraded.

Although this document updates the algorithms to keep the IKEv2 communication secure over time, it also aims at providing recommendations so that IKEv2 implementations remain interoperable. IKEv2 interoperability is addressed by an incremental introduction or deprecation of algorithms. In addition, this document also considers the new use cases for IKEv2 deployment, such as Internet of Things (IoT).

It is expected that deprecation of an algorithm is performed gradually. This provides time for various implementations to update their implemented algorithms while remaining interoperable. Unless there are strong security reasons, an algorithm is expected to be downgraded from MUST to MUST- or SHOULD, instead of MUST NOT.

Similarly, an algorithm that has not been mentioned as mandatory-to-implement is expected to be introduced with a SHOULD instead of a MUST.

The current trend toward Internet of Things and its adoption of IKEv2 requires this specific use case to be taken into account as well. IoT devices are resource-constrained devices and their choice of algorithms are motivated by minimizing the footprint of the code, the computation effort, and the size of the messages to send. This document indicates "(IoT)" when a specified algorithm is specifically listed for IoT devices. Requirement levels that are marked as "IoT" apply to IoT devices and to server-side implementations that might presumably need to interoperate with them, including any general-purpose VPN gateways.

#### 1.4. Document Audience

The recommendations of this document mostly target IKEv2 implementers who need to create implementations that meet both high security expectations as well as high interoperability between various vendors and with different versions. Interoperability requires a smooth move to more secure cipher suites. This may differ from a user point of view that may deploy and configure IKEv2 with only the safest cipher suite.

This document does not give any recommendations for the use of algorithms, it only gives implementation recommendations regarding implementations. The use of algorithms by a specific user is dictated by their own security policy requirements, which are outside the scope of this document.

IKEv1 is out of scope of this document. IKEv1 is deprecated and the recommendations of this document must not be considered for IKEv1, as most IKEv1 implementations have been "frozen" and will not be able to update the list of mandatory-to-implement algorithms.

# 2. Algorithm Selection

## 2.1. Type 1 - IKEv2 Encryption Algorithm Transforms

The algorithms in the table below are negotiated in the Security Association (SA) payload and used for the Encrypted Payload. References to the specification defining these algorithms and the ones in the following subsections are in the IANA registry [IKEV2-IANA]. Some of these algorithms are Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD) [RFC5282]. Algorithms that are not AEAD MUST be used in conjunction with one of the integrity algorithms in Section 2.3.

Name	+   Status +	   AEAD?	Comment
ENCR_AES_CBC ENCR_CHACHA20_POLY1305 ENCR_AES_GCM_16 ENCR_AES_CCM_8 ENCR_3DES ENCR_DES ENCR_DULL	MUST SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD MAY MUST NOT	No Yes Yes Yes No No	(*)   (*)   (IOT)

- (\*) This requirement level is for 128-bit and 256-bit keys.
  192-bit keys remain at the MAY level.
- (IoT) This requirement is for interoperability with IoT. Only 128-bit keys are at the SHOULD level. 192-bit and 256-bit remain at the MAY level.

ENCR\_AES\_CBC is raised from SHOULD+ for 128-bit keys and MAY for 256-bit keys in [RFC4307] to MUST. 192-bit keys remain at the MAY level. ENCR\_AES\_CBC is the only shared mandatory-to-implement algorithm with RFC 4307 and as a result, it is necessary for interoperability with IKEv2 implementation compatible with RFC 4307.

ENCR\_CHACHA20\_POLY1305 was not ready to be considered at the time of RFC 4307's publication. It has been recommended by the Crypto Forum Research Group (CFRG) of the IRTF as an alternative to AES-CBC and AES-GCM. It is also being standardized for IPsec for the same reasons. At the time of writing, there were not enough IKEv2 implementations supporting ENCR\_CHACHA20\_POLY1305 to be able to introduce it at the SHOULD+ level.

