



Security Policy
Postal Revenector
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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This is a Cryptographic Module Security Policy for the Francotyp Postalia Postal Revenector. It was written for the purpose of a FIPS 140-2 validation of the Postal Revenector. This Security Policy specifies the security rules under which the Postal Revenector must operate. Included in these rules are those derived from the security requirements of FIPS 140-2 and additionally, those imposed by Francotyp Postalia. These rules, in total, define the interrelationship between

- The module operators,
- Module services, and
- Critical security parameters (CSPs) / postal relevant data items (PRDIs).

1.2 Overview

The Postal Revenector, shown in Figure 1-1, consists of a microprocessor controlled custom circuitry which is mounted on a printed circuit board (PCB). The Postal Revenector is typically used in hosting systems of Francotyp Postalia like the Postage Meter MyMail and UltiMail. The Postal Revenector performs all of the Postage Meter cryptographic and postal security functions and protects the CSPs and PRDIs from unauthorized access.



Figure 1-1: View of Postal Revenector

1.3 Implementation and Cryptographic Boundary

The Postal Revenector is implemented as a multi-chip embedded cryptographic module defined by FIPS 140-2. The cryptographic boundary includes all hardware components, with the exception of the battery, the connector and the LEDs, located on the Postal Revenector. The circuitry contained within the cryptographic boundary is enclosed within a tamper detecting hull and potted with hard opaque potting material. These elements both protect the electronic circuitry from unauthorized access and provide tamper evidence, detection and response. All Postal Revenector software/firmware is included within the cryptographic boundary.

2 Security Level

The Postal Revenector is designed to meet the FIPS 140-2 security level 3 overall as shown in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: FIPS 140-2 Security Levels

Section	Security Requirement	Level
1	Cryptographic Module Specification	3
2	Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces	3
3	Roles, Services and Authentication	3
4	Finite State Model	3
5	Physical Security	3 + EFP
6	Operational Environment	N/A
7	Cryptographic Key Management	3
8	Electromagnetic Interference/ Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMI/IMC)	3
9	Self-Tests	3
10	Design Assurance	3
11	Mitigation of Other Attacks	N/A

Per United States Postal Services requirements, the module meets FIPS 140-2 Level 4, Environmental Failure Protection (EFP).

3 Security Rules

The Postal Revenector shall enforce the following security rules. These rules are separated into two categories,

- Those imposed by FIPS 140-2 and,
- Those imposed by the United States Postal Service also referred to as USPS

3.1 FIPS 140-2 Related Security Rules

1. The Postal Revenector shall support the following logically distinct interfaces sharing one physical port:
 - Data input interface
 - Data output interface
 - Control input interface
 - Status output interface
 - Power interface
2. The Postal Revenector shall inhibit all output via the data output interface during self-tests and whenever an error state was entered.
3. The Postal Revenector shall logically disconnect the output data path from the processes while performing key generation and zeroization.
4. Critical security Parameters (CSPs) are not permitted to enter the module in an unprotected form.
5. The Postal Revenector shall not permit the output of critical security parameters.
6. The Postal Revenector shall enforce Identity-based authentication.
7. The Postal Revenector shall support the following authorized roles: Customer, User and Cryptographic Officer.
8. The Postal Revenector shall not retain authentication of an operator when it is powered-up after being powered off.
9. The Postal Revenector shall not support a bypass mode.
10. The Postal Revenector shall be protected using a hard opaque potting material as coating.
11. The Postal Revenector shall be protected by a tamper enclosure.
12. The Postal Revenector shall implement environmental failure protection for temperature and voltage.
13. The Postal Revenector shall implement all software using a high-level language, except the limited use of low-level languages to enhance performance.
14. The Postal Revenector shall protect critical security parameters from unauthorized disclosure, modification and substitution.
15. The Postal Revenector shall provide means to ensure that a key entered into or stored within is associated with the correct entities to which the key is assigned.
16. The Postal Revenector shall deny unauthorized access to plaintext secret and private keys contained within the Postal Revenector.
17. The Postal Revenector shall provide the capability to zeroize all critical security parameters contained within the Postal Revenector.
18. The Postal Revenector shall support the following FIPS approved security functions:
 - Single DES (CBC-MAC and ECB mode)
 - Triple DES Encrypt, Decrypt (ECB and CBC mode)
 - ECDSA Sign, Verify as specified in ANSI X9.62
 - RSA Sign, Verify as specified in PKCS#1
 - SHA-1 as specified in FIPS 180-2
 - HMAC SHA-1 as specified in FIPS 198

