

## **Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 OpenSSL FIPS Provider**

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# **FIPS 140-3 Non-Proprietary Security Policy**

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## **1 General**

#### 1.1 Overview

This document is the non-proprietary FIPS 140-3 Security Policy for version 3.0.1- 3f45e68ee408cd9c of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 OpenSSL FIPS Provider. It contains the security rules under which the module must operate and describes how this module meets the requirements as specified in FIPS PUB 140-3 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-3) for an overall Security Level 1 module.

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#### 1.2 How this Security Policy was prepared

The vendor has provided the non-proprietary Security Policy of the cryptographic module, which was further consolidated into this document by atsec information security together with other vendor-supplied documentation. In preparing the Security Policy document, the laboratory formatted the vendor-supplied documentation for consolidation without altering the technical statements therein contained. The further refining of the Security Policy document was conducted iteratively throughout the conformance testing, wherein the Security Policy was submitted to the vendor, who would then edit, modify, and add technical contents. The vendor would also supply additional documentation, which the laboratory formatted into the existing Security Policy, and resubmitted to the vendor for their final editing.

### 1.3 Security levels



Table 1 describes the individual security areas of FIPS 140-3, as well as the security levels of those individual areas.

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Table 1 - Security Levels

## **2 Cryptographic module specification**

#### 2.1 Description

The Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 OpenSSL FIPS Provider (hereafter referred to as "the module") is defined as a software module in a multi-chip standalone embodiment. It provides a C language application program interface (API) for use by other applications that require cryptographic functionality. The module consists of one software component, the "FIPS provider", which implements the FIPS requirements and the cryptographic functionality provided to the operator.

#### 2.2 Operational environments

The module has been tested on the following platforms with the corresponding module variants and configuration options with and without PAA:



Table 2 - Tested Operational Environments

In addition to the configurations tested by the atsec CST laboratory, the vendor affirms testing was performed on the following platforms for the module.



Table 3 - Vendor Affirmed Operational Environments

Note: the CMVP makes no statement as to the correct operation of the module or the security strengths of the generated SSPs when so ported if the specific operational environment is not listed on the validation certificate.

### 2.3 Approved algorithms

Table 4 lists all approved cryptographic algorithms of the module, including specific key lengths employed for approved services (Table 9), and implemented modes or methods of operation of the algorithms.

The module supports RSA modulus sizes which are not tested by CAVP in compliance with FIPS 140-3 IG C.F.



<b>CAVP</b> <b>Cert</b>	<b>Algorithm and</b> <b>Standard</b>	Mode / Method	<b>Description / Key Size(s)</b> / Key Strengths	<b>Use / Function</b>
A3535 A3536 A3537 A3538 A3539 A3540 A3541 A3542 A3543 A4019 A4020 A4021 A4458 A4462	AES [FIPS 197, SP GMAC 800-38D]		128, 192, 256 bits with 128, 192, 256 bits of security strength	Message authentication
A3544 A3545 A3546 A3547 A4022 A4459	HMAC [FIPS 198-  1]	SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA- 512/224, SHA-512/256	112-524288 bits with 112-256 bits of security strength	Message authentication
A3534 A4024		SHA3-224, SHA3-256, SHA3- 384, SHA3-512		
A3553	KBKDF [SP 800- 108r1]	Counter and feedback mode, using CMAC and HMAC SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA- 512, SHA-512/224, SHA- 512/256, SHA3-224, SHA3- 256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512	112-4096 bits with 112-256 bits of security strength	<b>KBKDF Key</b> derivation
A3525	800-56Cr2]	KDA OneStep1 [SP (HMAC) SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA- 512, SHA-512/224, SHA- 512/256, SHA3-224, SHA3- 256, SHA3-384, SHA3-512	224-8192 bits with 112-256 bits of security strength	KDA OneStep Key derivation
A3526	<b>HKDF [SP 800-</b> 56Cr2]	SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA- 512/224, SHA-512/256, SHA3-224, SHA3-256, SHA3- 384, SHA3-512	224-8192 bits with 112-256 bits of security strength	HKDF Key derivation
A3534 A3544 A3545 A3546 A3547 A4022	ANS X9.42 KDF [SP 800-135r1] <b>CVL</b>	AES KW with SHA-1, SHA- 224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA-512/224, SHA-512/256, SHA3-224, SHA3-256, SHA3-384, SHA3- 512	224-8192 bits with 112-256 bits of security strength	ANS X9.42 KDF Key derivation