ENCR\_AES\_GCM\_16 was not considered in RFC 4307. At the time RFC 4307 was written, AES-GCM was not defined in an IETF document. AES-GCM was defined for ESP in [RFC4106] and later for IKEv2 in [RFC5282]. The main motivation for adopting AES-GCM for ESP is encryption performance compared to AES-CBC. This resulted in AES-GCM being widely implemented for ESP. As the computation load of IKEv2 is relatively small compared to ESP, many IKEv2 implementations have not implemented AES-GCM. For this reason, AES-GCM is not promoted to a greater status than SHOULD. The reason for promotion from MAY to SHOULD is to promote the slightly more secure AEAD method over the traditional encrypt+auth method. Its status is expected to be raised once widely implemented. As the advantage of the shorter (and weaker) Integrity Check Values (ICVs) is minimal, the 8- and 12-octet ICVs remain at the MAY level.

ENCR\_AES\_CCM\_8 was not considered in RFC 4307. This document considers it as SHOULD be implemented in order to be able to interact with IoT devices. As this case is not a general use case for non-IoT VPNs, its status is expected to remain as SHOULD. The 8-octet size of the ICV is expected to be sufficient for most use cases of IKEv2, as far less packets are exchanged in those cases, and IoT devices want to make packets as small as possible. The SHOULD level is for 128-bit keys, 256-bit keys remains at MAY level.

ENCR\_3DES has been downgraded from RFC 4307 MUST- to MAY. All IKEv2 implementations already implement ENCR\_AES\_CBC, so there is no need to keep support for the much slower ENCR\_3DES. In addition, ENCR\_CHACHA20\_POLY1305 provides a more modern alternative to AES.

ENCR\_DES can be brute-forced using off-the-shelf hardware. It provides no meaningful security whatsoever and, therefore, MUST NOT be implemented.

ENCR\_NULL was incorrectly specified as MAY in RFC 4307, even when [RFC7296], Section 5 clearly states that it MUST NOT be used. This was fixed and this document now lists ENCR\_NULL as MUST NOT.

### 2.2. Type 2 - IKEv2 Pseudorandom Function Transforms

Transform Type 2 algorithms are pseudorandom functions used to generate pseudorandom values when needed.

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Name	   Status +	Comment
PRF_HMAC_SHA2_256 PRF_HMAC_SHA2_512 PRF_HMAC_SHA1 PRF_AES128_XCBC PRF_HMAC_MD5	MUST   SHOULD+   MUST-   SHOULD   MUST NOT	       (IOT)   

(IoT) This requirement is for interoperability with IoT.

As no SHA2-based transforms were referenced in RFC 4307, PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_256 was not mentioned in RFC 4307. PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_256 MUST be implemented in order to replace SHA1 and PRF\_HMAC\_SHA1.

PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_512 SHOULD be implemented as a future replacement for PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_256 or when stronger security is required. PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_512 is preferred over PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_384 as the additional overhead of PRF\_HMAC\_SHA2\_512 is negligible.

PRF\_HMAC\_SHA1 has been downgraded from MUST in RFC 4307 to MUST-, as cryptographic attacks against SHA1 are increasing, resulting in an industry-wide trend to deprecate its usage.

PRF\_AES128\_XCBC is only recommended in the scope of IoT, as Internet of Things deployments tend to prefer AES-based pseudorandom functions in order to avoid implementing SHA2. For the non-IoT VPN deployment, it has been downgraded from SHOULD in RFC 4307 to MAY as it has not seen wide adoption.

PRF\_HMAC\_MD5 has been downgraded from MAY in RFC 4307 to MUST NOT. Cryptographic attacks against MD5, such as collision attacks mentioned in [TRANSCRIPTION], are resulting in an industry-wide trend to deprecate and remove MD5 (and thus HMAC-MD5) from cryptographic libraries.

## 2.3. Type 3 - IKEv2 Integrity Algorithm Transforms

The algorithms in the table below are negotiated in the SA payload and used for the Encrypted Payload. References to the specification defining these algorithms are in the IANA registry. When an AEAD algorithm (see Section 2.1) is proposed, this algorithm transform type is not in use.