19. The Postal Revenector shall support the following non-approved security functions:
 - Diffie-Hellman key agreement as specified in ANSI X9.42
20. The Postal Revenector shall support a FIPS approved pseudo random number generator (PRNG) as specified in FIPS 186-2 Appendix 3.1
21. The Postal Revenector shall conform to the EMI/EMC requirements specified in FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Class B.
22. The Postal Revenector shall perform the self tests during power on and on demand listed in section 4
23. The Postal Revenector shall output an error indicator via the status interface whenever an error state is entered due to a failed self-test.
24. The Postal Revenector shall not perform any cryptographic functions while in an error state.
25. The Postal Revenector shall not support multiple concurrent operators.
26. The Postal Revenector shall only provide a FIPS mode of operation.

3.2 USPS Related Security Rules

1. The Postal Revenector shall protect the postal relevant data items (PRDIs) against unauthorized substitution or modification.
2. PRDIs are not security relevant and shall never be zeroized by the Postal Revenector.
3. The Postal Revenector shall comply to the specifications given in the Information Bases Indicia Program of the United States Postal Services.
4. The Postal Revenector shall provide mechanisms to disable the Accounting-Service when it is not connected to its infrastructure on a regular basis.
5. The Postal Revenector shall provide mechanisms to disable the Accounting-Service when it detects its physical removal from its hosting system.
6. The Postal Revenector shall provide a service mode which dumps out the PRDIs even if the microprocessor is inoperable.

4 Self Tests

The following section lists the self tests which are performed on power up, on demand and continuously. All FIPS approved and non-approved security which are used in the Postal Revenector are listed, too.

Table 4-1: Self-Tests

Name	Type	Description
Software firmware integrity test		
Persistent data consistency	Power Up	Try to load all persistent objects from NVRAM into RAM to check whether their contents, sizes and checksums are correct.
System Exceptions	Power Up	Check internal system exceptions (tamper event, battery power alarm, NVRAM power fail)
Software integrity test	Power Up & On Demand	Check CRC16 of internal system software
Critical function test		
Register consistency test	Power Up & on Demand & continuously	Check consistence of the postal registers. The function is called continuously before each register manipulation as a precondition of the following manipulation (finance function).
Big Number function test	Power Up & on demand	Checks the import/export functionality for big numbers using known values
Cryptographic algorithm test		
Security Function tests	Power Up (except statistical PRNG) & and on Demand	For details see Table 4-2.

Table 4-2: Security Functions

Security Function (SF)	Approved SF	Type of self-test	Conditional test
TDES	Yes, NIST Certificate #39	KAT of all modes on power up and on demand.	Odd parity and week key check.
SHA-1	Yes, NIST Certificate #43	KAT on power up and on demand.	Odd parity and week key check.

Security Function (SF)	Approved SF	Type of self-test	Conditional test
DES	Yes, NIST Certificate #108	KAT of all modes on power up and on demand.	Odd parity and week key check.
RSA	Yes, no Certificate required. Implementation according to PKCS#1	Known answer test (KAT) on power up and on demand.	On key generation: see FIPS 140-2 section 4.9.2 Pairwise consistency test 3.
Diffie Hellman Key Agreement	No. Implementation according to ANSI X9.42	KAT on power up and on demand.	On key generation: see FIPS 140-2 section 4.9.2 Pairwise consistency test 2.
HMAC	Yes, no Certificate required. Implementation according to FIPS 198.	KAT on power up and on demand.	None
ECDSA	Yes, no Certificate required. Implementation according to ANSI X9.62	KAT on power up and on demand.	On key generation: see FIPS 140-2 section 4.9.2 Pairwise consistency test 3.
PRNG	Yes. Implementation according to FIPS 186-2 Appendix 3.1	KAT on power up and on demand.	On usage: see FIPS 140-2 section 4.9.2 Continuous RNG test 1.
		FIPS 140-2 (section 4.9.1) compliant test on demand	

