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Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Project Telecommunications and Internet Protocol Harmonization Over Networks (TIPHON).

The present document is part 2 of a multi-part deliverable covering Security Test Specifications, as identified below:

Part 1: "Framework";

Part 2: "H.323 Environment".

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1 Scope

The present document is one part of the security testing standards for which a framework is available in TR 101 888-1.

The scope of the present document is to define the security test specifications for TIPHON Release 4 for the H.323 environment.

The security methods considered in the present document are related only to IP based networks. The signalling path and the media path in the SCN is considered to be secure ("Trust by wire").

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific.
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- [1] ITU-T Recommendation H.225.0: "Call signalling protocols and media stream packetization for packet-based multimedia communication systems"
- [2] ITU-T Recommendation H.235: "Security and encryption for H.Series (H.323 and other H.245-based) multimedia terminals".
- [3] ITU-T Recommendation H.245: "Control protocol for multimedia communication".
- [4] ITU-T Recommendation H.323: "Packet-based multimedia communications systems".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purpose of the present document, the terms and definitions given in the IUT-T Recommendations H.225.0 [1], H.235 [2], H.245 [3] and H.323 [4] apply.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

A	Audio
D	Data
IP	Internet Protocol
SCN	Switched Circuit Networks

4 Security Test Strategy

Security testing should be performed after a vendor has completed product and system testing with the ETSI testing standards.

The basic idea for security testing is to show the generation and insertion of the security bits into the specific parameters of the H.323 messages. Because this mechanism is exactly the same on the senders and the receiver's side, no distinction is necessary.

To test entities for their implementation of security two entities (that are already interworking) need to be connected. In the case of an incorrect security information it is necessary to go into the detail of the generation of the security bits. In order to be able to determine the reason for this failure the security tests strategy is just to look at the different steps of the generation and insertion of the security bits into the protocol elements. This is the only way to determine the failure.

The Security testing shall be performed for the following configurations:

- Signalling path:
 - Gatekeeper and Terminal;
 - Gatekeeper and Gateway;
 - Gatekeeper and Gatekeeper.
- Media path:
 - Terminal and Terminal;
 - Terminal and Gateway;
 - Gateway and Gateway.
- Global Service Providers:
 - BES and TRC; <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7bc0c7e8-dbb1-4cba-a02b-e54f39c5f52c/sist-ts-ts-101-888-2-v4-1-1-2004>
 - BES and CH;
 - BES and CA.

The security testing shall be performed in three different parts where the first part deals with the security testing for the signalling path (Terminal, Gatekeeper, Gateway) using ITU-T Recommendation H.235 [2] annex D. The second part deals with the security aspects for the signalling path equivalent to the first but using ITU-T Recommendation H.235 [2] annex F and the media path using H.235. The third part handles the security testing from the BES to the global service providers.

5 H.235 annex D

5.1 Overview

Figure 1 shows the basic steps to be taken at the originating entity.

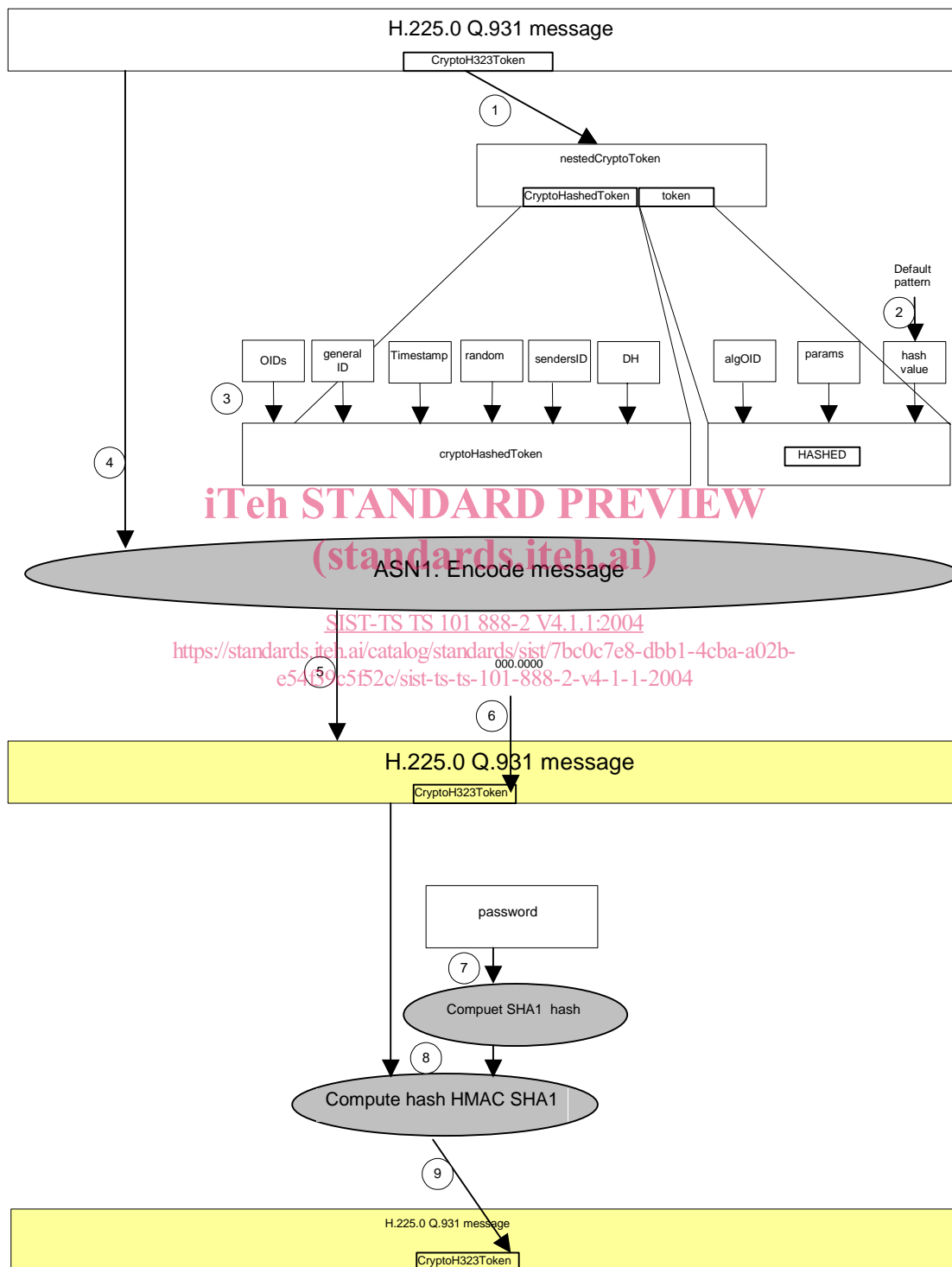


Figure 1: Stepwise approach for sender