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Mechanisms using a dedicated hash-  
function**

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO/IEC 9797-2:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Using dedicated hash-function 17 for MAC Algorithms 1 and 3 has been added;
- Using dedicated hash-functions 11, 12, 13 to 16, and 17 for MAC Algorithm 2 has been added;
- MAC Algorithm 4 based on Keccak, a primitive in the definition of dedicated hash-functions 13 to 16 has been added.

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# Information security — Message authentication codes (MACs) —

## Part 2: Mechanisms using a dedicated hash-function

### 1 Scope

This document specifies MAC algorithms that use a secret key and a hash-function (or its round-function or sponge function) to calculate an  $m$ -bit MAC. These mechanisms can be used as data integrity mechanisms to verify that data has not been altered in an unauthorized manner.

NOTE A general framework for the provision of integrity services is specified in ISO/IEC 10181-6.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 10118-3, *IT Security techniques — Hash-functions — Part 3: Dedicated hash-functions*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 block

bit-string of length  $L_1$ , i.e. the length of the first input to the round-function

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 10118-3:2018, 3.1]

#### 3.2 entropy

measure of the disorder, randomness or variability in a closed system

Note 1 to entry: The entropy of a random variable  $X$  is a mathematical measure of the amount of information provided by an observation of  $X$ .

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 18031:2011, 3.11]

#### 3.3 input data string

string of bits which is the input to a MAC algorithm