Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects

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interface (Rel-5, Rel-6)

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Agenda Item: 7.3.3

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SP-030225	33.210	010	-	Rel-6	Use of IPsec ESP with encryption on the Za- interface	Α	6.1.0	SEC-NDS-IP	S3-030264

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5.6.2 Interface description

The following interfaces are defined for protection of native IP based protocols:

- Za-interface (SEG-SEG)

The Za-interface covers all NDS/IP traffic between security domains. On the Za-interface, authentication/integrity protection is mandatory and encryption is recommended. ESP shall be used for providing authentication/integrity protection and encryption. The SEGs use IKE to negotiate, establish and maintain a secure ESP tunnel between them. Inter-SEG tunnels can be available at all times, but they can also be established as needed. ESP shall be used with both encryption and authentication/integrity, but an authentication/integrity only mode is allowed. The tunnel is subsequently used for forwarding NDS/IP traffic between security domain A and security domain B. Inter-SEG tunnels can be available at all times, but they can also be established as needed.

One SEG of security domain A can be dedicated to only serve a certain subset of security domains that security domain A needs to communicate with. This will limit the number of SAs and tunnels that need to be maintained.

All security domains compliant with this specification shall operate the Za-interface.

- Zb-interface (NE-SEG / NE-NE)

The Zb-interface is located between SEGs and NEs and between NEs within the same security domain. The Zb-interface is optional for implementation. If implemented, it shall implement ESP+IKE.

On the Zb-interface, ESP shall always be used with authentication/integrity protection. The use of encryption is optional. The ESP Security Association shall be used for all control plane traffic that needs security protection.

Whether the Security Association is established when needed or a priori is for the security domain operator to decide. The Security Association is subsequently used for exchange of NDS/IP traffic between the NEs.

- NOTE 1: The security policy established over the Za-interface may be subject to roaming agreements. This differs from the security policy enforced over the Zb-interface, which is unilaterally decided by the security domain operator.
- NOTE 2: There is normally no NE-NE interface for NEs belonging to separate security domains. This is because it is important to have a clear separation between the security domains. This is particularly relevant when different security policies are employed whithin the security domain and towards external destinations.

The restriction not to allow secure inter-domain NE-NE communication does not preclude a single physical entity to contain both NE and SEG functionality. It is observed that SEGs are responsible for enforcing security policies towards external destinations and that a combined NE/SEG would have the same responsibility towards external destinations. The exact SEG functionality required to allow for secure inter-domain NE \leftarrow \rightarrow NE communication will be subject to the actual security policies being employed. Thus, it will be possible to have secure direct inter-domain NE \leftarrow \rightarrow NE communication within the framework of NDS/IP if both NEs have implemented SEG functionality. If a NE and SEG is combined in one physical entity, the SEG functionality of the combined unit should not be used by other NEs towards external security domains.

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