<sup>1</sup>This algorithm is referred to as "Single Step KDF" or "SSKDF" by OpenSSL.







Table 4 - Approved Algorithms

#### 2.4 Non-approved algorithms

The module does not offer any non-approved cryptographic algorithms that are allowed in approved services (with or without security claimed).

Table 5 lists all non-approved cryptographic algorithms of the module employed by the nonapproved services in Table 10.



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Table 5 - Non-Approved Algorithms Not Allowed in the Approved Mode of Operation

### 2.5 Module design and components

Figure 1 shows a block diagram that represents the design of the module when the module is operational and providing services to other user space applications. In this diagram, the physical perimeter of the operational environment (a general-purpose computer on which the module is installed) is indicated by a purple dashed line. The cryptographic boundary is represented by the component painted in orange block, which consists only of the shared library implementing the FIPS provider (fips.so).

Green lines indicate the flow of data between the cryptographic module and its operator application, through the logical interfaces defined in Section 3.

Components in white are only included in the diagram for informational purposes. They are not included in the cryptographic boundary (and therefore not part of the module's validation). For example, the kernel is responsible for managing system calls issued by the module itself, as well as other applications using the module for cryptographic services.



Figure 1 – Software Block Diagram

### 2.6 Rules of operation

Upon initialization, the module immediately performs all cryptographic algorithm self-tests (CASTs) as specified in Table 13. When all those self-tests pass successfully, the module automatically performs the pre-operational integrity test using the integrity value embedded in the fips.so file. Only if this integrity test also passed successfully, the module transitions to the operational state. No operator intervention is required to reach this point. The module operates in the approved mode of operation by default and can only transition into the non-approved mode by calling one of the non-approved services listed in Table 10 of the Security Policy.

In the operational state, the module accepts service requests from calling applications through its logical interfaces. At any point in the operational state, a calling application can end its process, thus causing the module to end its operation.

The module supports two modes of operation:

- The approved mode of operation, in which the approved or vendor affirmed services are available as specified in Table 9.
- The non-approved mode of operation, in which the non-approved services are available as specified in Table 10.

## **3 Cryptographic module interfaces**

The logical interfaces are the APIs through which the applications request services. These logical interfaces are logically separated from each other by the API design. Table 6 summarizes the logical interfaces:



Table 6 - Ports and Interfaces

The module does not implement a control output interface.

## **4 Roles, services, and authentication**

#### 4.1 Roles

The module supports the Crypto Officer role only. This sole role is implicitly and always assumed by the operator of the module. No support is provided for multiple concurrent operators or a maintenance role.

Table 7 lists the roles supported by the module with corresponding services with input and output parameters.



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Table 7 - Roles, Service Commands, Input and Output

#### 4.2 Authentication

The module does not support authentication for roles.

#### 4.3 Services

The module provides services to operators that assume the available role. All services are described in detail in the API documentation (manual pages). The next tables define the services that utilize approved and non-approved security functions in this module. For the respective tables, the convention below applies when specifying the access permissions (types) that the service has for each SSP.

- **Generate (G)**: The module generates or derives the SSP.
- **Read (R)**: The SSP is read from the module (e.g., the SSP is output).
- **Write (W)**: The SSP is updated, imported, or written to the module.
- **Execute (E)**: The module uses the SSP in performing a cryptographic operation.
- **Zeroize (Z)**: The module zeroizes the SSP.
- **N/A**: The module does not access any SSP or key during its operation.

