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**Abstract**

This document provides operational and management considerations for the Certification Authorities with the SHAKEN Governance Model and Certificate Management framework. It introduces considerations for the STI Policy Administrator in managing the list of valid STI CAs and authorized Service Providers, as well as general operational and policy considerations for PKI. This document introduces those aspects which are unique to the SHAKEN use of PKI.

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# Scope & Purpose

## Scope

This technical report describes operational and management considerations for STI Certification Authorities (STI- CAs) within the context of the SHAKEN framework (ATIS-1000074 [Ref 1]), Delegate Certificates (ATIS-1000092) and the SHAKEN: Governance Model and Certificate Management framework (ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2]). This document focuses on the operational and management aspects that impact the authentication and verification services, as well as general Certification Authority (CA) practices and policies. The document addresses the STI-PA operational aspects of managing the list of STI-CAs and authorization of Service Providers to obtain STI certificates and to issue delegate certificates. This document does not address any additional policy aspects defined by the STI Governance Authority (STI-GA), and applied by the STI Policy Administrator (STI-PA), in determining whether a CA is qualified to serve as an STI-CA, whether a service provider is a valid service provider or whether a service provider is authorized to issue delegate certificates. The guidelines and recommendations provided in this document are based on an STI-PA starting with a list of trusted STI-CAs and a list of authorized Service Providers or the policies set by the STI-GA to be applied by the STI-PA in authorizing Service Providers to participate in the ecosystem.

## Purpose

The SHAKEN: Governance Model and Certificate Management framework uses standard Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) for creating and distributing STI certificates and delegate certificates. As such, PKI Certification Practice Statement (CPS) and Certificate Policy (CP) documents, per RFC 3647 [Ref 6], are an operational requirement for the STI-CAs. This document outlines the role of the STI-PA in defining and administering required certificate policies to support SHAKEN.

The SHAKEN Governance Model and Certificate Management framework introduces a model whereby the STI-PA maintains a list of trusted STI-CAs. This list is distributed to Service Providers and used during the verification process to ensure that the public key certificate associated with a specific SIP Identity header field has been issued by a valid STI-CA. This document specifies the form of the information stored in the list and the mechanism for distributing that list to the Service Providers.

The Service Provider obtains STI certificates from an STI-CA to create signatures authenticating itself as the signing entity and protecting the integrity of the Identity header field. The SP can obtain STI certificates from any approved STI-CA in the list of trusted STI-CAs received from the STI-PA with which it has an established business relationship. A Service Provider can also obtain an CA certificate from an STI-CA to establish a Subordinate CA for issuing delegate certificates to VoIP entities.

The SHAKEN certificate management framework is based on using a signed Service Provider Code token for validation when requesting a certificate. Prior to requesting a certificate, the Service Provider requests a Service Provider Code token from the STI-PA as described in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2] for an STI certificate or ATIS-1000092 for a CA certificate to support delegate certificates. When a Service Provider initiates a Certificate Signing Request (CSR), the Service Provider proves to the STI-CA that it has been validated and is eligible to receive a certificate via the use of the Service Provider Code token. This document describes the STI-PA management of the Service Provider Code tokens.

# References

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

## Normative References

[Ref 1] ATIS-1000074, *Signature-based Handling of Asserted Information using Tokens (SHAKEN).*[[1]](#footnote-2)

[Ref 2] ATIS-1000080, *Signature-based Handling of Asserted Information using Tokens (SHAKEN): Governance Model and Certificate Management.1*

ATIS-1000092, *Signature-based Handling of Asserted Information using Tokens (SHAKEN: Delegate Certificates.*

[Ref 3] ATIS-0300251, *Codes for Identification of Service Providers for Information Exchange.*1

[Ref 4] draft-ietf-acme-authority-token-tnauthlist, *TNAuthList profile of ACME Authority Token.[[2]](#footnote-3)*

[Ref 5] RFC 3261, *SIP: Session Initiation Protocol.2*

[Ref 6] RFC 3647, *Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework.2*

[Ref 7] RFC 3966, *The tel URI for Telephone Numbers.*2

[Ref 8] RFC 4648, *The Base16, Base32, and Base64 Encodings.*2

[Ref 9] RFC 4949, *Internet Security Glossary, Version 2.*2

[Ref 10] RFC 5217, *Memorandum for Multi-Domain Public Key Infrastructure Interoperability.2*

[Ref 11] RFC 5280, *Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile.*2

[Ref 12] RFC 5905, *Network Time Protocol Version 4 (NTPv4).2*

[Ref 13] RFC 7159, *The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON).*2

[Ref 14] RFC 7231, *Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP/1.1): Semantics and Content.*2

[Ref 15] RFC 7519, *JSON Web Token (JWT).*2

[Ref 16] RFC 8226, *Secure Telephone Identity Credentials: Certificates.*2

## Informative References

[Ref 101] RFC 7375, *Secure Telephone Identity Threat Model.*2

[Ref 102] RFC 7515, *JSON Web Signatures (JWS).*2

[Ref 103] RFC 7516, *JSON Web Algorithms (JWA).*2

[Ref 104] RFC 7517, *JSON Web Key (JWK).*2

[Ref 105] RFC 7518, *JSON Web Algorithm (JWA).*2

RFC 9060, *STIR Certificate Delegation*

[Ref 106] NIST SP 800-57, *Recommendation for Key Management3*

[Ref 107] FIPS PUB 140-2, *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules[[3]](#footnote-4)*

# Definitions, Acronyms & Abbreviations

For a list of common communications terms and definitions, please visit the *ATIS Telecom Glossary*, which is located at < <http://www.atis.org/glossary> >.

