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**Financial services — Key management  
related data element — Application  
and usage of ISO 8583 data elements  
53 and 96**

*Services financiers — Élément de données lié à la gestion des clés —  
Application et utilisation des éléments de données 53 et 96 de l'ISO 8583*

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## Introduction

This International Standard describes the structure and contents of a key management related data element that can be conveyed in electronically transmitted messages within the financial services environment to support the secure management of cryptographic keys, where the financial services environment involves the communications between a card-accepting device and an acquirer, and between an acquirer and a card issuer. Key management of keys used in an Integrated Circuit Card (ICC) and the related data elements are not covered in this International Standard.

This International Standard provides compatibility with the existing ISO standard on bank card originated messages (see ISO 8583).

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# Financial services — Key management related data element — Application and usage of ISO 8583 data elements 53 and 96

## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes a key management related data element that can be transmitted either in transaction messages to convey information about cryptographic keys used to secure the current transaction, or in cryptographic service messages to convey information about cryptographic keys to be used to secure future transactions.

This International Standard addresses the requirements for the use of the key management related data element within ISO 8583, using the following two ISO 8583 data elements:

- security related control information (data element 53), or
- key management data (data element 96).

However, these data elements can be usefully employed in other messaging formats, given that the transportation of key management related data is not limited to ISO 8583.

This International Standard is applicable to either symmetric or asymmetric cipher systems. Key management procedures for the secure management of the cryptographic keys within the financial services environment are described in ISO 11568. Security related data, such as PIN data and MACs, are described in ISO 9564 and ISO 16609, respectively.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 7812-1, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 1: Numbering system*

ISO/IEC 7812-2, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 2: Application and registration procedures*

ISO 8583-1, *Financial transaction card originated messages — Interchange message specifications — Part 1: Messages, data elements and code values*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8583-1 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **asymmetric cipher**

cipher in which the encipherment key and the decipherment key are different and it is computationally infeasible to deduce the (private) decipherment key from the (public) encipherment key

**3.2  
cipher**

pair of operations that effect transformations between plaintext and ciphertext under the control of a parameter called a key

NOTE The encipherment operation transforms data (plaintext) into an unintelligible form (ciphertext). The decipherment operation restores the original text.

**3.3  
cryptographic algorithm**

set of rules for the transformation of data using a cryptographic key

EXAMPLE The transformation of plaintext to ciphertext and vice versa (i.e. a cipher); generation of keying material; digital signature computation or validation.

**3.4  
cryptographic key  
key**

parameter that determines the operation of a cryptographic algorithm

**3.5  
cryptographic service message**

message for transporting cryptographic keys or related information used to control a keying relationship

**3.6  
derived unique key per transaction**

key management method which uses a unique key for each transaction and prevents the disclosure of any past key used by the transaction-originating TRSM

NOTE The unique Transaction Keys are derived from a base derivation key using only non-secret data transmitted as part of each transaction.

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**3.7  
primary key**

key for a transaction from which other keys for the transaction are produced

NOTE This can be done by means of variants or transformations.

**3.8  
symmetric cipher**

cryptographic algorithm using the same secret cryptographic key for both encipherment and decipherment

**3.9  
transaction message**

message used to convey information related to a financial transaction

**4 Abbreviated terms**

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
BCD	Binary Coded Decimal
CAID	Card Acceptor Identifier
CBC	Cipher Block Chaining
DEA	Data Encryption Algorithm



DID	Device Identifier
DUKPT	Derived Unique Key per Transaction
ECB	Electronic Code Book
ECIES	Elliptic Curve Integrated Encryption Scheme
GID	Group Identifier
IIC	Institution Identification Code
IIN	Issuer Identification Number
KSN	Key Serial Number
MAC	Message Authentication Code
PIN	Personal Identification Number
RSA	The Rivest, Shamir and Adleman Public Key Cryptosystem
TC	Transaction Counter
TDEA	Triple Data Encryption Algorithm
TRSM	Tamper Resistant Security Module

## 5 Data representation

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Data fields described in this International Standard are represented as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Data representation**

Abbreviation	Definition
a	Alphabetic data elements contain a single character per byte. The permitted characters are alphabetic only (a to z and A to Z, upper and lower case).
an	Alphanumeric data elements contain a single character per byte. The permitted characters are alphabetic (a to z and A to Z, upper and lowercase) and numeric (0 to 9).
ans	Alphanumeric special data elements contain a single character per byte.
b	These data elements consist of either unsigned binary numbers or bit combinations that are defined elsewhere in the specification. Example: a field defined as “b 2” has a length of two bytes such that a value of 19 is stored as Hex '00 13'.
LL	Length of variable data element that follows, 01 through 99.
LLL	Length of variable data element that follows, 001 through 999.
n	Numeric data elements consist of two numeric digits (having values in the range Hex '0' – '9') per byte. These digits are right justified and padded with leading hexadecimal zeroes. Other specifications sometimes refer to this data format as Binary Coded Decimal (“BCD”) or unsigned packed. Example: a field defined as “n 12” has a length of six bytes such that a value of 12345 is stored as Hex '00 00 00 01 23 45'.