To interact with the module, a calling application must use the EVP API layer provided by OpenSSL. This layer will delegate the request to the FIPS provider, which will in turn perform the requested service. Additionally, this EVP API layer can be used to retrieve the approved service indicator for the module. The redhat\_ossl\_query\_fipsindicator() function indicates whether an EVP API function is approved. After a cryptographic service was performed by the module, the API context associated with this request can contain a parameter (listed in Table 8) which represents the approved service indicator.

<b>Service Indicator</b>
EVP CIPHER C OSSL CIPHER PARAM REDHAT FIPS INDICATOR
EVP MAC CTX OSSL MAC PARAM REDHAT FIPS INDICATOR
EVP KDF CTX OSSL KDF PARAM REDHAT FIPS INDICATOR
EVP PKEY CTX OSSL SIGNATURE PARAM REDHAT FIPS INDICATOR
EVP PKEY CTX OSSL ASYM CIPHER PARAM REDHAT FIPS INDICATOR

Table 8 - Service Indicator Parameters

The details to use these functions and parameters are described in the module's manual pages.

Table 9 lists the approved services in this module, the algorithms involved, the Sensitive Security Parameters (SSPs) involved and how they are accessed, the roles that can request the service, and the respective service indicator. In this table, CO specifies the Crypto Officer role.

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Table 9 - Approved Services

Table 10 lists the non-approved services in this module, the algorithms involved, the roles that can request the service, and the respective service indicator. In this table, CO specifies the Crypto Officer role.



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Table 10 - Non-Approved Services

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## **5 Software/Firmware security**

#### 5.1 Integrity techniques

The integrity of the module is verified by comparing a HMAC SHA-256 value calculated at run time with the HMAC SHA-256 value embedded in the fips.so file that was computed at build time.

#### 5.2 On-demand integrity test

Integrity tests are performed as part of the pre-operational self-tests, which are executed when the module is initialized. The integrity test may be invoked on-demand by unloading and subsequently re-initializing the module. This will perform (among others) the software integrity test.

## **6 Operational environment**

#### 6.1 Applicability

The module operates in a modifiable operational environment per FIPS 140-3 level 1 specification: the module executes on a general purpose operating system (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9), which allows modification, loading, and execution of software that is not part of the validated module.

#### 6.2 Tested operational environments

See Section 2.2.

The Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating system is used as the basis of other products which include but are not limited to:

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS
- Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform
- Red Hat OpenStack Platform
- Red Hat OpenShift
- Red Hat Gluster Storage
- Red Hat Satellite

Compliance is maintained for these products whenever the binary is found unchanged.

#### 6.3 Policy and requirements

The module shall be installed as stated in Section 11. If properly installed, the operating system provides process isolation and memory protection mechanisms that ensure appropriate separation for memory access among the processes on the system. Each process has control over its own data and uncontrolled access to the data of other processes is prevented.

There are no concurrent operators.

The module does not have the capability of loading software or firmware from an external source.

Instrumentation tools like the ptrace system call, gdb and strace, userspace live patching, as well as other tracing mechanisms offered by the Linux environment such as ftrace or systemtap, shall not be used in the operational environment. The use of any of these tools implies that the cryptographic module is running in a non-validated operational environment.

## **7 Physical security**

The module is comprised of software only and therefore this section is not applicable.

### **8 Non-invasive security**

This module does not implement any non-invasive security mechanism and therefore this section is not applicable.

#### **9 Sensitive security parameters management**

Table 10 summarizes the Sensitive Security Parameters (SSPs) that are used by the cryptographic services implemented in the module in the approved services (Table 9).

SSPs (including CSPs) are directly imported as input parameters and exported as output parameters from the module. Because these SSPs are only transiently used for a specific service, they are by definition exclusive between approved and non-approved services.