## Definitions

The following provides some key definitions used in this document. Refer to IETF RFC 4949 [Ref 9] for a complete Internet Security Glossary, as well as tutorial material for many of these terms.

**(Digital) Certificate:** Binds a public key to a Subject (e.g., the end-entity). A certificate document in the form of a digital data object (a data object used by a computer) to which is appended a computed digital signature value that depends on the data object [Ref 9]. See also STI Certificate.

**Certification Authority (CA):** An entity that issues digital certificates (especially X.509 certificates) and vouches for the binding between the data items in a certificate [Ref 9].

**Certification Authority (CA) Certificate:** A public key certificate, containing a Basic Constraints extension with a CA Boolean set to “TRUE”. A CA Certificate is used by a Service Provider to establish an STI-SCA to issue delegate certificates to VoIP entities.

**Certificate Chain:** See Certification Path.

**Certification Path**: A linked sequence of one or more public-key certificates, or one or more public-key certificates and one attribute certificate, that enables a certificate user to verify the signature on the last certificate in the path, and thus enables the user to obtain (from that last certificate) a certified public key, or certified attributes, of the system entity that is the subject of that last certificate [Ref 9]. Synonym for Certificate Chain.

**Certificate Policy (CP):** A named set of rules that indicates the applicability of a certificate to a particular community and/or class of application with common security requirements [Ref 6].

**Certification Practice Statement (CPS):** A statement of the practices that a certification authority employs in issuing, managing, revoking, and renewing or re-keying certificates [Ref 6].

**Certificate Revocation List (CRL)**: A data structure that enumerates digital certificates that have been invalidated by their issuer prior to when they were scheduled to expire [Ref 9].

**CPS Summary (or CPS Abstract)** – A subset of the provisions of a complete CPS that is made public by a CA [Ref 6].

**Certificate Signing Request (CSR)**: A CSR is sent to a CA to get enrolled. A CSR contains a Public Key of the end-entity that is requesting the certificate.

**Certificate Validation:** An act or process by which a certificate user established that the assertions made by a certificate can be trusted [Ref 9].

**Chain of Trust:** Deprecated term referring to the chain of certificates to a Trust Anchor. Synonym for Certification Path or Certificate Chain [Ref 9].

**Company Code:** A unique four-character alphanumeric code (NXXX) assigned to all Service Providers [Ref 3].

**End-Entity:** An entity that participates in the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Usually a Server, Service, Router, or a Person. In the context of SHAKEN, it is the Service Provider on behalf of the originating endpoint.

**End-Entity STI Certificate:** An STI Certificate containing a Basic Constraints extension with a CA boolean set to “FALSE”. An End-Entity STI Certificate is used by a service provider to sign and verify a PASSporT.

**Identity:** Unless otherwise qualified, an identifier that unambiguously distinguishes an entity for authentication and other security and policy application purposes. In this report, a Service Provider Code is an example of the identity of one kind of participant in the certificate management process.

**Issuing Certification Authority (CA):** A CA that creates End-Entity STI certificates.

**National/Regional Regulatory Authority (NRRA):** A governmental entity responsible for the oversight/regulation of the telecommunication networks within a specific country or region.

NOTE: Region is not intended to be a region within a country (e.g., a region is not a state within the US).

**National/Regional Regulatory Oversight (NRRO)**: A governmental entity responsible for the oversight/regulation of the telecommunication networks within a specific country or region. Synonym for NRRA.

**Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP):** An Internet protocol used by a client to obtain the revocation status of a certificate from a server.

**Policy Management Authority (PMA):** A person, role, or organization within a PKI that is responsible for (a) creating or approving the content of the certificate policies and CPSs that are used in the PKI; (b) ensuring the administration of those policies; and (c) approving any cross-certification or interoperability agreements with CAs external to the PKI and any related policy mappings. The PMA may also be the accreditor for the PKI as a whole or for some of its components or applications.

**Private Key:** In asymmetric cryptography, the private key is kept secret by the end-entity. The private key can be used for both encryption and decryption [Ref 9].

**Public Key:** The publicly disclosable component of a pair of cryptographic keys used for asymmetric cryptography [Ref 9].

**Public Key Infrastructure (PKI):** The set of hardware, software, personnel, policy, and procedures used by a CA to issue and manage certificates [Ref 9].

**Relying party:** A system entity that depends on the validity of information (such as another entity’s public key value) provided by a certificate [Ref 10].