Name   Status   Comment    AUTH_HMAC_SHA2_256_128   MUST      AUTH_HMAC_SHA2_512_256   SHOULD      AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96   MUST-      AUTH_AES_XCBC_96   SHOULD   (IOT)    AUTH_HMAC_MD5_96   MUST NOT      AUTH_DES_MAC   MUST NOT      AUTH_KPDK_MD5   MUST NOT	4		
AUTH_HMAC_SHA2_512_256   SHOULD   AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96   MUST-   AUTH_AES_XCBC_96   SHOULD   (IOT)   AUTH_HMAC_MD5_96   MUST_NOT   AUTH_DES_MAC   MUST_NOT	Name	Status	Comment
++	AUTH_HMAC_SHA2_512_256 AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96 AUTH_AES_XCBC_96 AUTH_HMAC_MD5_96 AUTH_DES_MAC	SHOULD MUST- SHOULD MUST NOT MUST NOT	     (IoT)     

(IoT) This requirement is for interoperability with IoT.

AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA2\_256\_128 was not mentioned in RFC 4307, as no SHA2-based transforms were mentioned. AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA2\_256\_128 MUST be implemented in order to replace AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA1\_96.

AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA2\_512\_256 SHOULD be implemented as a future replacement of AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA2\_256\_128 or when stronger security is required. This value has been preferred over AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA2\_384, as the additional overhead of AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA2\_512 is negligible.

AUTH\_HMAC\_SHA1\_96 has been downgraded from MUST in RFC 4307 to MUSTas cryptographic attacks against SHA1 are increasing, resulting in an industry-wide trend to deprecate its usage.

AUTH\_AES\_XCBC\_96 is only recommended in the scope of IoT, as Internet of Things deployments tend to prefer AES-based pseudorandom functions in order to avoid implementing SHA2. For the non-IoT VPN deployment, it has been downgraded from SHOULD in RFC 4307 to MAY as it has not been widely adopted.

AUTH\_DES\_MAC and AUTH\_KPDK\_MD5 were not mentioned in RFC 4307, so their default statuses were MAY. These have been downgraded to MUST NOT. AUTH\_HMAC\_MD5\_96 is also demoted to MUST NOT. This is because there is an industry-wide trend to deprecate DES and MD5. Note also that MD5 support is being removed from cryptographic libraries in general because its non-HMAC use is known to be subject to collision attacks, for example, as mentioned in [TRANSCRIPTION].

### 2.4. Type 4 - IKEv2 Diffie-Hellman Group Transforms

There are several Modular Exponential (MODP) groups and several Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) groups that are defined for use in IKEv2. These groups are defined in both the base document [RFC7296] and in extension documents and are identified by group number. Note that it is critical to enforce a secure Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange as this exchange provides keys for the session. If an attacker can retrieve one of the private numbers (a or b) and the complementary public value  $(g^*b)$  or  $g^*a)$ , then the attacker can compute the secret and the keys used and then decrypt the exchange and IPsec SA created inside the IKEv2 SA. Such an attack can be performed off-line on a previously recorded communication, years after the communication happened. This differs from attacks that need to be executed during the authentication that must be performed online and in near real time.

Number	Description	Status
14	2048-bit MODP Group	MUST
19	256-bit random ECP group 1536-bit MODP Group	SHOULD     SHOULD NOT
2	1024-bit MODP Group	SHOULD NOT
1	768-bit MODP Group 1024-bit MODP Group with 160-bit Prime	MUST NOT     MUST NOT
22	Order Subgroup	MOSI NOI
23	2048-bit MODP Group with 224-bit Prime	SHOULD NOT
	Order Subgroup 2048-bit MODP Group with 256-bit Prime	   SHOULD NOT
44	Order Subgroup	SHOOLD NOT

Group 14 or the 2048-bit MODP Group is raised from SHOULD+ in RFC 4307 to MUST as a replacement for the 1024-bit MODP Group. Group 14 is widely implemented and considered secure.