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Table 11 - SSPs

#### 9.1 Random bit generators

The module employs two Deterministic Random Bit Generator (DRBG) implementations based on SP 800-90Ar1. These DRBGs are used internally by the module (e.g. to generate seeds for asymmetric key pairs and random numbers for security functions). They can also be accessed using the specified API functions. The following parameters are used:

- 1. Private DRBG: AES-256 CTR DRBG with derivation function. This DRBG is used to generate secret random values (e.g., during asymmetric key pair generation). It can be accessed using RAND priv bytes.
- 2. Public DRBG: AES-256 CTR\_DRBG with derivation function. This DRBG is used to generate general purpose random values that do not need to remain secret (e.g. initialization vectors). It can be accessed using RAND\_bytes.

These DRBGs will always employ prediction resistance. More information regarding the configuration and design of these DRBGs can be found in the module's manual pages.

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Table 12 - Non-Deterministic Random Number Generation Specification

The module generates SSPs (e.g., keys) whose strengths are modified by available entropy.

#### 9.2 SSP generation

The module implements Cryptographic Key Generation (CKG, vendor affirmed), compliant with SP 800-133r2. When random values are required, they are obtained from the SP 800-90Ar1 approved DRBG, compliant with Section 4 of SP 800-133r2. The following methods are implemented:

- Safe primes key pair generation: compliant with SP 800-133r2, Section 5.2, which maps to SP 800-56Ar3. The method described in Section 5.6.1.1.4 of SP 800-56Ar3 ("Testing Candidates") is used.
- RSA key pair generation: compliant with SP 800-133r2, Section 5.1, which maps to FIPS 186-4. The method described in Appendix B.3.6 of FIPS 186-4 ("Probable Primes with Conditions Based on Auxiliary Probable Primes") is used.
- ECC (ECDH and ECDSA) key pair generation: compliant with SP 800-133r2, Section 5.1, which maps to FIPS 186-4. The method described in Appendix B.4.2 of FIPS 186-4 ("Testing Candidates") is used.

Additionally, the module implements the following key derivation methods:

- KBKDF: compliant with SP 800-108r1. This implementation can be used to generate secret keys from a pre-existing key-derivation-key.
- KDA OneStep, HKDF: compliant with SP 800-56Cr2. These implementations shall only be used to generate secret keys in the context of an SP 800-56Ar3 key agreement scheme.
- ANS X9.42 KDF, ANS X9.63 KDF: compliant with SP 800-135r1. These implementations shall only be used to generate secret keys in the context of an ANS X9.42-2001 resp. ANS X9.63- 2001 key agreement scheme.
- SSH KDF, TLS 1.2 KDF, TLS 1.3 KDF: compliant with SP 800-135r1. These implementations shall only be used to generate secret keys in the context of the SSH, TLS 1.2, or TLS 1.3 protocols, respectively.
- PBKDF2: compliant with option 1a of SP 800-132. This implementation shall only be used to derive keys for use in storage applications.

Intermediate key generation values are not output from the module and are explicitly zeroized after processing the service.

#### 9.3 SSP establishment

The module provides Diffie-Hellman (DH) and Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) shared secret computation compliant with SP800-56Ar3, in accordance with scenario 2 (1) of FIPS 140-3 IG D.F.

For Diffie-Hellman, the module supports the use of the safe primes defined in RFC 3526 (IKE) and RFC 7919 (TLS). Note that the module only implements key pair generation, key pair verification, and shared secret computation. No other part of the IKE or TLS protocols is implemented (with the exception of the TLS 1.2 and 1.3 KDFs):

- IKE (RFC 3526):
	- $MODP-2048 (ID = 14)$
	- $MODP-3072 (ID = 15)$
	- $MODP-4096 (ID = 16)$
	- $MODP-6144 (ID = 17)$
	- $MODP-8192$  (ID = 18)
- TLS (RFC 7919)
	- ffdhe2048 (ID = 256)
	- ffdhe3072 (ID = 257)
	- ffdhe4096 (ID = 258)
	- ffdhe6144 (ID = 259)
	- ffdhe8192 (ID = 260)

For Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman, the module supports the NIST-defined P-224, P-256, P-384, and P-521 curves.

