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# Certification Practice Statement

(EC Cryptography)

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This document makes more specific the principles stated in particular certificate policies (CPs) and applied by První certifikační autorita, a.s., (also as the I.CA), a qualified provider of trust services, when providing qualified trust services and when issuing certificates (also as the Services) in compliance with:

- Regulation (EU) no 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC, as amended;
- Act of the Czech Republic No. 297/2016 Coll., on trust services for electronic transactions;
- Act of the Slovak Republic No. 272/2016 Coll., on trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and on amendments to certain laws (trust services act);
- Legislation concerning personal data protection in compliance with Regulation (EU) no 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

For Services provided in compliance with this certification practice statement (also as CPS) the EC Cryptography is used.

Where applicable, the Services are provided for all end users on the basis of the contract. I.CA imposes no restrictions on potential end users, and the provision of the service is non-discriminatory and the service is also available to the disabled.

For all certificates of end users issued by I.CA the terms Certificate or Certificates are used hereinafter.

Note: Any reference to technical standard, norm or legislation is always a reference to that technical standard, norm or legislation or to replacing technical standard, norm or legislation. If this document is in conflict with any technical standard, norm or legislation that replaces the current technical standard, norm or legislation, a new version will be released.

## 1.1 Overview

The document **Certification Practice Statement (EC Cryptography)** prepared by První certifikační autorita, a.s., deals with the issues related to life cycle processes of certificates and follows a structure matching the scheme of current RFC 3647 standard while taking account of current EU standards and the laws of the Czech Republic pertinent to this sphere (therefore, each chapter is preserved in this document even if it is irrelevant to this sphere). This applies to the certificate policies listed in 1.2.

The document is divided into nine basic chapters and these are briefly introduced in the following list:

- Chapter 1 identifies this document, generally describes the entities and individuals taking part in the provision of the Services, and defines the acceptable usage of the certificates available to be issued;
- Chapter 2 deals with the responsibility for the publication and information or documents;

- Chapter 3 describes the processes of identification and authentication of an applicant for the issuance or revocation of a certificate, and defines the types and contents of the names used in certificates;
- Chapter 4 defines life cycle processes of certificates, i.e., certificate issuance application, the issuance of the certificate, certificate revocation request, the revocation of the certificate, the services related to the verification of certificate status, termination of the provision of the Services, etc.;
- Chapter 5 covers physical, procedural and personal security, including the definition of the set of recorded events, the keeping of these records and responses to emergency and compromising situations;
- Chapter 6 focuses on the technical security of the type of generating public and private keys, protection of private keys, including the computer and network protection,
- Chapter 7 refers to certificate profiles and CRL profiles in specific CPs and specifies the types and the length of the attributes in the subject field and the subjectAlternativeName extension;
- Chapter 8 focuses on Service assessment;
- Chapter 9 deals with commercial and legal aspects.

Note: This document is English translation of CPS, the Czech version always takes the precedence. I.CA attests that the translation is not materially different to the original.

## 1.2 Document name and identification

This document's title: Certification Practice Statement (EC Cryptography), version 1.08

Document OID: No OID assigned

This CPS applies to the following certificate policies:

OID	CP
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.10.a.b	Root Certification Authority Certificate Policy (EC Cryptography)
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.30.a.b	Certificate Policy for Issuing Qualified Electronic Signature Certificates (EC Cryptography)
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.31.a.b	Certificate Policy for Issuing Qualified Electronic Seal Certificates (EC Cryptography)
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.60.a.b	Certificate Policy for Issuing Qualified Certificates for ZameKEP System
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.70.a.b	Certificate Policy for Issuing Commercial Technology Certificates (EC Cryptography)
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.71.a.b	Certificate Policy for Issuing Commercial Technology Certificates (EC Cryptography)
1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.11.1.80.a.b	Certificate Policy for Issuing Certificates for OCSP Responders (EC Cryptography)

- \* It is always the current policy version in the *a.bc* or *a.bcd* format as posted on <http://www.ica.cz>, where *a* and *b* are part of the policy OID.

The service of issuing qualified certificates is, in compliance with the eIDAS Regulation, on the trustworthy list maintained by the supervisory body.

## 1.3 PKI participants

### 1.3.1 Certification authorities

#### 1.3.1.1 Root certification authority

The root certification authority of První certifikační autorita, a.s., issued certificates to subordinate certification authorities operated by I.CA and to its OCSP responder, in a two-tier certification authority structure, in accordance with relevant legislation and technical and other standards. These authorities issue certificates to end users and for the authorities' own OCSP responders.

As the root certification authority is offline, it has no live connection to the external network at any time. Only the authority's OCSP responder is online. The authority's physical information system is comprised of dedicated computers; the HSM module containing the private key connects to this information system via a dedicated secured interface.

#### 1.3.1.2 Issuing Certification Authorities

Public certification authorities, operated by První certifikační autorita, a.s., provide the Services for end users and the TSA system.

### 1.3.2 Registration authorities

The registration authorities employed in the life cycle processes of issued certificates. These RAs can be stationary or mobile.

### 1.3.3 Subscribers

#### 1.3.3.1 Certificates of the provider (I.CA)

The certificates are solely issued for the certification authorities, their OCSP responders and the time servers of time-stamping authorities, all operated by I.CA. I.CA as a legal entity is the eligible applicant and the subscriber.

#### 1.3.3.2 End user certificates

The certificates are issued to end users who use the Services.

### 1.3.4 Relying parties

Any entity relying in their operations on the certificates issued as part of the Services is a relying party.

### 1.3.5 Other participants

Other participating parties are investigative, prosecuting and adjudicating bodies, supervisory bodies and other bodies recognized as such by relevant legislation.

## 1.4 Certificate usage

### 1.4.1 Appropriate certificate uses

The root CA's certificates may be solely used for verifying the certificates issued by the root CA, the lists of the certificates revoked by the root CA (CRLs), and the OCSP responses released by the root CA's OCSP responder.

The certificates of the issuing certification authorities may only be used for verifying the certificates issued, and the CRL released, by these issuing certification authorities, and the OCSP responses released by the OCSP responders (if implemented) of these issuing certification authorities.

The certificates of the time-stamp servers of time-stamping authorities may only be used for verifying the time-stamp tokens issued by these time-stamp servers.

End user certificates may generally be used in PKI processes, that is, for the verification of electronic signatures/seals, identification, authentication and encryption.

### 1.4.2 Prohibited certificate uses

Certificates issued in accordance with a particular CP may not be used contrary to the usage described in particular CP or contrary to law.

## 1.5 Policy administration

### 1.5.1 Organization administering the document

This CPS and the certificate policies corresponding thereto are administered by První certifikační autorita, a.s.

### 1.5.2 Contact person

The contact person of První certifikační autorita, a.s., in respect of this CPS and the corresponding certificate policies is specified on a web page – see 2.2.

### 1.5.3 Person determining CPS suitability for the policy

CEO of První certifikační autorita, a.s., is the sole person responsible for making decisions about compliance of the procedures of První certifikační autorita, a.s., as set out in this CPS with particular CP.

### 1.5.4 CPS approval procedures

If it is necessary to make changes to a CPS to create a new version thereof, the CEO of První certifikační autorita, a.s., appoints a person authorized to perform such changes. No new CPS version may take force unless it has been approved by CEO of První certifikační autorita, a.s.

## 1.6 Definitions and acronyms

**Table 2 – Definitions**

Term	Explanation
Classified Information Protection Act	the Czech Republic's Act No. 412/2005 Coll., regulating classified information protection and security competence, as amended
contracting partner	provider of selected services contracted by I.CA for providing certification services or parts thereof – usually, it is a contracted RA
electronic seal	advanced electronic seal or recognized electronic seal or qualified electronic seal under trust services legislation
electronic signature	advanced electronic signature or recognized electronic signature or qualified electronic signature under trust services legislation
electronic signature creation device	configured software or hardware to create electronic signatures
hash function	transformation which receives, as an input, a string of characters of arbitrary length, and the result is a string of characters of fixed length (hash)
issuing, subordinate CA	for this document, the CA issuing certificates to end users
key pair	a private key and the corresponding public key
Labour Code	the Czech Republic's Act No. 262/2006 Coll., Labour Code, as amended
OCSP responder	server using the OCSP protocol to provide data on public key certificate status
private key	unique data to create electronic signature/seal
public key	unique data to verify electronic signature/seal
qualified electronic signature certificate	certificate defined by trust services legislation
qualified electronic signature creation device	electronic signature creation device that meets the requirements defined in Attachment 2 to eIDAS
relying party	party relying on a certificate in its operations
root CA	certification authority which issues certificates to subordinate certification authorities
softcard	software emulation of smartcard for access to private key stored in HSM

supervisory body	the body supervising qualified trust service providers
trust service / qualified trust service	electronic service / qualified trust service as defined in eIDAS
trust services legislation	current legislation of Czech Republic on trust services and eIDAS regulation
TWINS	commercial product of I.CA containing a pair of certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qualified electronic signature certificate – issued in accordance with the corresponding CP;</li> <li>• commercial certificate – issued solely under a contract between I.CA and the end user</li> </ul>
two-factor authentication	authentication employing two of three factors – I know something (the password), I have something (a smartcard or a hardware token) or I am something (fingerprint, retina or iris reading)
written contract	electronic or printed text of the contract

**Table 3 – Acronyms**

Acronym	Explanation
ARC	Alarm Receiving Centre
bit	from English <i>binary digit</i> – a binary system digit – the fundamental and the smallest unit of information in digital technologies
BIH	Bureau International de l’Heure – The International Time Bureau
CA	certification authority
CEN	European Committee for Standardization, an association of national standardization bodies
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CRL	Certificate Revocation List – the list of revoked certificates, which are not held as valid any longer
CR	Czech Republic
ČSN	designation of Czech technical standards
DER, PEM	methods of certificate encoding (certificate formats)
EAL	Evaluation Assurance Level
EC	Elliptic Curve
ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography
eIDAS	REGULATION (EU) no 910/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic

	transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC, as amended
EN	European Standard, a type of ETSI standard
ESI	Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute, a European standardization institute for information and communication technologies
EU	European Union
FAS	Fire Alarm System
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard, standards for information technologies for U.S. non-military state organizations
GDPR	REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)
html	Hypertext Markup Language, a markup language for creating hypertext documents
http	Hypertext Transfer Protocol, a protocol for exchanging html text documents
https	Hypertext Transfer Protocol, a protocol for secure exchanging of html text documents
I.CA	První certifikační autorita, a.s.
IAS	Intrusion Alarm System
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission, global organization publishing standards for electrical and electronic engineering, communication technologies and related industries
IPS	Intrusion Prevention System
ISMS	Information Security Management System
ISO	International Organization for Standardization, an international organization of national standardization organizations; designation of standards
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ITU-T	Telecommunication Standardization Sector of ITU
MPSV	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic
OCSP	Online Certificate Status Protocol, the protocol to identify public key certificate status
OID	Object Identifier, numerical object identification
OSVČ	self-employed person

PDCA	Plan-Do-Check-Act, Deming cycle, a method of continuous improvement
PDS	PKI Disclosure Statement
PKCS	Public Key Cryptography Standards, designation for a group of standards for public key cryptography
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PUB	Publication, FIPS standard designation
QSCD	Qualified Electronic Signature/Seal Creation Device
RA	registration authority
RFC	Request for Comments, designation for a range of standards and other documents describing web protocols, systems, etc.
RSA	signing and encrypting public key cipher (acronym from the names of the original authors: Rivest, Shamir and Adleman)
sha, SHA	type of hash function
S/MIME BR	document "Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted S/MIME Certificates" published by CA/Browser Forum
TS	Technical Specification, type of ETSI standard
TSA	Time-Stamping Authority
TSMC	Time Source Master Clock
TSP	Trust Service Provider
TSS	Time-Stamp Server
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply/Source
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier, defined-structure text string for accurate specification of a source of information
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time, the standard adopted on 1 January 1972 for the global coordinated time – Bureau International de l'Heure (BIH) plays the role of the 'official keeper' of the atomic time for the whole world
ZOOÚ	current personal data protection legislation

## 2 PUBLICATION AND REPOSITORY RESPONSIBILITY

### 2.1 Repositories

První certifikační autorita, a.s., sets up and operates repositories of both public and non-public information and documentation.