Group 19 or the 256-bit random ECP group was not specified in RFC 4307 as this group was not defined at that time. Group 19 is widely implemented and considered secure and, therefore, has been promoted to the SHOULD level.

Group 5 or the 1536-bit MODP Group has been downgraded from MAY in RFC 4307 to SHOULD NOT. It was specified earlier, but is now considered to be vulnerable to being broken within the next few years by a nation-state-level attack, so its security margin is considered too narrow.

Group 2 or the 1024-bit MODP Group has been downgraded from MUST- in RFC 4307 to SHOULD NOT. It is known to be weak against sufficiently funded attackers using commercially available mass-computing resources, so its security margin is considered too narrow. It is expected in the near future to be downgraded to MUST NOT.

Group 1 or the 768-bit MODP Group was not mentioned in RFC 4307 and so its status was MAY. It can be broken within hours using cheap off-the-shelf hardware. It provides no security whatsoever. It has, therefore, been downgraded to MUST NOT.

Groups 22, 23, and 24 are MODP groups with Prime Order Subgroups that are not safe primes. The seeds for these groups have not been publicly released, resulting in reduced trust in these groups. These groups were proposed as alternatives for groups 2 and 14 but never saw wide deployment. It has been shown that group 22 with 1024-bit MODP is too weak and academia have the resources to generate

malicious values at this size. This has resulted in group 22 to be demoted to MUST NOT. Groups 23 and 24 have been demoted to SHOULD NOT and are expected to be further downgraded in the near future to MUST NOT. Since groups 23 and 24 have small subgroups, the checks specified in the first bullet point of Section 2.2 of "Additional Diffie-Hellman Tests for the Internet Key Exchange Protocol Version 2 (IKEv2)" [RFC6989] MUST be done when these groups are used.

### 2.5. Summary of Changes from RFC 4307

The following table summarizes the changes from RFC 4307.

ENCR_3DES   MUST-   MAY   ENCR_NULL   MUST NOT (per [Err1937])   MUST NOT   ENCR_AES_CBC   SHOULD+   MUST   ENCR_AES_CTR   SHOULD   MAY(*)   PRF_HMAC_MD5   MAY   MUST NOT   PRF_HMAC_SHA1   MUST   MUST-   PRF_AES128_XCBC   SHOULD+   SHOULD   AUTH_HMAC_MD5_96   MAY   MUST NOT   AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96   MUST   MUST-   AUTH_AES_XCBC_96   SHOULD+   SHOULD   Group 2 (1024-bit)   MUST-   SHOULD   Group 14 (2048-bit)   SHOULD+   MUST	Algorithm	RFC 4307	RFC 8247
	ENCR_NULL ENCR_AES_CBC ENCR_AES_CTR PRF_HMAC_MD5 PRF_HMAC_SHA1 PRF_AES128_XCBC AUTH_HMAC_MD5_96 AUTH_HMAC_SHA1_96 AUTH_AES_XCBC_96 Group 2 (1024-bit)	MUST NOT (per [Err1937]) SHOULD+ SHOULD MAY MUST SHOULD+ MAY MUST SHOULD+ MAY MUST SHOULD+ MUST SHOULD+ MUST-	MUST NOT  MUST  MAY(*)  MUST NOT  MUST-  SHOULD  MUST-  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD  MUST-  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD  SHOULD

(\*) This algorithm is not mentioned in the above sections, so it defaults to MAY.

### 3. IKEv2 Authentication

IKEv2 authentication may involve a signatures verification. Signatures may be used to validate a certificate or to check the signature of the AUTH value. Cryptographic recommendations regarding certificate validation are out of scope of this document. What is mandatory to implement is provided by the PKIX community. This document is mostly concerned with signature verification and generation for the authentication.