According to FIPS 140-3 IG D.B, the key sizes of DH and ECDH shared secret computation provide 112-200 resp. 112-256 bits of security strength in an approved mode of operation.

#### **SP 800-56Ar3 assurances:**

To comply with the assurances found in Section 5.6.2 of SP 800-56Ar3, the operator must use the module together with an application that implements the TLS protocol. Additionally, the module's approved "Key pair generation" service must be used to generate ephemeral Diffie- Hellman or EC Diffie-Hellman key pairs, or the key pairs must be obtained from another FIPS-validated module. As part of this service, the module will internally perform the full public key validation of the generated public key. The module's shared secret computation service will internally perform the full public key validation of the peer public key, complying with Sections 5.6.2.2.1 and 5.6.2.2.2 of SP 800-56Ar3.

The module also supports the AES KW and AES KWP key wrapping mechanisms. These algorithms can be used to wrap SSPs with a security strength of 128, 192, or 256 bits, depending on the wrapping key size.

#### 9.4 SSP entry/output

The module only supports SSP entry and output to and from the calling application running on the same operational environment. This corresponds to manual distribution, electronic entry/output ("CM Software to/from App via TOEPP Path") per FIPS 140-3 IG 9.5.A Table 1. There is no entry or output of cryptographically protected SSPs.

SSPs can be entered into the module via API input parameters, when required by a service. SSPs can also be output from the module via API output parameters, immediately after generation of the SSP (see Section 9.2).

#### 9.5 SSP storage

SSPs are provided to the module by the calling application and are destroyed when released by the appropriate API function calls. The module does not perform persistent storage of SSPs.

#### 9.6 SSP zeroization

The memory occupied by SSPs is allocated by regular memory allocation operating system calls. The operator application is responsible for calling the appropriate destruction functions provided in the module's API. The destruction functions (listed in Table 11) overwrite the memory occupied by SSPs with zeroes and de-allocate the memory with the regular memory de-allocation operating system call. All data output is inhibited during zeroization.

### **10 Self-tests**

The module performs pre-operational self-tests and conditional self-tests. While the module is executing the self-tests, services are not available, and data output (via the data output interface) is inhibited until the tests are successfully completed. The module does not return control to the calling application until the tests are completed.

Both conditional and pre-operational self-tests can be executed on-demand by unloading and subsequently re-initializing the module.

All the self-tests are listed in Table 12, with the respective condition under which those tests are performed. Note that the pre-operational integrity test is only executed after all cryptographic algorithm self-tests (CASTs) executed successfully.

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<b>Algorithm</b>	<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Condition</b>	Type	<b>Test</b>
	and 288-bit salt		Self-Test	
<b>CTR DRBG</b>	AES-128 with derivation function and prediction resistance	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT DRBG generation and reseed
Hash_DRBG	SHA-256 with prediction resistance	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT DRBG generation and reseed
HMAC_DRBG	SHA-1 with prediction resistance	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT DRBG generation and reseed
KAS-FFC-SSC	ffdhe2048	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT shared secret computation
KAS-ECC-SSC	P-256	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT shared secret computation
<b>RSA</b>	PKCS#1 v1.5 with SHA-256 and 2048-bit key	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT signature generation and verification
<b>ECDSA</b>	SHA-256 and P-224, P-256, P- 384, and P-521	Initialization	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test	KAT signature generation and verification
DH	N/A	DH key pair generation	Pair-wise Consistency Test	Section 5.6.2.1.4 pair-wise consistency
<b>RSA</b>	PKCS#1 v1.5 with SHA-256	RSA key pair generation	Pair-wise Consistency Test	Sign/verify pair-wise consistency
<b>ECDSA</b>	SHA-256	EC key pair generation	Pair-wise Consistency Test	Sign/verify pair-wise consistency

Table 13 - Self-Tests

## 10.1 Pre-operational tests

The module performs pre-operational tests automatically when the module is powered on. The pre-operational self-tests ensure that the module is not corrupted. The module transitions to the operational state only after the pre-operational self-tests are passed successfully.

