



## Compliance Component

### DEFINITION

<i>Name</i>	Cryptography for Email
<i>Description</i>	Cryptography for Email is accomplished through the implementation of S/MIME (Secure / Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) specifications for securing electronic mail. MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) allows the use of multiple-text effects (e.g., bold, italic, various font sizes, and colors) as well as the transfer of digital information. S/MIME is based upon the MIME standard, and describes a protocol for adding cryptographic security services through MIME encapsulation of digitally signed and/or encrypted objects.
<i>Rationale</i>	Email is inherently unsecure. Cryptography allows the user to add a set of security features to email.
<i>Benefits</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The basic security services offered by S/MIME are:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ authentication,</li> <li>○ non-repudiation of origin,</li> <li>○ message integrity, and</li> <li>○ message confidentiality.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Optional security services include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ signed receipts,</li> <li>○ security labels,</li> <li>○ secure mailing lists, and</li> <li>○ an extended method of identifying the signer's certificate(s).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: Interoperability may not be possible due to differing S/MIME choices of options selected by different vendors. Standards developers allow many options within communications systems, even if all standards are rigidly followed.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: An alternative to an integrated email encryption system is to encrypt the sensitive data separately (see Cryptography for Stored Data) and email the encrypted files as attachments.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: The use of PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) is <b>not</b> recommended as a statewide standard since the control of certificates is not centralized. PGP is suitable only for small groups or single users.</i></p>

### ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTURE LEVELS

<i>List the Domain Name</i>	Security
<i>List the Discipline Name</i>	Technical Controls

<i>List the Technology Area Name</i>	Cryptography			
<i>List Product Component Name</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VeriSign</li> <li>• Entrust</li> </ul>			
<b>COMPLIANCE COMPONENT TYPE</b>				
<i>Document the Compliance Component Type</i>	Guideline			
<i>Component Sub-type</i>				
<b>COMPLIANCE DETAIL</b>				
<i>State the Guideline, Standard or Legislation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S/MIME shall be used when emailing sensitive or critical information requiring confidentiality, reliability, authentication and/or non-repudiation over a public access line, such as the Internet or wireless.</li> <li>• S/MIME requires a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) with X.509 (PKIX) Certificates, either purchased from a Certificate Authority vendor or created by an internal Certificate Authority.</li> <li>• S/MIME compliant implementations shall process both "clear" and "opaque" signed messages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Clear" signed messages can be read by non-S/MIME clients, although signatures cannot be automatically processed and verified by such clients.</li> <li>○ "Opaque" signed messages are encoded such that the recipient requires an S/MIME email client to automatically read the message.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• S/MIME compliant implementations shall use the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) to obtain certificates and Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs) to check that the proper fields within each certificate match the sender's name.</li> </ul>			
<i>Document Source Reference #</i>				
<b>Standard Organization</b>				
<i>Name</i>	NIST SP 800-49	<i>Website</i>	<a href="http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-49/sp800-49.pdf">http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-49/sp800-49.pdf</a>	
<i>Contact Information</i>				
<b>Government Body</b>				
<i>Name</i>	NIST	<i>Website</i>	<a href="http://csrc.nist.gov">http://csrc.nist.gov</a>	
<i>Contact Information</i>				
<b>KEYWORDS</b>				
<i>List all Keywords</i>	MIME, S/MIME, LDAP, opaque, clear, X.509, certificate, PKI, PGP			
<b>COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<i>Provide the Classification</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Twilight	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunset

<b>Rationale for Component Classification</b>	
<i>Document the Rationale for Component Classification</i>	
<b>Conditional Use Restrictions</b>	
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<b>Migration Strategy</b>	
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<b>Impact Position Statement</b>	
<i>Document the Position Statement on Impact</i>	
<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	
<i>Provide the Current Status)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>In Development</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Under Review</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Approved</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rejected</i>
<b>AUDIT TRAIL</b>	
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