### 3.1. IKEv2 Authentication Method

Number	Description	+   Status
1   2   3   9   10   11   14	RSA Digital Signature Shared Key Message Integrity Code DSS Digital Signature ECDSA with SHA-256 on the P-256 curve ECDSA with SHA-384 on the P-384 curve ECDSA with SHA-512 on the P-521 curve Digital Signature	MUST   MUST   SHOULD NOT   SHOULD   SHOULD   SHOULD   SHOULD

RSA Digital Signature is widely deployed and, therefore, kept for interoperability. It is expected to be downgraded in the future as its signatures are based on the older RSASSA-PKCS1-v1.5, which is no longer recommended. RSA authentication, as well as other specific authentication methods, are expected to be replaced with the generic Digital Signature method of [RFC7427].

Shared Key Message Integrity Code is widely deployed and mandatory to implement in the IKEv2 in RFC 7296. The status remains MUST.

"DSS Digital Signature" (IANA value 3) signatures are bound to SHA-1 and have the same level of security as 1024-bit RSA. They are currently at SHOULD NOT and are expected to be downgraded to MUST NOT in the future.

Authentication methods that are based on the Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) are also expected to be downgraded as these do not provide hash function agility. Instead, ECDSA (like RSA) is expected to be performed using the generic Digital Signature method. Its status is SHOULD.

Digital Signature [RFC7427] is expected to be promoted as it provides hash function, signature format, and algorithm agility. Its current status is SHOULD.

## 3.1.1. Recommendations for RSA Key Length

Description	+   Status
RSA with key length 2048 RSA with key length 3072 and 4096 RSA with key length between 2049 and 4095 RSA with key length smaller than 2048	MUST   SHOULD   MAY   SHOULD NOT

IKEv2 [RFC7296] mandates support for the RSA keys of the bit size 1024 or 2048, but key sizes less than 2048 are updated to SHOULD NOT as there is an industry-wide trend to deprecate key lengths less than 2048 bits. Since these signatures only have value in real time and need no future protection, smaller keys were kept at SHOULD NOT instead of MUST NOT.

### 3.2. Digital Signature Recommendations

When a Digital Signature authentication method is implemented, the following recommendations are applied for hash functions:

Number	Description	Status	Comment
1	SHA1	MUST NOT	
2	SHA2-256	MUST	
3	SHA2-384	MAY	
4	SHA2-512	SHOULD	

When the Digital Signature authentication method is used with RSA signature algorithm, RSASSA-PSS MUST be supported and RSASSA-PKCS1-v1.5 MAY be supported.

The following table lists recommendations for authentication methods in [RFC7427] notation. These recommendations are applied only if the Digital Signature authentication method is implemented.

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Description	Status	Comment
RSASSA-PSS with SHA-256   ecdsa-with-sha256   shalWithRSAEncryption   dsa-with-sha1   ecdsa-with-sha1   RSASSA-PSS with Empty Parameters   RSASSA-PSS with Default Parameters	MUST SHOULD MUST NOT MUST NOT MUST NOT MUST NOT MUST NOT MUST NOT	           (*)   (*)
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(\*) Empty or Default parameters means it is using SHA1, which is at the MUST NOT level.

### 4. Algorithms for Internet of Things

Some algorithms in this document are marked for use with the Internet of Things (IoT). There are several reasons why IoT devices prefer a different set of algorithms from regular IKEv2 clients. IoT devices are usually very constrained, meaning that the memory size and CPU power is so limited that these clients only have resources to implement and run one set of algorithms. For example, instead of implementing AES and SHA, these devices typically use AES\_XCBC as an integrity algorithm so SHA does not need to be implemented.

For example, IEEE Std 802.15.4 [IEEE-802-15-4] devices have a mandatory-to-implement link-level security using AES-CCM with 128-bit keys. The "IEEE Recommended Practice for Transport of Key Management Protocol (KMP) Datagrams" [IEEE-802-15-9] already provides a way to use Minimal IKEv2 [RFC7815] over the 802.15.4 layer to provide link keys for the 802.15.4 layer.