The types of pre-operational self-tests are described in the next sub-sections.

#### 10.1.1 Pre-operational software integrity test

The integrity of the shared library component of the module is verified by comparing an HMAC SHA-256 value calculated at run time with the HMAC SHA-256 value embedded in the fips.so file that was computed at build time.

If the software integrity test fails, the module transitions to the error state (Section 10.3). As mentioned previously, the HMAC and SHA-256 algorithms go through their respective CASTs before the software integrity test is performed.

## 10.2 Conditional self-tests

#### 10.2.1 Conditional cryptographic algorithm tests

The module performs self-tests on all approved cryptographic algorithms as part of the approved services supported in the approved mode of operation, using the tests shown in Table 13. Data output through the data output interface is inhibited during the self-tests. If any of these tests fails, the module transitions to the error state (Section 10.3).

#### 10.2.2 Conditional pair-wise consistency test

Upon generation of a DH, RSA or EC key pair, the module will perform a pair-wise consistency test (PCT) as shown in Table 13, which provides some assurance that the generated key pair is well formed. For DH key pairs, this tests consists of the PCT described in Section 5.6.2.1.4 of SP 800- 56Ar3. For RSA and EC key pairs, this test consists of a signature generation and a signature verification operation. If the test fails, the module transitions to the error state (Section 10.3).

#### 10.3 Error states

If the module fails any of the self-tests, the module enters the error state. In the error state, the module immediately stops functioning and ends the application process. Consequently, the data output interface is inhibited, and the module accepts no more inputs or requests (as the module is no longer running).

Table 8 lists the error states and the status indicator values that explain the error that has occurred.

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Table 14 - Error States

## **11Life-cycle assurance**

#### 11.1 Delivery and operation

The module is distributed as a part of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 (RHEL 9) package in the form of the openssl-3.0.1-46.el9\_0.3 RPM package.

#### 11.1.1 End of life procedures

As the module does not persistently store SSPs, secure sanitization of the module consists of unloading the module. This will zeroize all SSPs in volatile memory. Then, if desired, the openssl-3.0.1-46.el9\_0.3 RPM package can be uninstalled from the RHEL 9 system.

#### 11.2 Crypto Officer guidance

Before the openssl-3.0.1-46.el9 0.3 RPM package is installed, the RHEL 9 system must operate in the approved mode. This can be achieved by:

- Adding the fips=1 option to the kernel command line during the system installation. During the software selection stage, do not install any third-party software. More information can be found at the vendor documentation.
- Switching the system into the approved mode after the installation. Execute the fipsmode-setup --enable command. Restart the system. More information can be found at the vendor documentation.

In both cases, the Crypto Officer must verify the RHEL 9 system operates in the approved mode by executing the fips-mode-setup --check command, which should output "FIPS mode is enabled."

After installation of the openssl-3.0.1-46.el9 0.3 RPM package, the Crypto Officer must execute the openssl list -providers command. The Crypto Officer must ensure that the fips provider is listed in the output as follows:

#### fips

```
 name: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 - OpenSSL FIPS Provider
version: 3.0.1-3f45e68ee408cd9c
status: active
```
The cryptographic boundary consists only of the FIPS provider as listed. If any other OpenSSL or third-party provider is invoked, the user is not interacting with the module specified in this Security Policy.

#### 11.2.1 AES GCM IV

The Crypto Officer shall consider the following requirements and restrictions when using the module.

For TLS 1.2, the module offers the AES GCM implementation and uses the context of Scenario 1 of FIPS 140-3 IG C.H. OpenSSL 3 is compliant with SP 800-52r2 Section 3.3.1 and the mechanism for IV generation is compliant with RFC 5288 and 8446.