### 2.2 Publication of certification information

The basic addresses (also as the Information Addresses) for obtaining information about První certifikační autorita, a.s., are as follows:

- Registered office:  
První certifikační autorita, a.s.  
Podvinný mlýn 2178/6  
190 00 Praha 9  
Czech Republic
- Website: <http://www.ica.cz>
- Registered offices of the registration authorities.

Electronic address for contact between general public and I.CA is [info@ica.cz](mailto:info@ica.cz), data box of I.CA ID is a69fvfb.

The aforesaid website provides information about:

- Certificates of certification authorities and time-stamping authorities;
- Public certificates – the following information is published (and more information can be obtained from the certificate):
  - Certificate number;
  - Content of commonName;
  - Valid from date (specifying the hour, minute and second);
  - Link to where the certificate can be obtained in the specified format (DER, PEM, TXT);
- Certificate revocation list (CRL) – the following information is published (and more information can be obtained from the CRL):
  - Date of CRL release;
  - CRL number;
  - Links to where the CRL can be obtained in the specified formats (DER, PEM, TXT);
- Certification and other policies, practice statements and other public information.

Http and https are the permitted protocols for access to public information. I.CA may terminate or suspend access to some information without cause.

Any revocation of certification authority's certificate because of suspected or actual compromise of a given private key will be announced by I.CA on its web Information Address

and in Hospodářské noviny or Mladá fronta Dnes (in the Czech Republic) and Hospodárske noviny or Sme (in the Slovak Republic), daily newspapers with national distribution.

## 2.3 Time or frequency of publication

See 2.3 of a specific CP.

## 2.4 Access controls on repositories

All public information is made available by I.CA free of charge without any restrictions.

Non-public information is available only to authorized employees of I.CA, contracting partners or the parties specified by the relevant legislation. Access to such information is governed by the rules defined in internal documentation, such as:

- "CA Operator";
- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "Information Security Management";
- "Administration Guidance";
- "Security Incidents";
- "HSM/Private Server";
- "HSM/nShield XC";
- "TSS Administration";
- "TSMC Administration";
- "Certification Services Documents";
- "Certification Services Partial Document Management and Shredding Rules";
- "Certification Services Partial Document Management and Shredding Plan".

## 3 IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION

### 3.1 Naming

#### 3.1.1 Types of names

All names are construed in accordance with relevant technical and other standards.

#### 3.1.2 Need for names to be meaningful

For a certificate to be issued, all verifiable names given in the subject field and the subjectAlternativeName extension must carry a meaning. Refer to a specific CP for the attributes supported for this field and this extension.

#### 3.1.3 Anonymity or pseudonymity of subscribers

See 3.1.3 of the specific CP.

#### 3.1.4 Rules for interpreting various name forms

The data specified in a certificate application (format PKCS#10) are transferred to subject field or subjectAlternativeName extension of the certificate in the form they are specified in the application.

#### 3.1.5 Uniqueness of names

See 3.1.5 of the specific CP.

#### 3.1.6 Recognition, authentication, and role of trademarks

Any certificate issued under this CPS and the relevant CPs may only contain a trademark with evidenced ownership or license. The subscriber bears any consequence resulting from unauthorized use of a trademark.

### 3.2 Initial identity validation

The entities authorized to apply for a Certificate are listed in 4.1.1. The following chapters specify the rules for the initial validation of the identity of these entities.

#### 3.2.1 Method to prove possession of private key

The ownership of the private key matching the public key in the certificate application must be proved by submitting the application in the PKCS#10 format. The application is electronically signed or provided with electronic seal as applicable, and the electronic signature or the

electronic seal is created using this private key. Private key holder provides this way evidence that he has the private key under control.

### 3.2.2 Authentication of organization identity

The procedure is described in 3.2.2 of a specific CP and in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines".

### 3.2.3 Authentication of individual identity

The procedure is described in 3.2.3 of a specific CP and in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "Online Issuing Certificates Using Identification through NIA – User Guidelines";
- "Individual Identity Authentication through Web Application – Identity check – User Guidelines";
- "Issuing Qualified Certificates Using ZealiD Identification".

### 3.2.4 Non-verified subscriber information

The information not subject to verification is always specified in 3.2.4 of a specific CP.

### 3.2.5 Validation of authority

Electronic mail address may be placed in the certificate extension, that is, in the rfc822Name attribute of the subjectAlternativeName extension, only if this has been verified for the given application during the certificate issuance procedure.

The attribute that the key pair was generated on a QSCD device may only be inserted in the certificate if this has been verified for the given application during the certificate issuance procedure.

The procedure to verify other specific rights is described in 3.2.5 of a specific CP.

### 3.2.6 Criteria for interoperation

Any collaboration between První certifikační autorita, a.s., and other trust service providers is always based on a contract in writing.

### 3.2.7 Validation of e-mail address

For certification policies, where relevant, e-mail address validation is performed in two ways, either by checking whether the address belongs to a registered DNS domain (validating authority over mailbox via domain) or by validation the owner of the e-mail address using the content of the e-mail being sent (validating control over mailbox via e-mail). The use of the appropriate validation method depends on the type of contractual relationship with the client.

### 3.2.7.1 Validation via registered DNS domain

Validation of the e-mail address against the registered DNS domain is intended for business customers, where the contractual partner has control over the relevant DNS domain. In such a case, the correspondence of the domain part of e-mail address to the internally maintained list of registered company domains is verified (the company has a contract with I.CA and control over the DNS domain has been verified).

### 3.2.7.2 Validation using the content of the validation e-mail

In this case, validation of the ownership of the e-mail address from the application is carried out by sending a validation e-mail containing unique random information (validation link) with a time-limited validity. The Certificate applicant confirms the check of the e-mail address by clicking on the appropriate button or validation link, thereby activating the validation procedure on the side of the I.CA system.

## 3.3 Identification and authentication for re-key requests

### 3.3.1 Identification and authentication for routine re-key

Refer to 3.3.1 of a specific CP for requirements.

#### 3.3.1.1 Certificates of the provider

This concerns the issuance of the primary certificate, when the same requirements as those in the initial identity validation apply.

#### 3.3.1.2 End user certificates

A subsequent certificate may be issued for some issued certificate types – the submitted standard application for a certificate (with a new public key) is electronically signed or sealed with the private key matching the public key in the valid certificate to which this subsequent certificate is issued. In this case the applicant is not required to appear at RA in person; the certificate applicant confirms with this electronic signature/seal that no change is made to the data about the entity.

### 3.3.2 Identification and authentication for re-key after revocation

Re-keying of revoked certificates is not supported. The only way is to obtain a new certificate with a new public key.

## 3.4 Identification and authentication for revocation request

Refer to 3.4 of a specific CP for specific identification and authentication methods in processing certificate revocation requests.

### 3.4.1 Certificates of the provider

The person authorized to apply for the revocation of provider's certificate, i.e.:

- The root certification authority and the OCSP responder's certificate issued by that root certification authority;
- The issuing certification authority and the OCSP responder's certificate issued by that certification authority;
- The time server of the time-stamping authority;

is CEO of I.CA.

The representative of the supervisory body may also be the requestor requesting the revocation of the root certification authority's certificate or a certificate related to qualified certification services. The supervisory body must submit its request in writing or as a message delivered in data box.

### 3.4.2 End user certificates

These are the available methods of identification and authentication:

- In person at RA;
- Using the form on the company's website (and using the certificate revocation password);
- Using an electronic message unsigned electronically (containing the certificate revocation password);
- Using an electronic message electronically signed or having electronic seal (using the private key pertinent to the certificate in question, which is to be revoked, or the signature certificate's private key);
- Using data box (and using the certificate revocation password);
- As registered post letter sent to I.CA registered office address (and using the certificate revocation password).

The data required for certificate revocation request are listed in 4.9.3.

I.CA reserves the right to accept also other identification and authentication procedures in processing certificate revocation requests.

## 4 CERTIFICATE LIFE-CYCLE REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Certificate application

#### 4.1.1 Who can submit a certificate application

Certificate application may be submitted by natural person, by legal person or government authority (also as Organization). The entities authorized to apply for a certificate are listed in chapter 4.1.1 of a specific CP.

#### 4.1.2 Enrollment process and responsibilities

The processes carried out in the enrollment procedure are listed in a specific CP.

The applicant is required to do the following, among other, things:

- Provide true and complete information in application enrollment;
- Get acquainted with the CP, under which the certificate will be issued.

The Service provider is particularly required to provide the Services in accordance with relevant legislation, the specific CP and this CPS, the System Security Policy – Trustworthy Systems and the operational documentation.

### 4.2 Certificate application processing

The handling of certificate applications is described in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "Issuing Qualified Certificates Using ZealID Identification";
- "Online Issuing Certificates Using Identification through NIA – User Guidelines";
- "Individual Identity Authentication through Web Application – Identity check – User Guidelines";
- "CA Operator".

#### 4.2.1 Performing identification and authentication functions

The applicant for a certificate must identify and authenticate himself in the manner defined in 3.2.2 and 3.2.3.

#### 4.2.2 Approval or rejection of certificate applications

In case of issuing certificates of the Service provider, the management of První certifikační autorita, a.s., considers the written certificate application and may dismiss it. The result is documented.

If any of these validations done by an RA employee gives a fail result, the certificate issuance procedure is terminated. The RA employee carries out the issuance of the certificate if no fail result is obtained.

The procedures to accept or dismiss certificate applications are listed in 4.2.2 of a specific CP and in internal documentation.

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "Online Issuing Certificates Using Identification through NIA – User Guidelines";
- "Individual Identity Authentication through Web Application – Identity check – User Guidelines";
- "Issuing Qualified Certificates Using ZealiD Identification".

### 4.2.3 Time to process certificate applications

In case of issuing provider's certificates, the written certificate application must be handled within five business days after the date the application is submitted to the company management.

Any enduser certificate must be issued by I.CA immediately after certificate issuance is granted. The following list gives tentative times for issuing certificates unless other agreement is stipulated in the contract:

- Primary certificate – is usually (only on business days and during business hours) issued within 15 minutes, exceptionally it can take longer;
- Subsequent certificates – within units of minutes.