These devices might want to use AES-CCM as their IKEv2 algorithm, so they can reuse the hardware implementing it. They cannot use the AES-CBC algorithm, as the hardware quite often does not include support for the AES decryption needed to support the CBC mode. So despite the AES-CCM algorithm requiring AEAD [RFC5282] support, the benefit of reusing the crypto hardware makes AES-CCM the preferred algorithm.

Another important aspect of IoT devices is that their transfer rates are usually quite low (in the order of tens of kbit/s), and each bit they transmit has an energy consumption cost associated with it and

shortens their battery life. Therefore, shorter packets are preferred. This is the reason for recommending the 8-octet ICV over the 16-octet ICV.

Because different IoT devices will have different constraints, this document cannot specify the one mandatory profile for IoT. Instead, this document points out commonly used algorithms with IoT devices.

### 5. Security Considerations

The security of cryptographic-based systems depends on both the strength of the cryptographic algorithms chosen and the strength of the keys used with those algorithms. The security also depends on the engineering of the protocol used by the system to ensure that there are no non-cryptographic ways to bypass the security of the overall system.

The Diffie-Hellman Group parameter is the most important one to choose conservatively. Any party capturing all IKE and ESP traffic that (even years later) can break the selected DH group in IKE, can gain access to the symmetric keys used to encrypt all the ESP traffic. Therefore, these groups must be chosen very conservatively. However, specifying an extremely large DH group also puts a considerable load on the device, especially when this is a large VPN gateway or an IoT-constrained device.

This document concerns itself with the selection of cryptographic algorithms for the use of IKEv2, specifically with the selection of "mandatory-to-implement" algorithms. The algorithms identified in this document as "MUST implement" or "SHOULD implement" are not known to be broken at the current time, and cryptographic research so far leads us to believe that they will likely remain secure into the foreseeable future. However, this isn't necessarily forever and it is expected that new revisions of this document will be issued from time to time to reflect the current best practice in this area.

## 6. IANA Considerations

This document renames some of the names in the "Transform Type 1 -Encryption Algorithm Transform IDs" registry of the "Internet Key Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2) Parameters". All the other names have ENCR prefix except 3, and all other entries use names in the format of uppercase words separated with underscores except 6. This document changes those names to match others.

Per this document, IANA has renamed the following entries for the AES-GCM cipher [RFC4106] and the Camellia cipher [RFC5529]:

Old name	New name
AES-GCM with a 8 octet ICV AES-GCM with a 12 octet ICV AES-GCM with a 16 octet ICV ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM with an 8-octet ICV ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM with a 12-octet ICV ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM with a 16-octet ICV	ENCR_AES_GCM_8 ENCR_AES_GCM_12 ENCR_AES_GCM_16 ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM_8 ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM_12 ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM_16

In addition, IANA has added this RFC as a reference to both the ESP Reference and IKEv2 Reference columns for ENCR AES GCM entries, while keeping the existing references there. Also, IANA has added this RFC as a reference to the ESP Reference column for ENCR\_CAMELLIA\_CCM entries, while keeping the existing reference there.

The registry entries currently are:

Number	Name	ESP Reference	IKEv2 Reference
18	ENCR_AES_GCM_8	[RFC4106][RFC8247]	[RFC5282][RFC8247]
19	ENCR_AES_GCM_12	[RFC4106][RFC8247]	[RFC5282][RFC8247]
20	ENCR_AES_GCM_16	[RFC4106][RFC8247]	[RFC5282][RFC8247]
25	ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM_8	[RFC5529][RFC8247]	-
26	ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM_12	[RFC5529][RFC8247]	-
27	ENCR_CAMELLIA_CCM_16	[RFC5529][RFC8247]	_

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### 7.1. Normative References

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          Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119,
          DOI 10.17487/RFC2119, March 1997,
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