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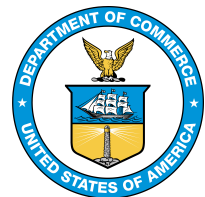
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## **Abstract**

The approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods listed in this publication replace the ones listed in International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 19790 Annex D and ISO/IEC 24759 paragraph 6.16, within the context of the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP). As a validation authority, the CMVP may supersede Annex D in its entirety. This document also supersedes SP 800-140Dr1.

## **Keywords**

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## **Audience**

This document is intended for use by vendors, testing labs, and the CMVP.

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## 1. Scope

This document specifies the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP)-approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods and supersedes those specified in International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 19790 Annex D and ISO/IEC 24759 paragraph 6.16. This document also supersedes SP 800-140Dr1.

## 2. Normative references

This section identifies the normative references cited as ISO/IEC 19790 and ISO/IEC 24759. The specific editions to be used are ISO/IEC 19790:2012 and ISO/IEC 24759:2017. Please note that the version 19790:2012 referenced here includes the corrections made in 2015.

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## 3. Terms and definitions

The following terms and definitions supersede or are in addition to ISO/IEC 19790.

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## 4. Symbols and abbreviated terms

The following symbols and abbreviated terms supersede or are in addition to ISO/IEC 19790 and ISO/IEC 24759 throughout this document:

### **CMVP**

Cryptographic Module Validation Program

### **FIPS**

Federal Information Processing Standard

### **ISO/IEC**

International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission

## 5. Document organization

### 5.1. General

Section 6 of this document replaces the approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods of ISO/IEC 19790 Annex D and ISO/IEC 24759 paragraph 6.16. This document also supersedes SP 800-140Dr1.

## **5.2. Modification**

This publication is a complete replacement of the CMVP-approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods of ISO/IEC 19790 Annex C and ISO/IEC 24759 paragraph 6.16. There are no other modifications, additions, or deletions.

## **6. CMVP-approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment requirements**

### **6.1. Purpose**

This document identifies CMVP-approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods. These are considered CMVP-approved security functions. It precludes the use of all other sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods.

### **6.2. Sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods**

For the current list of CMVP-approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods, see <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cmvp/sp800-140d>.



**Appendix A. Document Revisions**

Edition	Date	Change
Revision 1 (r1)	May 2022	<p><b>6.1 Purpose</b>                      Added language on CMVP-approved security functions.</p> <p><b>6.2 Sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods</b>                      Added/Modified: Security function subsection headers.</p> <p><b>6.2.1 Transitions</b>                      Removed: SP 800-131A Rev. 2 section references</p> <p><b>6.2.2 Symmetric Key Generation</b>                      Added: SP 800-133 Revision 2, June 2020                      Removed: SP 800-133 Revision 1, July 2019</p> <p><b>6.2.7 Key Agreement Key Derivation</b>                      Added: SP 800-56C Revision 2, August 2020                      Removed: SP 800-56C Revision 1, April 2018</p> <p><b>6.2.8 Protocol-Suite Key Derivation</b>                      Added: RFC 8446, Section 7.1, August 2018</p> <p><b>6.2.12 Other sensitive security parameter establishment methods</b>                      Added: FIPS 140-3 Implementation Guidance Section D.A</p>
Revision 2 (r2)	July 2023	<p><b>6.2 Sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods</b>                      Removed: All subsections.</p> <p>Added: Reference to a CMVP web link that includes the CMVP approved sensitive security parameter generation and establishment methods. Future modifications to the list will be made on that website, minimizing the need to revise this publication.</p>