## 4.3 Certificate issuance

### 4.3.1 CA actions during certificate issuance

CA operators (also as the Operators) carry out the following in the **primary certificate** issuance procedure:

- Make a visual check as to conformity of the data in the certificate application (the PKCS#10 structure) and the data entered by an RA employee;
- Make a visual check as to the formal correctness of data.

The verification of private key ownership, checking the supported hash function in the certificate application (not weaker than sha-256), the competence check and the formal data correctness check are carried out by both the software on CA operators' workstations and that on the CA system core. If any of these checks gives a fail result, the certificate issuance procedure is terminated.

**Subsequent certificate** issuance procedure, where applicable, is automatic without Operators' intervention. The verification of private key ownership, the supported hash function in the certificate application (not weaker than sha-256) and the competence check are carried out by software on the CA system core. If any of these checks gives a fail result, the certificate issuance procedure is terminated.

The procedures are described chapter in 4.3.1 of a specific CP and detailed in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines“;
- "Online Issuing Certificates Using Identification through NIA – User Guidelines“;
- “Individual Identity Authentication through Web Application – Identity check – User Guidelines”;
- "CA Operator".

#### 4.3.2 Notification to subscriber by the CA of issuance of certificate

If the certificate applicant is present at the process of certificate issuance, the applicant receives the certificate issuance notice from the RA employee. Issued end user certificate is always sent to the applicant's contact e-mail.

These procedures are described in detail in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines“;
- "Online Issuing Certificates Using Identification through NIA – User Guidelines“;
- “Individual Identity Authentication through Web Application – Identity check – User Guidelines”;
- "CA Operator".

### 4.4 Certificate acceptance

#### 4.4.1 Conduct constituting certificate acceptance

The certificate takeover related operations are described in 4.4.1 of a specific CP.

Process details are described in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines“;
- "CA Operator".

#### 4.4.2 Publication of the certificate by the CA

Provider certificates are published on I.CA website, and the certificates related to qualified trust services are also submitted to the supervisory body.

For end user certificates I.CA must arrange for the publication of the certificate it issued, except any certificate:

- Containing data, the publication of which could be contrary to relevant legislation, such as the legislation concerning personal data protection;
- Required by the subscriber not to be published.

#### 4.4.3 Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

Chapter 4.4.2 and the requirements set out in trust services legislation apply.

### 4.5 Key pair and certificate usage

#### 4.5.1 Subscriber private key and certificate usage

Subscribers must, among others:

- Observe all relevant provisions of Service contract (if electronic then qualified electronic signature of the contract is required);
- Use the private key and corresponding certificate solely for the purposes defined in specific CP;
- Handle the private key corresponding to the public key contained in the certificate issued under specific CP in a manner as to prevent any unauthorized use;
- Notify immediately the Service provider of everything that leads to the certificate's revocation, in particular of:
  - Suspected abuse of the private key; and
  - Invalid or inaccurate attributes of certificate;

In this case request for the certificate's revocation and stop using the pertinent private key.

#### 4.5.2 Relying party public key and certificate usage

Relying parties must, among others:

- Obtain from a secure source ([www.ica.cz](http://www.ica.cz), RA, relevant trust list) the certification authority certificates related to the end user certificate issued under a specific CP, and verify those certificates' fingerprint and validity;
- Perform all actions necessary for them to verify that the certificate is valid, i.e.:
  - Check certificate validity pursuant to RFC5280, chapter 6 (including the full certification path and certificate revocation);
  - Check whether the issuer of the qualified certificate is qualified (is on the trust services list with the pertinent attributes);
- Observe all and any provisions of the pertinent CP and trust services legislation which relate to the relying party's duties.

### 4.6 Certificate renewal

Certificate renewal means the issuance of a new certificate for still valid certificate or for revoked certificate or for expired certificate without changing the public key or any other information in the certificate.

The certificate renewal is not provided.

4.6.1 Circumstance for certificate renewal

See 4.6.

4.6.2 Who may request renewal

See 4.6.

4.6.3 Processing certificate renewal requests

See 4.6.

4.6.4 Notification of new certificate issuance to subscriber

See 4.6.

4.6.5 Conduct constituting acceptance of a renewal certificate

See 4.6.

4.6.6 Publication of the renewal certificate by the CA

See 4.6.

4.6.7 Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

See 4.6.

4.7 Certificate re-key

See 4.7 of a particular CP.

4.7.1 Circumstance for certificate re-key

See 4.7.

4.7.2 Who may request certification of a new public key

See 4.7.

4.7.3 Processing certificate re-keying requests

See to 4.7.

4.7.4 Notification of new certificate issuance to subscriber

See 4.7.

4.7.5 Conduct constituting acceptance of a re-keyed certificate

See 4.7.

4.7.6 Publication of the re-keyed certificate by the CA

See 4.7.

4.7.7 Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

See 4.7.

## 4.8 Certificate modification

See 4.8 of a specific certificate policy.

4.8.1 Circumstance for certificate modification

See 4.8.

4.8.2 Who may request certificate modification

See 4.8.

4.8.3 Processing certificate modification requests

See 4.8.

4.8.4 Notification of new certificate issuance to subscriber

See 4.8.

4.8.5 Conduct constituting acceptance of modified certificate

See 4.8.

4.8.6 Publication of the modified certificate by the CA

See 4.8.

4.8.7 Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other entities

See 4.8.

## 4.9 Certificate revocation and suspension

Certificate suspension is not provided.

#### 4.9.1 Circumstances for revocation

In addition to the conditions specified in the following sections, I.CA reserves the right to accept also other certificate revocation situations.

##### 4.9.1.1 Certificates of the provider

Certificate must be revoked as a result of the following situations:

- The private key corresponding to the certificate's public key is compromised or reasonably suspected to have been compromised;
- CEO of I.CA requests so;
- In any event specified in trust services legislation or technical standards.

##### 4.9.1.2 End user certificates

Certificate must be revoked as a result of the following situations:

- The private key corresponding to the certificate's public key is compromised or reasonably suspected to have been compromised;
- The subscriber violated Service contract (under a specific CP);
- In any event specified in trust services legislation or the relevant technical standards, such as certificate data being or having become invalid;
- If the public key in the certificate application is the same as the public key in a certificate already issued.

I.CA reserves the right to accept also other end user certificate revocation situations, which, however, must not be contrary to trust services legislation.

#### 4.9.2 Who can request revocation

In case of provider's certificates:

- CEO of I.CA; and
- Other entities as may be specified in trust services legislation.

In case of end user certificates see 4.9.2 of the specific CP.

#### 4.9.3 Procedure for revocation request

The procedure for submitting certificate revocation request is always described in chapter 4.9.3 of the specific CP.

The identification and authentication requirements are listed in 3.4.

#### 4.9.4 Revocation request grace period

Certificate revocation request must be made immediately.

#### 4.9.5 Time within which CA must process the revocation request

The maximum time allowed between accepting a certificate revocation request and the certificate's revocation is 24 hours.

Procedures are described in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "CA Operator".

#### 4.9.6 Revocation checking requirement for relying parties

Relying parties must carry out all the operations specified in 4.5.2.

#### 4.9.7 CRL issuance frequency

The interval for issuing CRLs is specified in 4.9.7 of the specific CP.

The operations of CA operators in releasing CRLs are described in internal documentation:

- "CA Operator".

#### 4.9.8 Maximum latency for CRLs

CRL is released immediately after the issuance, conditions described in chapters 4.9.5 are 4.9.7 always observed.

#### 4.9.9 On-line revocation/status checking availability

On-line revocation/status checking using the OCSP protocol is a service available to the general public. Every certificate excluding root certification authorities' certificates and OCSP responders' certificates contains the link to the pertinent OCSP responder.

OCSP responses comply with the RFC 6960 and RFC 5019 standards. The OCSP responder's certificate includes an id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck extension as defined in RFC 6960.

#### 4.9.10 On-line revocation checking requirements

See 4.9.9.

If on-line certificate status information is different from the one from CRL then it is necessary to repeat on-line status information checking after at least ten seconds.

#### 4.9.11 Other forms of revocation advertisements available

Not applicable for this document.

#### 4.9.12 Special requirements for key compromise

The certificate revocation procedure in the event of private key compromise is not different from the certificate revocation procedure described above.

#### 4.9.13 Circumstances for suspension

Not applicable for this document; the certificate suspension service is not provided.

#### 4.9.14 Who can request suspension

Not applicable for this document; the certificate suspension service is not provided.

#### 4.9.15 Procedure for suspension request

Not applicable for this document; the certificate suspension service is not provided.

#### 4.9.16 Limits on suspension period

Not applicable for this document; the certificate suspension service is not provided.

### 4.10 Certificate status services

#### 4.10.1 Operational characteristics

Lists of public certificates are provided as published information; CRLs are provided as published information and the list of CRL distribution points in the certificates excluding root certification authorities' certificates and OCSP responders' certificates.

The fact that certification authorities provide certificate status information as OCSP is specified in the certificates issued by these authorities.

Revocation records on CRL or in OCSP response are kept at least to the end of certificate's validity period.

#### 4.10.2 Service availability

I.CA guarantees round-the-clock (24/7) availability and integrity of the list of the I.CA-issued certificates and the certificate revocation lists (CRLs), plus the availability of the OCSP service.

Response time of certificate status request using CRL or OCSP is usually less than 10 seconds.

The procedure is specified in internal documentation including:

- "Administration Guidance";
- "Operating Site Component Recovery";
- "Operating Site Relocation".

Revocation records on CRL or in OCSP response are kept at least to the end of certificate's validity period.

### 4.10.3 Optional features

I.CA publishes, in compliance with relevant standards requirements, CRLs containing qualified certificates which expired no more than three days ago (CRL contains extension ExpiredCertsOnCRL). The period is limited in order to keep CRLs to a reasonable length.

I.CA, in compliance with relevant standards requirements, ensures consistency of certificate status information between CRL and OCSP response. OCSP responses concerning qualified certificates contain ArchiveCutOff extension to support these requirements.

### 4.11 End of subscription

The certificate issuance contract expires when the last certificate issued under this contract expires.

### 4.12 Key escrow and recovery

Not applicable for this document; the key escrow and recovery service is not provided.

#### 4.12.1 Key escrow and recovery policy and practices

See 4.12.

#### 4.12.2 Session key encapsulation and recovery policy and practices

See 4.12.

## 5 FACILITY, MANAGEMENT, AND OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

The management, control and operating procedures primarily deal with:

- Trustworthy systems supporting the Services;
- All processes supporting the provision of the Services specified above.

The management, control and operating procedures are addressed in the fundamental documents Corporate Security Policy, System Security Policy – Trustworthy Systems, Certification Practice Statement, Business Continuity Plan and Recovery Plan as well as more detailed internal documentation. These documents take account of the results of periodic risk analyses.

### 5.1 Physical controls

Physical security is addressed in detail in internal documentation in general and these documents in particular:

- "I.CA Rooms Physical Access Control";
- "Fire Safety";
- "Inspection Activity, Clean Criminal Record and Competence";
- "Security Incidents";
- "Operating Site Component Recovery";
- "Operating Site Relocation";
- "CCTV – Operating Site";
- physical security projects of particular operating sites.

