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Part 4: TEA4**

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## Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee TETRA and Critical Communications Evolution (TCCE).

The present document is part 4 of a multi-part deliverable covering the rules for the management of the TETRA standard encryption algorithms, as identified below:

- Part 1: "TEA1";
- Part 2: "TEA2";
- Part 3: "TEA3";
- Part 4: "TEA4".**

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## Modal verbs terminology

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# 1 Scope

The purpose of the present document is to specify the rules for the management of the TETRA standard encryption algorithm TEA4. This algorithm is intended for air interface encryption in TETRA products.

The specification for TEA4 consists of the following three parts:

- Part 1:           Algorithm specification;
- Part 2:           Design conformance test data;
- Part 3:           Algorithm input/output test data.

The procedures described in the present document apply to Parts 1 and 2 of the specifications. Parts 1 and 2 are confidential for each of the algorithms.

Part 3 of each of the specifications is not confidential and can be obtained directly from the TEA4 Custodian (see clause 5.2). There are no restrictions on the distribution of this part of the specifications.

The management structure is defined in clause 4. This structure is defined in terms of the principals involved in the management of TEA4 (ETSI, ETSI Technical Committee TCCE, TEA4 Custodian and approved recipients) together with the relationships and interactions between them.

The procedures for delivering TEA4 to approved recipients are defined in clause 5. This clause is supplemented by annex A which specifies the items which are to be delivered.

Clause 6 is concerned with the criteria for approving an organization for receipt of TEA4 and with the responsibilities of an approved recipient. This clause is supplemented by annex B which contains a Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking to be signed by each approved recipient.

Clause 7 is concerned with the appointment and responsibilities of the TEA4 Custodian.

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## 2 References

### 2.1 Normative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the reference document (including any amendments) applies.

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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] ETSI EN 300 392-7: "Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA); Voice plus Data (V+D); Part 7: Security".
- [i.2] ETSI EN 300 396-6: "Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA); Direct Mode Operation (DMO); Part 6: Security".

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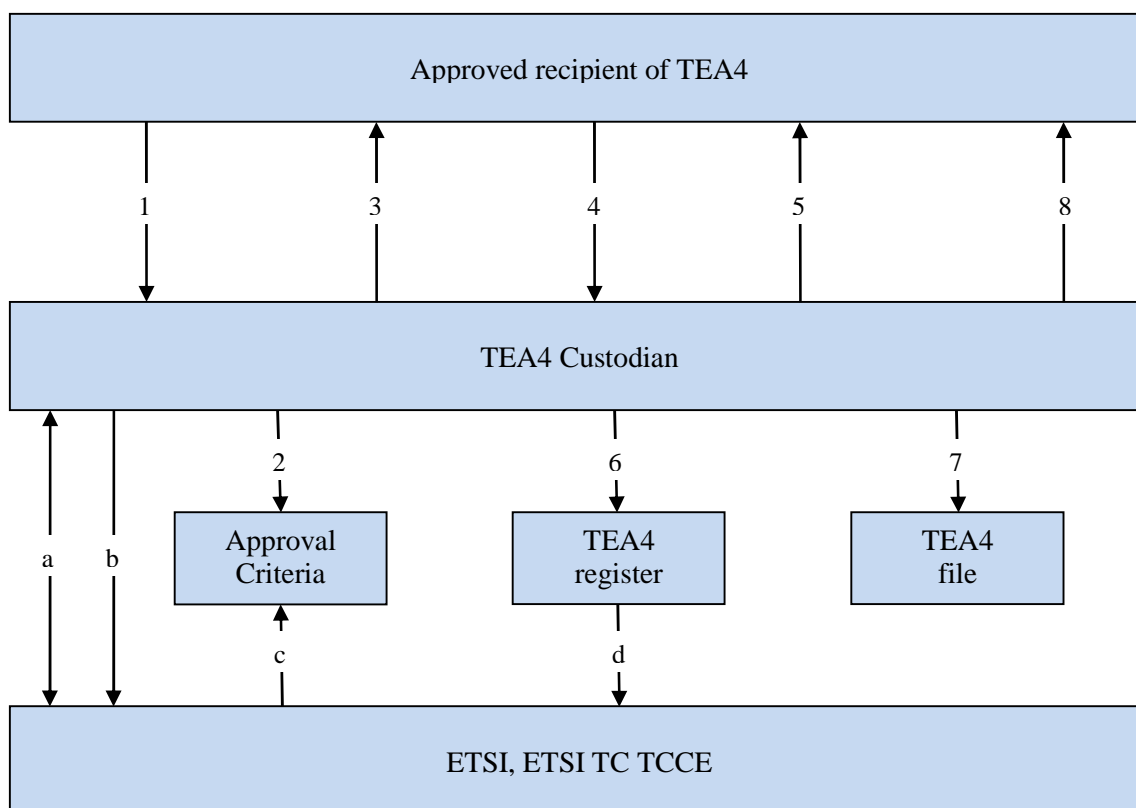
## 3 Abbreviations

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

CRUU	Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking
TC	Technical Committee
TCCE	TETRA and Critical Communications Evolution
TEA4	TETRA Encryption Algorithm No. 4
TETRA	Terrestrial Trunked RADio

## 4 TEA4 management structure

The management structure is depicted in figure 1.