The module does not implement the TLS protocol. The module's implementation of AES GCM is used together with an application that runs outside the module's cryptographic boundary. The design of the TLS protocol implicitly ensures that the counter (the nonce explicit part of the IV) does not exhaust the maximum number of possible values for a given session key.

In the event the module's power is lost and restored, the consuming application must ensure that a new key for use with the AES GCM key encryption or decryption under this scenario shall be established.

Alternatively, the Crypto Officer can use the module's API to perform AES GCM encryption using internal IV generation. These IVs are always 96 bits and generated using the approved DRBG internal to the module's boundary.

The module also provides a non-approved AES GCM encryption service which accepts arbitrary external IVs from the operator. This service can be requested by invoking the EVP EncryptInit ex2 API function with a non-NULL iv value. When this is the case, the API will set a non-approved service indicator as described in Section 4.3.

Finally, for TLS 1.3, the AES GCM implementation uses the context of Scenario 5 of FIPS 140-3 IG C.H. The protocol that provides this compliance is TLS 1.3, defined in RFC8446 of August 2018, using the cipher-suites that explicitly select AES GCM as the encryption/decryption cipher (Appendix B.4 of RFC8446). The module supports acceptable AES GCM cipher suites from Section 3.3.1 of SP800-52r2. TLS 1.3 employs separate 64-bit sequence numbers, one for protocol records that are received, and one for protocol records that are sent to a peer. These sequence numbers are set at zero at the beginning of a TLS 1.3 connection and each time when the AES-GCM key is changed. After reading or writing a record, the respective sequence number is incremented by one. The protocol specification determines that the sequence number should not wrap, and if this condition is observed, then the protocol implementation must either trigger a re-key of the session (i.e., a new key for AES-GCM), or terminate the connection.

#### 11.2.2 AES XTS

In compliance with IG C.I, the module implements the check to ensure that the two AES keys used in AES XTS are not identical.

The length of a single data unit encrypted or decrypted with AES XTS shall not exceed  $2^{20}$  AES blocks, that is 16MB, of data per XTS instance. An XTS instance is defined in Section 4 of SP 800- 38E.

The XTS mode shall only be used for the cryptographic protection of data on storage devices. It shall not be used for other purposes, such as the encryption of data in transit.

#### 11.2.3 Key derivation using SP 800-132 PBKDF2

The module provides password-based key derivation (PBKDF2), compliant with SP 800-132. The module supports option 1a from Section 5.4 of SP 800-132, in which the Master Key (MK) or a segment of it is used directly as the Data Protection Key (DPK). In accordance to SP 800-132 and FIPS 140-3 IG D.N, the following requirements shall be met:

- Derived keys shall only be used in storage applications. The MK shall not be used for other purposes. The module accepts a minimum length of 112 bits for the MK or DPK.
- Passwords or passphrases, used as an input for the PBKDF2, shall not be used as cryptographic keys.
- The minimum length of the password or passphrase accepted by the module is 8 characters. This will result in a password strength equal to  $10<sup>8</sup>$ . Combined with the minimum iteration count as described below, this provides an acceptable trade-off between user experience and security against brute-force attacks.
- A portion of the salt, with a length of at least 128 bits, shall be generated randomly using the SP 800-90Ar1 DRBG provided by the module.

• The iteration count shall be selected as large as possible, as long as the time required to generate the key using the entered password is acceptable for the users. The module only allows minimum iteration count to be 1000.

## **12Mitigation of other attacks**

Certain cryptographic subroutines and algorithms are vulnerable to timing analysis. The module mitigates this vulnerability by using constant-time implementations. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Big number operations: computing GCDs, modular inversion, multiplication, division, and modular exponentiation (using Montgomery multiplication)
- Elliptic curve point arithmetic: addition and multiplication (using the Montgomery ladder)
- Vector-based AES implementations

In addition, RSA, ECDSA, ECDH, and DH employ blinding techniques to further impede timing and power analysis. No configuration is needed to enable the aforementioned countermeasures.

## **Appendix A. Glossary and abbreviations**

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## **Appendix B. References**

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