#### 5.1.1 Site location and construction

The operating site buildings are situated in geographically different locations, which are also different from the site of the company headquarters, the business and development sites, the registration authority sites and the points of sale.

The trustworthy systems supporting the Services are situated on reserved premises of operating sites. These premises are secured in a manner similar to that required by the Classified Information Protection Act for the 'Confidential' category secure areas.

#### 5.1.2 Physical access

Refer to internal documentation for the respective requirements as to physical access to the reserved premises (protected with mechanical and electronic features) of operating sites. Buildings are protected with intrusion alarm system (IAS), alarm receiving centre (ARC) and, as may be the case, a special system to monitor movement of persons and vehicles.

### 5.1.3 Power and air-conditioning

The premises housing the trustworthy systems supporting the Services have active air-conditioning of adequate capacity, which keeps the temperature at  $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  all year round. The supply of electricity is backed up with a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) and a diesel unit.

### 5.1.4 Water exposures

The trustworthy systems supporting the Services are so located as to ensure they cannot be flooded with a 100-year flood. Where relevant, operating sites have water ingress sensors to detect heating water leakage or rainfall leakage through the roof (as a result of heavy rains).

### 5.1.5 Fire prevention and protection

The buildings of the operating sites and the information archiving sites have fire alarm system (FAS). Fireproof insulation is installed in the entrance doors to the restricted areas in which the trustworthy systems destined to support the Services are situated, and fire extinguishers are fitted in these areas.

### 5.1.6 Media storage

Archive media containing operational backups and electronic records are stored in metal boxes or safes. Copies are kept at a site geographically different from the site of the operating office where the records originated.

Any paper media required to be archived are stored in the site geographically different from the site of the operating office where the records originated.

### 5.1.7 Waste disposal

Any paper office waste is shredded before it leaves I.CA operating sites.

### 5.1.8 Off-site backup

The copies of operating and working backups are stored in a place designated by the COO of I.CA and described in internal documentation.

## 5.2 Procedural controls

### 5.2.1 Trusted roles

Trusted roles are defined for selected activities carried out at I.CA. The trusted roles employee appointment procedure, the trusted roles and their responsibilities are defined in internal documentation in general and the following documents in particular:

- "System Security Policy – Trustworthy Systems";
- "Information Security Management";
- "Administration Guidance".

I.CA employee appointed to a trusted role may not be in a conflict of interests that could compromise the impartiality of I.CA operations.

### 5.2.2 Number of persons required per task

Jobs are defined for the processes related to the key pairs of certification authorities and OCSP responders and these jobs must be performed with more than a single person attending. These jobs include:

- Initialization of cryptographic module;
- Generating key pairs of certification authorities and their OCSP responders;
- Destroying private keys of certification authorities and their OCSP responders;
- Backup and restore of private keys of certification authorities and their OCSP responders;
- Activation and deactivation of private keys of certification authorities and their OCSP responders.

The number of attending persons is not defined for other jobs, but all persons must be authorized persons.

Detailed information is always specified in 5.2.2 of the specific CP and in internal documentation:

- "Administration Guidance";
- "HSM PrivateServer – Procedures to Generate CA and OCSP Keys and Certificates";
- "HSM nShield – Procedures to Generate CA and OCSP Keys and Certificates";
- "HSM/Private Server";
- "HSM/nShield XC".

### 5.2.3 Identification and authentication for each role

Each role's employees are assigned identification (name and certificate) and authentication (password and private key) data for those components which are necessary for their jobs. These topics are regulated in internal documentation in general and these documents in particular:

- "I.CA Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "ČSOB ZameKEP Registration Authority Employees Guidelines";
- "CA Operator";
- "Administration Guidance".

Selected jobs require two-factor authentication by the trusted role employees.

### 5.2.4 Roles requiring separation of duties

The roles requiring distribution of responsibilities (and the roles' job descriptions) are described in internal documentation:

- "System Security Policy – Trustworthy Systems".

## 5.3 Personnel controls

### 5.3.1 Qualification, experience, and clearance requirements

Trusted roles employees are in I.CA selected and hired using the following criteria:

- Clean criminal record – statement of criminal conviction records or affirmation is required;
- Bachelor's or master's degree in an accredited university program and ICT job experience of three years or longer, or secondary education and ICT job experience of five years or longer, of which at least one-year job experience in the provision of trust services;
- Knowledge in public key infrastructure and information security.

Any other I.CA employee taking part in providing trust services is hired subject to the following criteria:

- Bachelor's or master's degree in an accredited university program, or secondary education;
- Basic orientation in public key infrastructure and information security.

Managers must have job or technical training experience in respect of the trustworthiness of the Services, a knowledge of security procedures with security responsibility, and experience in information security and risk assessment.

These topics are described in detail in internal documentation:

- "Inspection Activity, Clean Criminal Record and Competence".

### 5.3.2 Background check procedures

The sources of information about all employees of I.CA are:

- The employees themselves;
- Persons familiar with a particular employee;
- Public sources of information.

Initial information is provided by employees at job interviews, and this information is updated at periodic appraisal interviews with the manager during employment.

### 5.3.3 Training requirements

I.CA employees receive technical training in the use of specific software and specialized devices. The training takes the form of self-study combined with guidance from a trained employee. The training covers information security, personal protection data and other relevant topics.

These topics are described in detail in the internal documentation:

- "Inspection Activity, Clean Criminal Record and Competence".

### 5.3.4 Retraining frequency and requirements

I.CA employees are provided with the current developments in their spheres of interest two times every 12 months.

Training in the processes related to RA operations is held for RA employees at least once in every three years.

These topics are described in detail in internal documentation:

- "Inspection Activity, Clean Criminal Record and Competence".

### 5.3.5 Job rotation frequency and sequence

I.CA employees are encouraged to acquire knowledge necessary for working in other roles at I.CA, in order to ensure substitutability for cases of emergency.

### 5.3.6 Sanctions for unauthorized actions

If an employee is detected to have been performing unauthorized activity, the employee is subject to the procedure described in internal documentation and governed by the Labour Code (this process does not prevent criminal prosecution if the unauthorized activity exhibits that degree of gravity).

These topics are described in detail in internal documentation:

- "Organizational Rules".

### 5.3.7 Independent contractor requirements

I.CA may or must procure some activities from independent contractors and is fully liable for the job they deliver. These business relations are regulated in bilateral business contracts with parties such as contracted registration authorities, application software developers, hardware suppliers, system software suppliers, external auditors and other parties. These parties are required to observe the pertinent certificate policies, the relevant parts of internal documentation provided for them, and the required normative documents. Contractual penalties are applied for a breach of the obligations or duties specified in the said documents, or the contract with the contractor in breach is terminated immediately.

### 5.3.8 Documentation supplied to personnel

In addition to the certificate policy, the certification practice statement and the security and operational documentation, I.CA employees have available any other relevant standard, policy, manual and guidance they may need for their job.

## 5.4 Audit logging procedures

For qualified certificates, subject to logging are all events required by trust services legislation and the relevant technical standards referred to therein to be logged, otherwise it is the events required by the relevant technical standards to be logged, such as life cycle events of the certificates issued, the handling of the provider's private keys and other events (the termination of a certification authority's operations, for example).

All audit records are made, kept and processed to the extent as necessary, while preserving the proof of origin and maintaining integrity, availability, confidentiality and time authenticity.

The auditing system is designed and run in a manner ensuring audit data maintenance, sufficient space for audit data, automatic non-writing of the audit file, user-friendly presentation of audit records, and audit file access limited to the defined users only.

Creating, processing and keeping audit logs are addressed in detail in internal documentation and the following documents in particular:

- "Administration Guidance";
- "Backing up Data of Application Systems";
- "Certification Services Documents";
- "Certification Services Partial Document Management and Shredding Rules";
- "Certification Services Partial Document Management and Shredding Plan".

#### 5.4.1 Types of events recorded

Subject to logging are all the events required by trust services legislation or the relevant technical and other standards to be logged, that is, for example, the life cycle events of certificates.

The certification authorities' key pair generating is a special case of event logging. All this process complies with trust services legislation and the relevant technical and other standards. Generating is carried out according to a pre-determined scenario in a physically secure environment and under the control of more I.CA employees in trusted roles. Protocol on key pair generating with data required by technical standards is signed by present employees in trusted roles. When the key pair of subordinate certification authority issuing SSL type certificates for end users is generated then the process is also video recorded.

When the key pair of root certification authority is generated, an auditor qualified in accordance with current technical standards personally attends the process, signs also the created protocol to confirm that the generating followed the pre-determined scenario and the measures to ensure integrity and confidentiality were in place.

All audit records are made, kept and processed to the extent as necessary, while preserving the proof of origin and maintaining integrity, availability, confidentiality and time authenticity.

Given the requirements of relevant technical standards and the trust services legislation, the following security-relevant operating events are electronically audit-logged in I.CA trustworthy systems:

- System-relevant events in environment and key management;
- Audit function start and audit function end;
- Changes to audit parameters;
- Actions taken upon an audit record storage error;
- Any attempt to access the system;
- Any event pertaining to the life cycle of CA key pair and certificates;
- Applicant registration record;
- Any attempted unauthorized applicant registration (with as much information about the unauthorized applicant as possible);
- Applicant registration cancellation record (applicant data are preserved);
- Anything about the life cycle of certificate:

- Record of RA certificate issuance application plus the result;
- Record of unauthorized certificate issuance application plus result;
- Record of subsequent certificate issuance application plus the result;
- Record of unauthorized subsequent certificate issuance application plus the result;
- Record of certificate revocation request plus requesting party data and the result;
- Record of unauthorized certificate revocation request plus requesting party data and the result;
- Record of the notification of possible compromise of the data for creating electronic signatures and/or seals by the signing/sealing person;
- Certificate revocation record;
- Record of attempted unauthorized system access;
- Record of certificate publication plus the result;
- Record of putting a revoked certificate on the CRL;
- CRL release record.

All the records in the audit log have the following parameters:

- Date (year, month, day) and time (hour, minute, second) of the event;
- Type of event;
- Identity of the entity responsible for the operation;
- Success/failure of the audited event.

#### 5.4.2 Frequency of processing log

Audit records are checked and assessed at the intervals defined in internal documentation:

- "Administration Guidance".

or immediately when a security incident occurs.

#### 5.4.3 Retention period for audit log

Unless the relevant legislation provides otherwise, audit records are kept for a minimum of ten years of the day they are made.

#### 5.4.4 Protection of audit log

Both electronic and printed audit records are stored in a manner ensuring they are protected against change, stealing and destruction (willful or accidental).

Electronic audit records are archived in two copies. Printed audit records are kept outside the operating premises of I.CA.

The protection of the aforesaid types of audit records is described in internal documentation – see 5.4.

#### 5.4.5 Audit log backup procedures

Electronic audit records are backed up similarly to how other electronic information is backed up. No backup of printed audit records takes place.

#### 5.4.6 Audit collection system (internal or external)

The audit record collection system is an internal one relative to the CA information systems.

#### 5.4.7 Notification to event-causing subject

Parties are not notified of that an event is registered in an audit record.

#### 5.4.8 Vulnerability assessments

První certifikační autorita, a.s., carries out periodic vulnerability assessments as part of risk assessments. Vulnerability monitoring of the hardware and software related to trust services is described in internal documentation:

- "Approach to Assessment and Management of Information Security Risks - Trustworthy Systems";
- "Administration Guidance".