Key:

- a = Agreement between TEA4 Custodian and ETSI
- b = Status reports and recommendations
- c = Setting of approval criteria
- d = Requested details of the TEA4 register
- 1 = Request for TEA4
- 2 = Check of request against approval criteria
- 3 and 4 = Exchange of Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking
- 5 = Dispatch of TEA4 specification
- 6 = Update the TEA4 register
- 7 = Document filing
- 8 = Technical advice

**Figure 1: TEA4 management structure**

Figure 1 shows the three principals involved in the management of TEA4 and the relationships and interactions between them.

ETSI is the owner of TEA4. The ETSI Secretariat together with ETSI TC TCCE sets the approval criteria for receipt of the algorithm (see clause 6).

The TEA4 Custodian is the interface between ETSI and the approved recipients of TEA4.

The Custodian shall be the ETSI Secretariat unless it is decided by ETSI Secretariat and/or ETSI TC TCCE to (temporarily) delegate this task to a third party on the basis of an agreement between the latter and the ETSI Secretariat. The TEA4 Custodian's duties are detailed in clause 7. They include distributing TEA4 to approved recipients, as detailed in clause 5, providing limited technical advice to approved recipients and providing algorithm status reports to ETSI TC TCCE.

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## 5 Distribution procedures

### 5.1 Distribution of parts 1, 2 and 3 of the TEA4 specification by the TEA4 Custodian

This clause describes the procedure for the distribution of parts 1, 2 and 3 of the TEA4 specification (see clause 1) when requested together. See clause 5.2 for the procedure for the distribution of part 3 as a separate item.

The TEA4 Custodian is responsible for determining whether an applicant meets the criteria to receive the TEA4 specification.

The TEA4 Custodian is responsible for signing TEA4 Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertakings with qualified applicants who require access to the TEA4 specification.

The TEA4 Custodian is responsible for sending copies of the TEA4 specification to qualified applicants.

The following procedure for distributing TEA4 specifications is defined with reference to figure 1.

- 1) The TEA4 Custodian receives a written request for N copies of the TEA4 specification parts 1, 2 and 3 (see notes 1 and 2).
- 2) The TEA4 Custodian determines whether the requesting organization meets the approval criteria (see clause 6).
- 3) If the request is not approved, the TEA4 Custodian informs the requesting organization that its request has not been approved.
- 4) If the request is approved, the TEA4 Custodian dispatches 2 copies of the corresponding Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking (as given in annex B) for signature by the approved recipient (see notes 2 and 6) together with a copy of the present document (Rules for the management of the TETRA standard encryption algorithm TEA4).
- 5) Both copies of the Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking (CRUU) have to be signed by the approved recipient (see notes 5 and 7) and returned to the TEA4 Custodian, together with the payment of any applicable charges.
- 6) The TEA4 Custodian sends up to N (see note 3) numbered copies of the TEA4 specification parts 1, 2 and 3 to the approved recipient, together with one countersigned copy of the returned Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking (CRUU) and a covering letter (see notes 4 and 6).
- 7) The TEA4 Custodian updates the TEA4 Register by recording the name and address of the recipient, the numbers of the copies of the TEA4 specification delivered and the date of delivery. If the original request is not approved, the TEA4 Custodian records the name and address of the requesting organization and the reason for rejecting the request in the TEA4 Register (see also note 8).
- 8) The TEA4 Custodian countersigns and files the second returned copy of the Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking (CRUU) in the TEA4 File together with a copy of the covering letter sent to the approved recipient.
- 9) The TEA4 Custodian may provide very limited technical advice with respect to answering questions concerning the TEA4 specification.
- 10) If there is a change in the contact details of the signatory or name or ownership of the organization, the organization shall inform the TEA4 Custodian.
- 11) All copies of the TEA4 specification shall be returned to the TEA4 Custodian when they are no longer required by the organization that received them (see note 8).

NOTE 1: Requests for the TEA4 specification may be made directly to the TEA4 Custodian or through ETSI.

NOTE 2: The Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking (CRUU) specifies the number of copies requested.

NOTE 3: The covering letter specifies the numbers of the copies delivered.



NOTE 4: If the request is approved, the TEA4 Custodian sends all items listed in annex A. Requests for part of the package of items are rejected.