5 Roles and Services

The Postal Revenector shall support three distinct roles. These roles are:

- Cryptographic Officer
- User
- Customer

All services which do not read, update, modify or generate critical security parameters (CSPs) do not require authentication. These are the following Services:

Echo	This service receives arbitrary bytes and returns a copy of them back to the sender.
Reboot Device	This service reboots the module.
Get Status	This service requests status output (e.g. : PRDIs and selftest result).
Invalidate Software Creation	This service invalidates the loaded FIPS 140-2 validated software.
Scrap	This service enters initial postal parameters (PRDIs). This service explicitly zeroizes all CSPs and sets the module out of operation.
Self-Test	The service runs the self tests and returns the result .
Setup Parameters	This service allows to enter parameters used by other services.
Get Log Information	This service requests status (logged events).
Lock Out	This service explicitly disables the Accounting-Service until the PVD-Service was performed successfully.
Reset HS-Loop	This service re-enables the Accounting-Service after being moved between host systems
Get Certificate	This service requests status (stored certificates of public keys)

5.1 Cryptographic Officer and User

The *Cryptographic Officer* and the *User* are authenticated using an identity based authentication method. This method is based on two pairs of asymmetric keys and distinguished names. The public parts and distinguished names are known to each other party. The Postal Revenector and the operator are able to identify and authenticate themselves by verifying the exchanged distinguished name and signature of each other. In addition the Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol can be used to exchange secret keys for further key encryption and continuous authentication of data exchange.

The Cryptographic Officer and User Role shall provide those services necessary to initialize, authorize and validate the Postal Revenector. Furthermore these roles provide all services which enter, modify or generate critical security parameters.

The Francotyp Postalia Infrastructure Server typically acts on behalf of a Cryptographic Officer and the User. The following services are provided in these roles and require authentication:

Enter PKM Certificate	This service enters the country specific infrastructure certificate and therewith introduces the Cryptographic Officer and the User. PKM stands for Public Key Management. The country specific infrastructure certificate is typically abbreviated as PKM certificate.
Renew PKM Certificate	This service re-enters the country specific infrastructure certificate.
Secure Echo	This service is used for authenticated testing purposes.
Postage Value Download (PVD)	This service audits the PRDIs of the module and on success downloads postage from the country specific infrastructure.
Postage Value Refund (PVR)	This service audits the PRDIs of the module and on success refunds

	the remaining postage of the module back to the country specific infrastructure and deletes all customer specific PRDIs and zeroizes all customer specific CSPs.
Reenter FP-MAC Key	This service enters the FP-MAC Verification Key in encrypted format.
Rekey PSD¹ Key	This service rekeys the Postal Revenector Key inside of the module.
Rekey Indicia Key	This service rekeys the Postal Revenector Indicia Key inside of the module.
Initialization	This service performs the postal Initialization-Function as specified by the postal authority (setup of PRDIs). It initially prepares the Postal Revenector for operation in a Host System.
Authorization	This service performs the postal Authorization-Function as specified by the postal authority (setup of PRDIs). It prepares the Postal Revenector for operation at a customer by entering customer specific PRDIs and disables the Authorization-Service.
Re-Initialization	This service changes the internal lifecycle state of the module (PRDI). It re-enables the module for another postal Authorization-Function.
Re-Authorization	This service supports modifying customer specific PRDIs.
Get Secure Status	This service requests authenticated status output.

5.2 Customer

The *Customer* is authenticated on-behalf-off the User and Cryptographic Officer role.

The *Customer* is the end user of the postal meter that shall perform postal related services.