### 5.5 Records archival

The archiving of records, i.e., information and documentation, at První certifikační autorita, a.s., is regulated in internal documentation.

- "I.CA Rooms Physical Access Control";
- "Backing up Data of Application Systems";
- "Administration Guidance";
- "Certification Services Documents";
- "Certification Services Partial Document Management and Shredding Rules";
- "Certification Services Partial Document Management and Shredding Plan".

#### 5.5.1 Types of records archived

I.CA archives the following electronic or printed records pertaining to trust services provided, such as:

- Records / protocols on the course of certification authorities key pair generating;
- For subordinate CAs issuing SSL type certificates to end users:
  - Video recording of the key pair generating process;
- Life cycle records for the certificates (especially the documents relating to validation of certificate issuance applications and certificate revocation requests);
- Information handling records, such as takeover, handover, saving, check, conversion from printed to electronic, etc.;

- Operational and security documentation.

### 5.5.2 Retention period for archive

Records relating to the certificates of all I.CA certification authorities and corresponding OCSP responders, excluding appropriate private keys, are kept throughout the existence of I.CA. Other records are kept in accordance with chapter 5.4.3.

The records archiving procedures are regulated in internal documentation.

### 5.5.3 Protection of archive

The premises where records are stored are secured with measures based on building and physical security and the Classified Information Protection Act.

The procedures to protect archived records are regulated in internal documentation – see 5.5.

### 5.5.4 Archive backup procedures

The record backup procedures are regulated in internal documentation – see 5.5.

### 5.5.5 Requirements for time-stamping of records

If time-stamp tokens are used, they will be qualified electronic time-stamp tokens issued by I.CA.

### 5.5.6 Archive collection system (internal or external)

Records are stored in a place designated by COO of I.CA.

Internal documentation regulates how both electronic and printed records are prepared for archival and stored – refer to 5.5. Records are kept of collecting records.

### 5.5.7 Procedures to obtain and verify archive information

Archived information and records are stored in sites designated therefore and are accessible to:

- I.CA employees if they need to have such access for their job;
- Authorized supervising and inspection entities and law enforcement authorities if required by legislation.

A written record is made of any such permitted access.

## 5.6 Key changeover

In standard situations (expiration of a certification authority certificate), the key is replaced by issuing a new certificate a good time in advance (no later than one year prior to the expiration).

In non-standard situations, for instance such progress in cryptanalytic methods that could compromise the security of certificate issuance (e.g., changes to cryptanalytic algorithms or key length), the key is replaced as soon as possible.

In both standard and non-standard situations, the replacement of the public key in certification authorities' certificates is suitably notified to the public a good time in advance (if practicable).

## 5.7 Compromise and disaster recovery

### 5.7.1 Incident and compromise handling procedures

In the event of incident or compromise, I.CA takes a course of action in accordance with its internal documentation:

- "Business Continuity Plan and Recovery Plan";
- "Operating Site Component Recovery";
- "Operating Site Relocation";
- "Security Incidents".

### 5.7.2 Computing resources, software, and/or data are corrupted

See 5.7.1.

### 5.7.3 Entity private key compromise procedures

In case of reasonable concern that a private key of certification authority has been compromised, I.CA does the following:

- Stops using the private key;
- Revokes immediately and permanently the pertinent certificate and destroys the corresponding private key;
- Revokes all valid certificates issued by pertinent certification authority;
- Immediately informs about this fact, including the reason of revocation, in accordance with Chapter 2.2; the list of revoked certificates is also used to make this information available;
- For qualified certificates, notifies the supervisory body of the revocation of a certificate and the reason.

A similar procedure will be applied in the event that cryptanalytic methods develop to such an extent (e.g. changes in cryptographic algorithms, key lengths, etc.) that the security of trust services could be immediately threatened.

### 5.7.4 Business continuity capabilities after a disaster

In the event of accident, I.CA takes a course of action in accordance with internal documentation:

- "Business Continuity Plan and Recovery Plan";
- "Operating Site Component Recovery";
- "Operating Site Relocation".

## 5.8 CA or RA termination

The following apply to the termination of the CA's operations:

- Such termination must be notified in writing to all subscribers of valid certificates, the entities having a contract directly pertaining to the provision of Services, and the supervisory body if qualified certificates are concerned;
- The termination of the CA's operations must be published on the web page pursuant to 2.2;
- If the CA certificate's expiration is part of the termination of operations, this information plus the reason for expiration must be included in that notice;
- The termination of operations is a controlled process following a pre-defined plan, which includes the description of the procedure to preserve and disclose information for judicial or administrative proceedings discovery and for arranging the continuity of the Services;
- The certification authority must arrange no less than certificate revocation and CRL release as long as any certificate issued by the certification authority is valid;
- After that the CA must demonstrably destroy its private key, make a record of this destruction and keep this record in accordance with this CPS and the specific CP.

In the event of withdrawal of the qualified trust services provider status:

- The information must be notified in writing or electronically to all subscribers of valid certificates, and the parties having a contract that directly concerns the provision of trust services;
- The information must be published in accordance with 2.2. at all offices of registration authorities and must also communicate that qualified system certificates cannot be used in accordance with the purpose of their issuance any longer;
- The subsequent course of action will be decided by CEO of I.CA while taking account of the decision of the supervisory body.

If a specific RA office closes down, this is published on <http://www.ica.cz>.

Planned termination of operations of I.CA in the position of qualified trust services provider is described in detail in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Services Termination".

Rules concerning to the termination of specific certification authorities and corresponding RAs are described in particular CPs.

## 6 TECHNICAL SECURITY CONTROLS

### 6.1 Key pair generation and installation

#### 6.1.1 Key pair generation

Generating of certification authorities' and their corresponding OCSP responders' key pairs which is done in reserved areas of the operating site in compliance with the requirements of chapters 5.2 and 5.4.1 is carried out in cryptographic modules meeting the requirements of trust services legislation, which is ETSI and CEN standards. These cryptographic modules are under sole control of I.CA.

All the requirements on the generating of these key pairs are described in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Rooms Physical Access Control";
- "HSM/Private Server;
- "HSM/nShield XC“;
- "HSM PrivateServer – Procedures to Generate CA and OCSP Keys and Certificates";
- "HSM nShield – Procedures to Generate CA and OCSP Keys and Certificates".

The report documenting key pair generating must include no less than:

- List of the names of the employees who are present;
- Dates and times (to the minute) when key pair generating is started and ended;
- Place of generating;
- Description of the device on which generating is carried out – this description must uniquely identify the device;
- Date of the report;
- Handwritten signatures of all the employees who were present at key pair generating.

Key pairs of the employees taking part in the issuance of certificates to end users are generated and stored on smartcards meeting the QSCD requirements. The private keys of these key pairs are stored on smartcard in non-exportable form and PIN needs to be entered to use the keys.

Key pairs related to the certificates issued to other end users are generated on devices which are under sole control of the respective private key holders. These key pairs may be stored on hardware and in software. In case of qualified certificates having the private key corresponding with public key contained in this certificate is generated and stored on QSCD, both the presence of these devices in EU Trusted List and the device certification validity period are continuously checked according to internal documentation:

- "QSCD Personalization“.

#### 6.1.2 Private key delivery to subscriber

Not applicable for private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders – private keys are stored in a cryptographic module under the sole control of I.CA.

Generating key pairs for other end users and for the employees taking part in the issuance of certificates to end users is not provided.

### 6.1.3 Public key delivery to certificate issuer

Not applicable for private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders - private keys are stored on the cryptographic modules under the control of I.CA.

In other cases, public keys are delivered as part of the certificate application (the PKCS#10 format).

### 6.1.4 CA public key delivery to relying parties

Certification authorities' public keys are included in these authorities' certificates, and the following options for obtaining the keys are guaranteed:

- Handover from RA;
- Via web information addresses of I.CA, relevant supervisory body or its journal;
- Every subscriber gets relevant certification authorities' certificates together with his primary certificate.

### 6.1.5 Key sizes

The size of the key of I.CA root certification authority using ECC cryptography is 384 bits at minimum, the size of the keys in certificates of subordinate certification authorities issued by this root certification authority is 256 bits at minimum, the size of the keys of OCSP responders is 256 bits at minimum. The size of the keys of other issued certificates is stated in specific CP.

### 6.1.6 Public key parameters generation and quality checking

Parameters of the algorithms used in generating the public keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders meet the requirements of trust services legislation i.e., in technical standards and norms referred by this legislation. These keys are generated and checked by relevant hardware and software.

The parameters of the algorithms used in generating public keys of other subscribers must also meet these requirements and are checked in the same way.

### 6.1.7 Key usage purposes (as per X.509 v3 key usage field)

The key usage options are specified in the certificate's extension.

## 6.2 Private key protection and cryptographic module engineering controls

The specific procedures how to protect private keys on cryptographic modules under control of I.CA are described in internal documentation:

- "I.CA Rooms Physical Access Control";

- "HSM/Private Server";
- "HSM/nShield XC";
- "HSM PrivateServer – Procedures to Generate CA and OCSP Keys and Certificates";
- "HSM nShield – Procedures to Generate CA and OCSP Keys and Certificates".

### 6.2.1 Cryptographic module standards and controls

The key pairs of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders are generated, and the corresponding private keys are stored on cryptographic modules which meet the requirements of trust services legislation, which is ETSI and CEN standards, and are used in accordance with their certification.

Employees taking part in issuing certificates use the smartcards meeting the QSCD requirements.

Using cryptographic modules by other end users is fully within their competence.

### 6.2.2 Private key (n out of m) multi-person control

If cryptographic module related operations require the presence of more persons, then each of them knows only some part of the code required for these operations.

### 6.2.3 Private key escrow

Not applicable for this document; the private key escrow is not provided.

### 6.2.4 Private key backup

Private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders protected by cryptographic modules are backed up in encrypted form, which provides the same level of protection as the cryptographic device.

Not applicable for private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates, these private keys are generated on smartcards as non-exportable.

Backup of private keys related to certificates of other end users is fully within the competence of these end users.

### 6.2.5 Private key archival

When certification authorities' and their corresponding OCSP responders' private keys expire, they are not archived but destroyed including their backup copies.

Archiving period of private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates is limited by the memory capacity of the smartcard.

Archiving private keys related to certificates of other end users is fully within the competence of these end users.

### 6.2.6 Private key transfer into or from a cryptographic module

Private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders are generated on cryptographic modules (as not exportable) and cannot be exported out of these modules (operated in certified mode) in any form<sup>1</sup>. Import of the private key into the cryptographic module is not performed.

Not applicable for private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates, these private keys are generated on smartcards as non-exportable.

Transferring private keys related to certificates of other end users is fully within the competence of these end users.

### 6.2.7 Private key storage on cryptographic module

Private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders are stored on cryptographic modules meeting the requirements of trust services legislation, which is ETSI and CEN standards. Cryptographic modules are used in accordance with their certification.

Otherwise, they are securely encrypted in accordance with the relevant certification.

Employees taking part in issuing certificates use the smartcards meeting the QSCD requirements.

Possible storing private keys related to certificates of other end users on cryptographic modules is fully within the competence of these end users.