NOTE 5: An organization may request the specification on behalf of a second organization to which it is subcontracting work which requires the specification. In this case, the first organization is responsible for returning a Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking (CRUU) signed by the second organization.

NOTE 6: Under normal circumstances the TEA4 Custodian is expected to respond within 25 working days, excluding the delay of the procedures with the Customs Services.

NOTE 7: The approved recipient is represented by its authorized officers.

NOTE 8: If a TEA4 specification is returned to the TEA4 Custodian (for example the recipient may decide not to make use of the information), then the TEA4 Custodian destroys the specification and enters a note to this effect in the TEA4 Register.

## 5.2 Distribution of TEA4 specification part 3 by the TEA4 Custodian

The following procedure is defined for distributing only part 3 of the TEA4 specification:

- 1) The TEA4 Custodian receives a written request for one single copy of part 3 of the TEA4 specification.
- 2) The TEA4 Custodian sends one copy of part 3 of the TEA4 specification to the applicant.

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## 6 Approval criteria and restrictions

The approval criteria are set by the ETSI Secretariat together with ETSI TC TCCE and maintained by the TEA4 Custodian. The TEA4 Custodian may recommend changes to these criteria.

In order for an organization to be considered an approved recipient of the TEA4 specification it has to satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- C1 The organization is a bona fide designer or manufacturer of TETRA subscriber or fixed network equipment, where the algorithm requested is included in the systems.
- C2 The organization is a bona fide designer or manufacturer of components for TETRA subscriber or fixed network equipment, where at least one of the components includes the algorithm requested.
- C3 The organization is a bona fide designer or manufacturer of a TETRA system simulator for testing of TETRA subscriber or fixed network equipment, where the simulator includes the algorithm requested.

The TEA4 Custodian shall decide whether an organization requesting the TEA4 specification may be considered to be an approved recipient. Any doubtful cases shall be referred back to ETSI Secretariat or ETSI TC TCCE.

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## 7 The TEA4 Custodian

### 7.1 Responsibilities

The TEA4 Custodian is expected to perform the following tasks:

- T1 To approve requests for TEA4 by reference to the Approval Criteria given in clause 6.
- T2 To exchange the Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking with approved recipients as described in clause 5.
- T2bis To obtain the Administrative authorization and export licences required by the Customs Services of its country if any.
- T3 To distribute, if approved, the TEA4 specifications as detailed in clause 5 (see note 1).
- T4 To maintain the TEA4 Register as described in clause 5.
- T5 To hold in custody the contents of the TEA4 File as specified in clause 5.
- T6 To provide recipients of TEA4 with limited technical support, i.e. answer written queries arising from the specification or test data (see note 2).
- T7 To advise ETSI/ETSI TC TCCE of any problems arising with the approval criteria.
- T8 In the light of written queries from recipients of the TEA4 specifications, to make recommendations to ETSI/ETSI TC TCCE for improvements/corrections to the specification and, subject to ETSI/ETSI TC TCCE approval, make and distribute the changes (see note 3).
- T9 To provide ETSI/ETSI TC TCCE with information from the TEA4 Register when requested to do so.
- T10 To monitor published advances in cryptanalysis and advise the ETSI TC TCCE of any advances which have a significant impact upon the continued suitability of TEA4 for the TETRA application.

NOTE 1: Registered postage will be used. If recipients require a different delivery service then they will be expected to pay the full costs.

NOTE 2: The TEA4 Custodian will only endeavour to answer questions relating to the TEA4 specifications. He is not expected to provide technical support for development programmes.

NOTE 3: Numbered copies of any changes to the TEA4 specifications will be automatically distributed to all recipients of the specification and a record of the distribution entered in the TEA4 Register.

### 7.2 Appointment

The TEA4 Custodian is:

- ETSI Secretariat

The contact person is:

- ETSI Algorithms & Codes
- Email: [algorithms@etsi.org](mailto:algorithms@etsi.org)
- ETSI  
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FRANCE

The TEA4 Custodian will ask a fee from the recipient to cover the cost of distribution of Part 1 and 2 of the specifications.

The TEA4 Custodian may ask for an optional fee from the recipient to cover the cost of distribution of Part 3.

All requests for either the TEA4 specification Part 1 and 2 or the TEA4 specification Part 3 should be addressed to the indicated contact person or to ETSI.

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## Annex A (informative): Items delivered to approved recipient of TEA4

- ITEM-1: Up to N numbered paper copies of the TEA4 specification (parts 1, 2 and 3) where N is the number of copies approved.
- ITEM-2: A countersigned Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking.
- ITEM-3: A cover letter from and signed by the TEA4 Custodian listing the delivered items (ITEM-1 and ITEM-2 above) and the numbers of the specifications delivered.