The *Customer* Role shall provide the following services:

Account Administration	This service supports customer privilege levels to access postal specific services as listed below.
Accounting	This service requests to perform postal indicium creation by modifying the PRDIs in accordance to the requirements of the postal authority and sign several PRDIs to give evidence of the successfully performed operation.
Verify MAC	This service performs verification of data which was provided to the module.

¹ PSD is the abbreviation for Postal Security Device. The word PSD is typically used by the postal authorities.

6 Strength of Authentication

To meet the requirements for strength of authentication, the probability shall be less than one in 1,000,000 that a random attempt will succeed or a false acceptance will occur.

This requirement is met by the above-specified authentication methods as follows:

The key size for the Cryptographic Officer is at least 1024 bit.

For multiple attempts to use the authentication mechanism during a one-minute period, the probability shall be less than one in 100,000 that a random attempt will succeed or a false acceptance will occur. This requirements equals with 1667 attempts per second or a minimum time delay of 6 ms between two attempts. This time is granted by the implementation by a time delay of 6 ms after a false attempt.

7 Critical Security Parameters

The Postal Revenector protects several critical security parameters described in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1: CSPs protected by the Postal Revenector

Name	Abbreviation	Type of Key	Purpose
PSD ¹ Transport Signing (private) Key	TSK	1024 bit RSA key	Serves to properly recognize Postal Revenectors after they have been shipped to their final country and establish initial secure session (Crypto Officer Login) to upload the first PSD ¹ Key certificate.
PSD ¹ Signing (private) Key	PSK	1024 bit RSA key	Serves to setup regular secure sessions (Crypto Officer Login) for communication between the Postal Revenector and the FP Data Center.
Indicia Signing (private) Key	ISK	163 bit ECDSA key	Serves to sign the indicia printed by the Host System.
MAC Verification Key	MVK	112 bit TDES key	Serves to derive a Record Verification Key.
Record Verification Key	RVK	56 bit DES key	Serves to authenticate FP specific data records from an existing legacy infrastructure system.
Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman	EDH	2048 bit DH key agreement	Serves to derive session keys for the Cryptographic Officer (secure session)
Session Authentication Key	SAK	112 bit TDES key	Serves to authenticate data during a secure session.
Session Encryption Key	SEK	112 bit TDES key	Serves to encrypt and decrypt data during a secure session.
State of Pseudo Random Number Generator	RNGS	N/A	Internal state of the Pseudo RNG. The value is changed by every random generation of the Postal Revenector.

8 Service to CSP Access Relationship

The Postal Revenector distinguishes between the following modes of access:

Table 8-1: Modes of CSP Accesses

Mode	Description
I	The CSP will be initialized
U	The CSP will be internally used (optional on demand)
M	The CSP will be modified and written
E	The CSP will be entered
G	The CSP will be generated
Z	The CSP will be zeroized
D	The CSP will be derived using other CSPs

Table 8-2: Service to CSP Access Relationship

Authorized Service \ CSP	CSP										
	TSK	PSK	ISK	MVK	EDH	SAK	SEK	RNGS	CO-Role	User-Role	Customer Role
Renew PKM Certificate		U			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Enter PKM Certificate									x		
Secure Echo		U			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Postage Value Download		U			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Postage Value Refund		U			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Reenter FP-MAC Key		U		M	D,U,Z	U,Z	U,Z	M	x		
Re-key PSD ¹ Key		U,G			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Re-key Indicia Key		U	G		D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Initialization	U	G		M	D,U,Z	U,Z	U,Z	M	x		
Authorization		U	G		D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Re-Initialization		U			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Re-Authorization		U			D,U,Z	U,Z		M	x		
Accounting			U					M			x
Account Administration											x
Verify MAC				U							x
Get Secure Status					D,U,Z	U,Z	U	M	x		
Scrap	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z			Z	x	X	x
Echo									x	X	x
Reboot Device									x	X	x
Get Status									x	X	x
Invalidate Software									x	X	x
Creation									x	X	x
Self-Test									x	X	x
Setup Parameters									x	X	x
Get Log Information									x	X	x
Lock Out									x	X	x
Reset HS-Loop									x	X	x
Get Certificate									x	X	x