### 6.2.8 Method of activating private key

Activation of certification authorities's and their corresponding OCSP responders's private keys (allowing the use of these private keys) is done:

- In case of smartcard activation by inserting the smartcard into card reader and entering the password;
- In case of softcard activation by entering the softcard and password.

Private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates are activated by inserting the smartcard into card reader and entering PIN.

Activation private keys related to certificates of other end users is fully within the competence of these end users and depends on the way of storing these private keys.

### 6.2.9 Method of deactivating private key

Deactivation private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders is done by removing smartcard from card reader or by quitting specific application.

Private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates are deactivated by removing the smartcard from card reader;

Deactivation private keys related to certificates of other end users is fully within the competence of these end users and depends on the way of storing these private keys.

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<sup>1</sup> There is one exception – encrypted backup, which can be used only in cryptographic module (or in HA/LB modules) where the key pair was generated.

## 6.2.10 Method of destroying private key

After expiration of specific certification authority's private key and based on subsequent decision of CEO of I.CA this private key is destroyed according to specific procedure including all backups of this key. Destroying is documented in a written record.

Private keys of OCSP responders are destroyed on the decision of I.CA representative when issuing OCSP responder's certificate. Destroying is documented in a written record.

Destroying private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates is fully within the competence of these employees, it is not ordered. It is necessary only when the smartcard memory is full.

Destroying private keys related to certificates of other end users is fully within the competence of these end users.

## 6.2.11 Cryptographic module rating

Cryptographic modules used for generating of key pairs and storing corresponding private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders meet the requirements of trust services legislation, which is ETSI and CEN standards and are used in accordance with their certification.

Smartcards used for generating of key pairs and storing corresponding private keys of employees taking part in issuing certificates meet QSCD requirements.

Possible usage of cryptographic modules by other end users (including evaluation these modules) is fully within the competence of these end users.

## 6.3 Other aspects of key pair management

### 6.3.1 Public key archival

All public keys as part of certificates are archived throughout the existence of I.CA.

### 6.3.2 Certificate operational periods and key pair usage periods

The maximum period of validity of each certificate issued is specified in the body of that certificate and is the same as key pair usage period.

## 6.4 Activation data

### 6.4.1 Activation data generation and installation

Activation data of certification authorities' and their corresponding OCSP responders' private keys (smartcard or softcard) are created before or during the generating of the corresponding key pair.

Procedures are described in internal documentation:

- "HSM/Private Server";
- "HSM/nShield XC";

- "TSS Administration".

Activation data of employees taking part in issuing certificates private keys is PIN, which is under sole control of these employees.

Possible usage of activation data by other end users is fully within the competence of these end users.

#### 6.4.2 Activation data protection

Private keys of certification authorities and their corresponding OCSP responders (smartcard or softcard) activation data are protected by passwords.

Procedures are described in internal documentation:

- "HSM/Private Server";
- "HSM/nShield XC";
- "TSS Administration".

Activation data of employees' taking part in issuing certificates private keys protection is fully within the competence of these employees.

Activation data of end users' private keys protection is fully within the competence of these employees.

#### 6.4.3 Other aspects of activation data

Not applicable for this document.

### 6.5 Computer security controls

#### 6.5.1 Specific computer security technical requirements

The security level of the components used in providing trust services is, including the scope of necessary evaluations and assessments and also trustworthy systems configuration checks, and their periodicity, defined for qualified services in trust services legislation and the technical standards referred to therein, otherwise in the relevant technical standards, i.e., ETSI and CEN standards listed in 6.5.2. The solution is described in detail in internal documentation, in particular in:

- "System Security Policy – Trustworthy Systems";
- "Administration Guidance";
- "I.CA Rooms Physical Access Control";
- "HSM/Private Server";
- "HSM/nShield XC";
- "TSS Administration";
- "TSMC Administration".

## 6.5.2 Computer security rating

The assessment of I.CA computer security is based on the requirements set out in the specified technical standards and norms, in particular:

- CEN/TS 419261 Security requirements for trustworthy systems managing certificates and time-stamps;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 401 Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI) – General Policy Requirements for Trust Service Providers;
- ETSI EN 319 401 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); General Policy Requirements for Trust Service Providers;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 403-1 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 1: Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers;
- ETSI EN 319 403-1 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 1: Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 403 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI) – Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies Assessing Trust Service Providers;
- ETSI EN 319 403 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment - Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 411-1 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI) – Policy and Security Requirements for Trust Service Providers Issuing Certificates – Part 1: General Requirements;
- ETSI EN 319 411-1 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for Trust Service Providers issuing certificates; Part 1: General requirements;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 411-2 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI) – Policy and Security Requirements for Trust Service Providers Issuing Certificates – Part 2: Requirements for Trust Service Providers Issuing EU Qualified Certificates;
- ETSI EN 319 411-2 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for Trust Service Providers issuing certificates; Part 2: Requirements for trust service providers issuing EU qualified certificates;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 412-1 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 1: Overview and Common Data Structures;
- ETSI EN 319 412-1 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 1: Overview and common data structures;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 412-2 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 2: Certificate Profile for Certificates Issued to Natural Persons;
- ETSI EN 319 412-2 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 2: Certificate profile for certificates issued to natural persons;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 412-3 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 3: Certificate Profile for Certificates Issued to Legal Persons;
- ETSI EN 319 412-3 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 3: Certificate profile for certificates issued to legal persons;

- ČSN ETSI EN 319 412-4 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 4: Certificate profile for web site certificates;
- ETSI EN 319 412-4 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 4: Certificate profile for web site certificates;
- ČSN ETSI EN 319 412-5 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 5: QCStatements;
- ETSI EN 319 412-5 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 5: QCStatements;
- ČSN EN 419 221-5 Protection profiles for TSP Cryptographic modules – Part 5 Cryptographic Module for Trust Services;
- EN 419 221-5 Protection profiles for TSP Cryptographic modules - Part 5 Cryptographic Module for Trust Services;
- ČSN ISO/IEC 15408-1 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Evaluation criteria for IT security - Part 1: Introduction and general model;
- ISO/IEC 15408-1:2022 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Evaluation criteria for IT security - Part 1: Introduction and general model;
- ČSN ISO/IEC 15408-2 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Evaluation criteria for IT security - Part 2: Security functional components;
- ISO/IEC 15408-2:2022 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Evaluation criteria for IT security - Part 2: Security functional components;
- ČSN ISO/IEC 15408-3 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Evaluation criteria for IT security - Part 3: Security assurance components;
- ISO/IEC 15408-3:2022 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Evaluation criteria for IT security - Part 3: Security assurance components;
- ČSN EN 419 241-1 – Trustworthy Systems Supporting Server Signing – Part 1: General System Security Requirements;
- EN 419 241-1 – Trustworthy Systems Supporting Server Signing – Part 1: General System Security Requirements;
- ČSN EN 419 241-2 – Trustworthy Systems Supporting Server Signing – Part 2: Protection profile for QSCD for Server Signing;
- EN 419 241-2 – Trustworthy Systems Supporting Server Signing – Part 2: Protection profile for QSCD for Server Signing;
- CA/Browser Forum - Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted S/MIME Certificates;
- FIPS PUB 140-2 Requirements for Cryptographic Modules;
- ETSI TS 119 312 Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Cryptographic Suites;
- European Cybersecurity Certification Group Sub-group on Cryptography - Agreed Cryptographic Mechanisms;
- ČSN EN ISO/IEC 27006 Information Technology – Security Techniques – Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Information Security Management Systems;
- ISO/IEC 17021 Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems;

- ISO/IEC 17065 Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services;
- ISO 3166-1 Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 1: Country codes;
- ITU-T - X.501 Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Models;
- ITU-T - X.509 Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks.
- ITU-T - X.520 Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Selected attribute types;
- RSA Laboratories - PKCS#10: Certification Request Syntax Standard;
- RFC 6960 X.509 Internet Public Key Infrastructure Online Certificate Status Protocol – OCSP;
- RFC 3647 Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework;
- RFC 5019 The Lightweight Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) Profile for High-Volume Environments;
- RFC 5280 Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile;
- EN 301 549 Accessibility requirements for ICT products and services.

## 6.6 Life cycle technical controls

### 6.6.1 System development controls

System development is carried out in accordance with internal documentation:

- "Change Control";
- "Development Methodology";

### 6.6.2 Security management controls

Information security management and compliance with technical standards are inspected as part of the periodic trust services inspections and also during information security management system (ISMS) audits.

Information security at I.CA is governed by the following standards:

- ČSN EN ISO/IEC 27000 Information Technology – Security Techniques – Information Security Management Systems – Overview and Vocabulary;
- ČSN EN ISO/IEC 27001 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Information security management systems – Requirements;
- ČSN EN ISO/IEC 27002 Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection - Information security controls.

These topics are described in internal documentation:

- "Inspection Activity, Clean Criminal Record and Competence";

### 6.6.3 Life cycle security controls

I.CA takes the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) procedural approach to life cycle security management; the PDCA approach consists of the following consecutive processes:

- Establishing – defining the scope and the boundaries for information security management, determining a security policy and plans, and choosing security controls depending on the risks identified, all this in accordance with the corporate security policy, as is described in internal documentation:
  - "Corporate Security Policy";
  - "Information Security Policy - Trustworthy Systems";
  - "Approaches to Assess and Address Information Security Risks - Trustworthy Systems";
  - "ISMS Scope - Trustworthy Systems";
  - "Risk Analysis - Trustworthy Systems, Final Report";
  - "Statement of Applicability - Trustworthy Systems";
  - "Risk Handling/Management Plan - Trustworthy Systems";
  - "Residual Risks – Summary for Management - Trustworthy Systems";
- Implementing and operating – effective and systematic enforcement of the selected security controls, as is described in internal documentation:
  - "I.CA Rooms Physical Access Control";
  - "Fire Safety";
  - "HSM/Private Server";
  - "HSM/nShield XC";
  - "Information Security Management";
  - "Backing up Data of Application Systems";
  - "Administration Guidance";
  - "Firewall – Operating Site";
  - "Inspection Activity, Clean Criminal Record and Competence";
  - "Change Control";
  - "Security Incidents";
  - "Operating Site Component Recovery";
  - "Operating Site Relocation";
  - "Firewall – Operating Site";
  - "CCTV – Operating Site";
  - "Crisis Scenarios";
  - physical security projects of particular operating sites;
  - in other documentation maintained at the operating site (see "Administration Guidance");

- Monitoring and reviewing – providing feedback, regular monitoring and evaluation of the successful and the poor aspects of information security management, providing the knowledge gained for the company management for assessment, as is described in the documents:
  - Internal inspection reports;
  - External inspection reports and external audit reports;
- Maintenance and improvement – implementing corrective and improvement measures as decided by the company management.

## 6.7 Network security controls

Network infrastructure of the operating site is protected with a firewall-type commercial product with an integrated intrusion prevention system. The detailed network security management solution is described in internal documentation. All communication between RA and the operating sites is encrypted.

The detailed network security management solution is described in internal documentation:

- "System Security Policy – Trustworthy Systems";
- "Administration Guidance";
- "Firewall – Operating Site";
- "Business Continuity Plan and Recovery Plan";
- "Operating Site Component Recovery";
- "Operating Site Relocation".