In all cases one copy of the present document will be delivered to each signatory of the CRUU.

# Annex B (normative): Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking for TEA4

## CONFIDENTIALITY AND RESTRICTED USAGE UNDERTAKING

relating to

the TEA4 algorithm for the protection of the information exchanged over the radio channels of the Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA) System.

Between

(COMPANY NAME) .....

(COMPANY ADDRESS) .....

hereinafter called: the LICENCEE;

and

(COMPANY NAME) .....

(COMPANY ADDRESS) .....

hereinafter called: the CUSTODIAN.

Whereas

The LICENCEE declares, supported by additional information provided, that he fulfils at least one of the following criteria:

- He is a bona fide designer or manufacturer of TETRA subscriber or fixed network equipment where TETRA Standard Encryption Algorithm 4 (hereinafter referred to as TEA4) is included in the systems.
- He is a bona fide designer or manufacturer of components for TETRA subscriber or fixed network equipment where at least one of the components includes TEA4.
- He is a bona fide designer or manufacturer of TETRA system simulators for testing of TETRA subscriber or fixed network equipment where the simulator includes TEA4.

The CUSTODIAN undertakes to give to the LICENCEE:

- Registered copies of the detailed specification of the confidentiality algorithm TEA4 Part 1 and Part 2 for protection of the information exchanged over the radio channels of a Terrestrial Trunked Radio system.

The LICENCEE undertakes to:

- 1) keep strictly confidential all information contained in the detailed specification of TEA4 and all related communications written or verbal which have been associated with that information after the signature of the present undertaking (the "INFORMATION").
- 2) take measures to ensure that his personnel do not disclose to third parties, without prior and explicit authorization in writing by the CUSTODIAN, all or part of the INFORMATION.
- 3) use the INFORMATION in the TEA4 specification exclusively for the provision of TETRA components, systems or services, thus refraining from making any other use of TEA4 or information in the TEA4 specification.

- 4) design his equipment in a manner that protects TEA4 from disclosure and ensures that it cannot be used for any purpose other than to provide the TETRA air interface security services for which it is intended.

These services are specified in the following standards:

- ETSI EN 300 392-7: "Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA); Voice plus Data (V+D); Part 7: Security".
- ETSI EN 300 396-6: "Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA); Direct Mode Operation (DMO); Part 6: Security".

TEA4 shall not be used to provide end-to-end security services.

The LICENCEE undertakes NOT to:

- 5) make copies of the TEA4 specifications (all copies of these specifications must be produced, numbered and registered by the TEA4 Custodian).
- 6) disclose the INFORMATION to any third party without prior and explicit authorization in writing by the CUSTODIAN.
- 7) register, or attempt to register, any IPR (patents or the like rights) relating to TEA4 and containing all or part of the INFORMATION.
- 8) subcontract any part of the design and build of his equipment, or the provision of his TETRA services, which requires a knowledge of TEA4, to any organization which has not signed the Confidentiality and Restricted Usage Undertaking.
- 9) publish a description or analysis of any aspects which may disclose the operation of TEA4 in any document that is circulated outside the premises of the LICENCEE.
- 10) export the TEA4 specification without the approval of the Export Control Authorities of its country if any.

The above restriction does not apply to information which:

- is or subsequently becomes (other than by breach by the LICENCEE of its obligations under this agreement) public knowledge; or
- is received by the LICENCEE without restriction on disclosure or use from a third party and without breach by a third party of any obligations of confidentiality to the CUSTODIAN.

If, after five years from the effective date hereof, the LICENCEE has not used the INFORMATION, or if he is no more active in the business mentioned above, he shall return the written INFORMATION which he has received. The LICENCEE is not authorized to keep copies or photocopies; it is forbidden for him to make any further use of the INFORMATION.

In the event that the LICENCEE breaches the obligations of confidentiality imposed on him pursuant to bullets 1 to 10 above and ETSI demonstrates that it has suffered loss as a direct result of such breach, the LICENCEE agrees to indemnify ETSI for such reasonable losses which are a direct result of such breach. The LICENCEE may not be held liable for any indirect or consequential or incidental losses (including loss of profits) suffered by any third party claiming against ETSI.

All disputes which derive from the present undertaking or its interpretation will be settled by the Court of Justice located in Grasse (Alpes Maritimes) and with the application of French Law regarding questions of interpretation.

The obligations of confidentiality herein will not apply vis-à-vis other LICENCEES. Evidence of being a LICENCEE will be given by providing a certified copy of this undertaking duly undersigned.

This undertaking supersedes all prior confidentiality and restricted scope undertakings between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. All amendments to this undertaking will be agreed in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each of the parties.

Made in two originals, one of which is for the CUSTODIAN, the other for the LICENCEE.

For the CUSTODIAN

For the LICENCEE

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