## 6.8 Time-stamping

See 5.5.5 for the time-stamping solution.

## 7 CERTIFICATE, CRL AND OCSP PROFILES

The certificate profile, the CRL profile and the OCSP profile are always given in the specific CP. The following chapters only describe the changes, if any, the making of which is reserved by I.CA in the specific certificate policy.

Admitted attribute types and attribute length (in characters) for subject field and subjectAlternativeName extension if these are part of the certificate:

- In qualified certificates for electronic signature and electronic seal, they are given in Table 4, column two;
- In other types of certificates, they are given in Table 4, column three.

**Table 4 – Attribute types and attribute length for subject field and subjectAlternativeName extension**

Field   extension/attribute	Qualified certificates for electronic signature and electronic seal	Other types of certificates
<b>subject</b>		
countryName	PrintableString (2)	PrintableString (2)
givenName	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
surName	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
pseudonym	UTF8String (1..128)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..128)
serialNumber	PrintableString (1..64)	PrintableString (1..64)
commonName	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
initials	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
emailAddress	IA5String (1..64)	IA5String (1..64)
name	UTF8String (1..128)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..128)
generationQualifier	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
organizationName	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
organizationalUnitName	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString,

		UTF8String (1..64)
title	UTF8String (1..64)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..64)
stateOrProvinceName	UTF8String (1..128)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..128)
localityName	UTF8String (1..128)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..128)
streetAddress	UTF8String (1..128)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..128)
postalCode	UTF8String (1..40)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..40)
organizationIdentifier	UTF8String (1..128)	PrintableString, UTF8String (1..128)
businessCategory	UnboundDirectoryString (1..64)	
jurisdictionCountryName	PrintableString (2)	
jurisdictionStateOrProvince Name	UTF8String (1..128)	
jurisdictionLocalityName	UTF8String (1..128)	
<b>subjectAlternativeName</b>		
otherName.IKMPSV (1.3.6.1.4.1.11801.2.1)	UTF8String (1..10)	not permitted
otherName.ICA_SN (1.3.6.1.4.1.23624.4.6)	UTF8String (1..8) check: only digits/characters '0' to '9'	UTF8String (1..7) check: only digits/characters '0' to '9'
otherName.universalPrincip alName (1.3.6.1.4.1.311.20.2.3, Microsoft UPN)	not permitted	UTF8String (1..255)
rfc822Name	IA5String (1..320) check: correct e-mail address format	IA5String (1..320) check: correct e-mail address format
dnsName	IA5String (1..255) check: correct DNS name format	not permitted

description	UnboundDirectoryString (1..1024)	
DN Qualifier	PrintableString (1..64)	
DMDName	UnboundDirectoryString (1..64)	

## 7.1 Certificate profile

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.1 Version number(s)

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.2 Certificate extensions

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.3 Algorithm object identifiers

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.4 Name forms

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.5 Name constraints

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.6 Certificate policy object identifier

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.7 Usage of Policy Constraints extension

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.8 Policy qualifiers syntax and semantics

See chapter 7.

### 7.1.9 Processing semantics for the critical Certificate Policies extension

See chapter 7.

## 7.2 CRL profile

See chapter 7.

### 7.2.1 Version number(s)

See chapter 7.

### 7.2.2 CRL and CRL entry extensions

For qualified certificates, CRLs include an extension (`expiredCertsOnCRL`), which specifies that the CRL also contains expired certificates for the defined period (see 4.10.3).

## 7.3 OCSP profile

Both the OCSP request profile and the OCSP response profile are in accordance with RFC 6960 and RFC 5019.

OCSP responses are of the `BasicOCSPResponse` type and contain all mandatory fields. An optional `revocationReason` field is included for revoked certificates. The `unAuthorized` response is given for any certificate not issued by the relevant CA. `Http` only is used as the transmission protocol.

**Table 5 – OCSP request profile**

Request attributes	Notes
<b>OCSPRequest</b> ::= SEQUENCE {	
<b>tbsRequest</b> TBSRequest	
TBSRequest ::= SEQUENCE	
{	
version [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,	
requestorName [1] EXPLICIT GeneralName	
OPTIONAL	
<b>requestList</b> SEQUENCE OF Request,	The OCSP responder only responds to the first request in the list in the OCSP request and ignores any other request. (RFC5019)
<b>Request</b> ::= SEQUENCE	
{	
<u>reqCert</u> CertID,	mandatory attribute (if not included, <i>malformedRequest</i> will be the response)
CertID ::= SEQUENCE {	
hashAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier,	OID of the hash algorithm for the following two attributes - identification of the requested certificate's issuer specified by the client; OCSP responder imposes no limit (and processes requests with all the openssl-enabled hash algorithms)
issuerNameHash OCTET STRING,	hash field of the issuer of the certificate requested
issuerKeyHash OCTET STRING,	hash of the public key of the issuer of the certificate requested

serialNumber CertificateSerialNumber }	serial number of the certificate requested
singleRequestExtensions [0] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL	it is not permitted under RFC5019, and if it is used in the request, it is ignored
Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension	
Extension ::= SEQUENCE { extnID OBJECT IDENTIFIER, critical BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, extnValue OCTET STRING }  }	according to RFC6960, the following is permitted to occur here: - <i>ServiceLocator</i>
<b>requestExtensions</b> [2] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL	ignored
Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension	all extensions ignored
Extension ::= SEQUENCE {  extnID OBJECT IDENTIFIER, critical BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, extnValue OCTET STRING }  }	according to RFC6960, the following is permitted to occur: - <i>Nonce</i> - ignored according to RFC5019; - <i>AcceptableResponses</i> ; - <i>PreferredSignatureAlgorithms</i>
<b>optionalSignature</b> [0] EXPLICIT Signature OPTIONAL	ignored (RFC5019)
Signature ::= SEQUENCE {  signatureAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier,  signature BIT STRING	
certs [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL }	
}	

**Table 6 – OCSP response profile**

Response attributes	Notes
<b>OCSPResponse</b> ::= SEQUENCE {  <b>responseStatus</b> OCSPResponseStatus	
OCSPResponseStatus ::= ENUMERATED	<p>(0) <i>successful</i> - successful response to OCSPRequest;</p> <p>(1) <i>malformedRequest</i> - returned after OCSPRequest syntax error;</p> <p>(2) <i>internalError</i> - OCSP responder internal error;</p> <p>(3) <i>tryLater</i> - not used;</p> <p>(5) <i>sigRequired</i> - never returned as request signature is not required;</p> <p>(6) <i>unauthorized</i> - if OCSP responder does not recognise the issuer = foreign certificate (client is not authorized to make a query to this server – RFC6960, or the server is unable to make an authoritative response, for instance it may not have authoritative</p>

	information about certificate revocation – RFC5019)
<b>responseBytes</b> [0] EXPLICIT ResponseBytes OPTIONAL }	only if OCSPResponseStatus= <i>successful</i>
ResponseBytes ::= SEQUENCE {	
responseType OBJECT IDENTIFIER	always "Basic OCSP Response"
response OCTET STRING	
BasicOCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {	
<b><u>tbsResponseData</u></b> ResponseData,	
ResponseData ::= SEQUENCE {	
version [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,	v1
responderID ResponderID,	
ResponderID ::= CHOICE { byName [1] Name, byKey [2] KeyHash }	returns byName=issuer's DN
producetAt GeneralizedTime,	time the responder signs the response
responses SEQUENCE OF SingleResponse,	returns only a single response to the first certificate in the request list
SingleResponse ::= SEQUENCE {	
certID CertID,	
CertID ::= SEQUENCE { hashAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier, issuerNameHash OCTET STRING, issuerKeyHash OCTET STRING, serialNumber CertificateSerialNumber }	identical to the content of the attribute <i>CertID</i> specified in the request
certStatus CertStatus,	certificate revocation status one of options listed below
CertStatus ::= CHOICE {	
<b>good</b> [0] IMPLICIT NULL,	certificate has not been revoked (in the validity interval) or the time the OCSP response is created is outside the certificate validity interval
<b>revoked</b> [1] IMPLICIT RevokedInfo,	certificate has been revoked (in the validity interval)
RevokedInfo ::= SEQUENCE {	
revocationTime GeneralizedTime	certificate revocation time
revocationReason [0] EXPLICIT CRLReason OPTIONAL }	reason included in the response
CRLReason ::= ENUMERATED	can contain: (0) <i>unspecified</i> ; (1) <i>keyCompromise</i> ; (2) <i>cACompromise</i> ; (3) <i>affiliationChanged</i> ; (4) <i>superseded</i> ; (5) <i>cessationOfOperation</i> ; (8) <i>removeFromCRL</i> ; (9) <i>privilegeWithdrawn</i> ;

	(10) <i>aACompromise</i> I.CA does not admit <i>certificateHold</i> (6) as the revocation reason; value (7) is not used
<b>unknown</b> [2] IMPLICIT UnknownInfo UnknownInfo ::= NULL	I.CA does not use this (but does use OCSPResponseStatus = unauthorized under RFC5019) (the provider is unable to respond, and 'knows nothing' about the certificate usually because it is a foreign certificate)
}	
thisUpdate GeneralizedTime,	time for which certificate status is known
nextUpdate [1] EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,	always specified (mandatory under RFC5019); the time this response expires and a new response will be available
singleExtensions [1] EXPLICIT Extensions	
Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension Extension ::= SEQUENCE { extnID OBJECT IDENTIFIER, critical BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, extnValue OCTET STRING }	the response may contain extension(s): - <b>id-commonpki-at-certHash</b> - inserted at least in SK certificates (also referred to as positive statement); the algorithm according to the responder's certificate's signature (sha256) will be used for the hash from the requested certificate; - <b>id-pkix-ocsp-archive-cutoff</b> – for qualified certificates, it specifies the time after certificate expiration the certificate status given in the OCSP response can be relied on
}	
responseExtensions [1] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }	response contains no field responseExtensions
Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension Extension ::= SEQUENCE { extnID OBJECT IDENTIFIER, critical BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, extnValue OCTET STRING }	according to RFC6960, the following is permitted to be here: - id-pkix-ocsp-nonce; - id-pkix-ocsp-extended-revoke
}	
signatureAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier,	ecdsa-with-SHA256
signature BIT STRING,	
certs [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL	specified: - certificate of the issuing CA; - certificate of the OCSP responder
}	
}	
}	
}	

### 7.3.1 Version number(s)

See 7.3.

### 7.3.2 OCSP extensions

See tables in 7.3.

The OCSP response returning the "good" certificate status may contain a positive statement as the CertHash attribute of singleExtensions.

## **8 COMPLIANCE AUDIT AND OTHER ASSESMENTS**

Assessment information is provided in specific certificate policies.

### **8.1 Frequency or circumstances of assessment**

See chapter 8.

### **8.2 Identity/qualifications of assessor**

See chapter 8.

### **8.3 Assessor's relationship to assessed entity**

See chapter 8.

### **8.4 Topics covered by assessment**

See chapter 8.

### **8.5 Actions taken as a result of deficiency**

See chapter 8.

### **8.6 Communication of results**

See chapter 8.

## 9 OTHER BUSINESS AND LEGAL MATTERS

### 9.1 Fees

#### 9.1.1 Certificate issuance or renewal fees

The fees for issuing end user certificates are given in the current price list, which is available on the web information address of I.CA or in the contract if there is a contract between I.CA and the Organization. No fee is charged for the certificates held by I.CA.

The certificate renewal service is not provided.

#### 9.1.2 Certificate access fees

I.CA charges no fee for electronic access to the public certificates issued under a specific CP – refer to 2.2.

#### 9.1.3 Revocation or status information access fees

No fee is charged by I.CA for electronic access to revocation information (CRL) and status information (OCSP) about the certificates issued under certificate policies – refer to 2.2.

#### 9.1.4 Fees for other services

Not applicable for this document.

#### 9.1.5 Refund policy

Not applicable for this document.

## 9.2 Financial responsibility

### 9.2.1 Insurance coverage

První certifikační autorita, a.s., represents it holds the valid business risk insurance policy that covers financial damage.

První certifikační autorita, a.s., has drawn an employee liability insurance policy for each employee, with a scope of coverage as determined by the company's board of directors.

### 9.2.2 Other assets

První certifikační autorita, a.s., represents it has available financial resources and other financial assurances sufficient for providing the Services given the risk of a liability-for-damage claim.

Please refer to the Annual Report of První certifikační autorita, a.s., disclosed in business register for detailed information on the company's assets.

### 9.2.3 Insurance or warranty coverage for end-entities

Not applicable for this document; the service is not provided.

## 9.3 Confidentiality of business information

### 9.3.1 Scope of confidential information

Confidential information of I.CA covers any information other than public information and other than that published in the manner pursuant to 2.2, including:

- All private keys, which are employed in providing the Services;
- Business information of I.CA;
- Any internal information and documentation;
- Any personal data.

### 9.3.2 Information not within the scope of confidential information

Public information is marked as public or published in the manner pursuant to 2.2.

### 9.3.3 Responsibility to protect confidential information

I.CA employee who comes in contact with confidential information may not disclose this information to a third party without consent of CEO of I.CA.

## 9.4 Privacy of personal information

### 9.4.1 Privacy plan

I.CA protects personal data and other non-public information in accordance with relevant legislation, which means ZOOU and GDPR in particular. These requirements are regulated in detail in internal documentation:

- "Personal Data Protection at I.CA";
- "Information Security Management";

### 9.4.2 Information treated as private

Any information subject to protection under relevant legislation is treated as private.

I.CA employees or the entities defined by relevant legislation that come into contact with personal data must maintain confidentiality of this data and the security controls the disclosure of which would put the security of this data at risk. The confidentiality duty survives the termination of employment or other similar relationship, or the completion of pertinent work.

### 9.4.3 Information not deemed private

Any information outside the scope of relevant legislation is not considered personal data.

### 9.4.4 Responsibility to protect private information

CEO of I.CA is responsible for the protection of personal data.

### 9.4.5 Notice and consent to use private information

I.CA deals with the notifying of personal data use and consents to personal data processing in accordance with relevant legislation.

### 9.4.6 Disclosure pursuant to judicial or administrative process

I.CA discloses personal data for judicial or administrative purpose in accordance with the relevant legislation.

### 9.4.7 Other information disclosure circumstances

I.CA provides access to personal data strictly as regulated in relevant legislation.

## 9.5 Intellectual property rights

This CPS, all related documents, the website content and the procedures facilitating the operation of trustworthy systems supporting trust services are copyrighted by První certifikační autorita, a.s., and are important know-how thereof.

## 9.6 Representations and warranties

### 9.6.1 CA representations and warranties

I.CA warrants that:

- It will use the certification authorities' private keys solely for issuing certificates to end users (except I.CA root certification authority), issuing certificate revocation lists and issuing OCSP responder certificates;
- It will use the private keys of certification authorities' OCSP responders solely in the processes of providing responses to certificate status requests;
- The qualified certificates issued to end users meet trust services legislation requirements and the requirements of the relevant technical standards and norms, the non-qualified certificates issued to end users meet the requirements of the relevant technical standards and norms;
- It will revoke any certificate issued if the revocation request is submitted in the manner defined in this CPS or the specific CP, as applicable.

All warranties and the performance resulting therefrom may only be recognized on condition that:

- The subscriber did not violate any obligation arising from Service (under a specific CP) contract or particular CP;
- The relying party did not violate any obligation arising from specific CP.

The subscriber of a certificate issued under specific CP must always make his warranty claim with the RA which handled his application for that particular certificate.

I.CA represents and warrants, vis-à-vis subscribers and relying parties, that I.CA will observe particular CPs in issuing certificates and administering the same throughout their periods of validity.

The warranties include:

- Checking the right to apply for a certificate;
- Verifying the information given in the certificate application, checking due completion of the items in the certificate application (PKCS#10 format) and checking the identity;
- Ensuring that the certificate issuance contract meets the requirements of relevant legislation;
- Ensuring that certificate status information storage place is maintained 24 hours a day and 7 days a week;
- Ensuring that a certificate may be revoked for reasons specified in trust services legislation and specific CP.

### 9.6.2 RA representations and warranties

The designated RA:

- Assumes the obligation that the services which the RA provides are correct;
- Does not accept the Certificate application if the Certificate applicant refuses to provide necessary data or if the Certificate applicant is not authorized to submit the application;
- Is responsible for passing a hand-delivered certificate revocation request to a CA office in due time for the CA office to handle the request;
- Is responsible for handling objections and complaints.

### 9.6.3 Subscriber representations and warranties

The subscriber representations and warranties are stated in the contract between I.CA and the certificate's subscriber.

### 9.6.4 Relying parties representations and warranties

Relying parties follow the CP under which the certificate is issued.

### 9.6.5 Representations and warranties of other participants

Not applicable for this document.

## 9.7 Disclaimers of warranties

První certifikační autorita, a.s., only provides the warranties as given in 9.6.

## 9.8 Limitations of liability

První certifikační autorita, a.s., is not responsible for any damage suffered by relying parties where the relying party breaches its obligations under trust services legislation and particular CP. První certifikační autorita, a.s., is also not responsible for any damage resulting from breach of obligations of I.CA as a result of force majeure.

## 9.9 Indemnities

Applicable for the provision of trust services are the relevant provisions of current legislation regulating provider–consumer relations and the warranties agreed between První certifikační autorita, a.s., and the user of the Services. The contract must not be in conflict with current legislation and must always take an electronic or printed form.

První certifikační autorita, a.s.:

- Undertakes to discharge all the obligations defined by relevant legislation (including trust services legislation in case of qualified certificates) and those in the relevant policies;
- Gives the aforesaid warranties throughout the term of the contract of Services;
- Agrees that the application software suppliers with a valid contract with První certifikační autorita, a.s., for the distribution of the root certificate assume no obligation or liability, except for where damage or loss is directly attributable to the software of that supplier.

První certifikační autorita, a.s., **is not responsible for:**

- Any defect in the services rendered which is due to the subscriber's incorrect or unauthorized use of the services rendered under the contract of Services, particularly for any use contrary to the terms and conditions specified in this CPS and/or the specific CP, and for any defect due to force majeure, including a temporary telecommunication connection failure;
- Any damage resulting from using the certificate after submitting the request for that certificate's revocation if První certifikační autorita, a.s., meets the defined time limit for publishing the Certificate on certificate revocation list (CRL or OCSP).

Claims and complaints may be submitted by:

- E-mail to [reklamace@ica.cz](mailto:reklamace@ica.cz);
- Message to data box of I.CA;
- Registered post letter to the registered office of the company;
- Hand at the registered office of the company.

The party making the claim or complaint (the subscriber or the relying party) must provide:

- Description of the defect that is as accurate as possible;
- Serial number of the product complained about;
- Suggestion how the claim/complaint should be resolved.

I.CA will decide the claim/complaint within three business days of receiving it. The decision will be communicated to the party making the claim/complaint by e-mail, data box message or registered post letter unless the parties agree otherwise.

The claim/complaint, including the defect, will be dealt with without undue delay, within thirty days of the date of the claim/complaint unless the parties agree otherwise.

The subscriber will be provided with a new certificate free of charge if:

- There is reasonable suspicion that the certification authority's private key has been compromised;
- The management of I.CA decide so taking account of the circumstances of the case;
- CA finds out, in the certificate application acceptance procedure, that a different certificate with a duplicate public key exists.

Any other possible damages are based on the relevant legislation and the amount of damage may be determined by court.

## 9.10 Term and termination

The period certificate policies are in effect and the conditions for their expiry are always specified in the specific CP.

### 9.10.1 Term

Certificate policies – see 9.10.

This CPS takes effect on the date specified in chapter 10 and is in effect until replaced by a new version or until the expiration of the last certificate issued under any of the certificate policies – refer to 1.2.

### 9.10.2 Termination

Certificate policies – see 9.10.

CEO of První certifikační autorita, a.s., is the sole person authorized to approve the termination of this CPS if this CPS is replaced by a new version or the certification service provider terminates its operations.

### 9.10.3 Effect of termination and survival

Certificate policies – see 9.10.

This CPS is in force for a period no shorter than the expiration of the last certificate issued under any of the certificate policies – refer to 1.2.

## 9.11 Individual notices and communications with participants

If the participating parties are organizational parts of I.CA, the communication between them is governed by internal rules of I.CA.

For individual notices and communication with the participating parties, I.CA may use the e-mail and postal addresses and the phone numbers provided by the participating parties, personal meetings and other channels.

Communicate with I.CA is also possible through the channels specified on the web information address.

## 9.12 Amendments

The procedure for a certificate policy is always described in that particular certificate policy.

### 9.12.1 Procedure for amendment

Certificate policies – see 9.12.

The procedure for this CPS is a controlled process described in internal documentation.

### 9.12.2 Notification mechanism and period

Certificate policies – see 9.12.

The procedure for this CPS is a controlled process described in internal documentation.

### 9.12.3 Circumstances under which OID must be changed

Certificate policies – refer to 9.12.

No OID assigned to this CPS.

## 9.13 Disputes resolution provisions

If all the parties are organizational components of I.CA, the resolution of disputes is governed by internal rules of I.CA.

If any party is not an organizational component of I.CA and the subscriber or the relying party disagrees with the suggested solution, they may use the following levels of appeal:

- RA employee in charge;
- I.CA employee in charge (electronic or written filing is required);
- CEO of I.CA (electronic or written filing is required).

This procedure provides the dissenting party with an opportunity to assert its opinion more swiftly than before a court.

## 9.14 Governing law

The business of První certifikační autorita, a.s., is governed by the legal order of the Czech Republic.

## 9.15 Compliance with applicable law

The system of providing trust services is in compliance with the legislation of EU and the Czech Republic and all relevant international standards.

## 9.16 Miscellaneous provisions

Any miscellaneous provision is always described in the specific certificate policy.

### 9.16.1 Entire agreement

See 9.16.

### 9.16.2 Assignment

See 9.16.

### 9.16.3 Severability

See 9.16.

### 9.16.4 Enforcement (attorneys' fees and waiver of rights)

See 9.16.

### 9.16.5 Force majeure

See 9.16.

## 9.17 Other provisions

Not applicable for this document.

## 10 FINAL PROVISIONS

This certification practice statement issued by První certifikační autorita, a.s., takes force and effect on the date mentioned above in Table 1.