**Root CA**: A CA that is directly trusted by an end-entity. See also Trust Anchor CA and Trusted CA [Ref 8].

**Secure Telephone Identity (STI) Certificate:** An intermediate or end-entity certificate within the SHAKEN PKI.

**Secure Telephone Identity Subordinate CA (STI-SCA):** An SCA that gets its certificate directly from an STI-CA.

**Service Provider Code:** In the context of this document, this term refers to any unique identifier that is allocated by a Regulatory and/or administrative entity to a service provider. In the US and Canada this would be aCompany Code as defined in ATIS-0300251 [Ref 3].

**Service Provider Code (SPC) Token:** An authority token that can be used by a SHAKEN Service Provider to demonstrate authority over the identity information contained in the TN Authorization List extension of the requested STI certificate. The SPC Token complies with the structure of the TNAuthList Authority Token defined by draft-ietf-acme-authority-token-tnauthlist [Ref 4], but with the restriction for SHAKEN where the TNAuthList value contained in the token’s “atc” claim identifies a single Service Provider Code.

**Signature:** Created by signing the message using the private key. It ensures the identity of the sender and the integrity of the data [Ref 9].

**Subordinate CA (SCA):** A CA whose public-key certificate is issued by another (superior) CA

**Subscriber**: A user that is registered in a PKI and, therefore, can be named in the “subject” field of a certificate issued by a CA in that PKI [Ref 9].

**Telephone Identity:** An identifier associated with an originator of a telephone call. In the context of the SHAKEN framework, this is a SIP identity (e.g., a SIP URI or a TEL URI) from which a telephone number can be derived.

**Trust Anchor:** An established point of trust (usually based on the authority of some person, office, or organization) from which a certificate user begins the validation of a certification path. The combination of a trusted public key and the name of the entity to which the corresponding private key belongs [Ref 9].

**Trust Anchor CA:** A CA that is the subject of a trust anchor certificate or otherwise establishes a trust anchor key [Ref 9]. See also Root CA and Trusted CA.

**Trust Authority:** An entity that manages a Trust List for use by one or more relying parties [Ref 10].

**Trusted CA:** A CA upon which a certificate user relies for issuing valid certificates; especially a CA that is used as a trust anchor CA [Ref 9].

**Trust List:** A set of one or more trust anchors used by a relying party to explicitly trust one or more PKIs [Ref 10].

**Trust Model:** Describes how trust is distributed from Trust Anchors.

## Acronyms & Abbreviations

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| ACME | Automated Certificate Management Environment (Protocol) |
| ATIS | Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions |
| CA | Certification Authority |
| CRL | Certificate Revocation List |
| CP | Certificate Policy |
| CPS | Certification Practice Statement |
| CSR | Certificate Signing Request |
| HTTPS | Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure |
| IETF | [Internet Engineering Task Force](http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html) |
| JSON | JavaScript Object Notation |
| JWT | JSON Web Token |
| NNI | Network-to-Network Interface |
| NRRA | National/Regional Regulatory Authority |
| NRRO | National/Regional Regulatory Oversight |
| OCSP | Online Certificate Status Protocol |
| PKI | Public Key Infrastructure |
| PKIX | Public Key Infrastructure for X.509 Certificates |
| PMA | Policy Management Authority |
| PTSC | ATIS Packet Technologies and Systems Committee |
| SHAKEN | Signature-based Handling of Asserted information using toKENs |
| SIP | Session Initiation Protocol |
| REST | Representational State Transfer |
| SKS | Secure Key Store |
| SP | Service Provider |
| SP-KMS | SP Key Management Server |
| STI | Secure Telephone Identity |
| STI-AS | Secure Telephone Identity Authentication Service |
| STI-CA | Secure Telephone Identity Certification Authority |
| STI-CR | Secure Telephone Identity Certificate Repository |
| STI-GA | Secure Telephone Identity Governance Authority |
| STI-PA | Secure Telephone Identity Policy Administrator |
| STI-VS | Secure Telephone Identity Verification Service |
| STIR | Secure Telephone Identity Revisited |
| TN | Telephone Number |
| URI | Uniform Resource Identifier |
| VoIP | Voice over Internet Protocol |

# Overview

The governance model in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2] introduces an STI-Policy Administrator that bridges the governance aspects of STI with the protocol requirements to support digital certificates [Ref 11] which are used by the SHAKEN framework [Ref 1] to authenticate and verify telephone identities. Per the governance model and certificate management framework, the STI-PA maintains a list of trusted STI-CAs to be provided to the Authentication and Verification services. The STI-PA also provides for management of the Service Providers authorized to obtain certificates and provide STI functionality within the VoIP network. This document effectively extends the roles and functions of the STI-PA beyond those defined in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2] per the following diagram:



Figure 4.2: Governance Model for Certificate Management

Clause 5 of this document describes a Trust Authority Policy that establishes the relationship between the STI Governance Authority (STI-GA) and the STI-PA’s operational responsibilities.

In the context of SHAKEN, the approval of STI-CAs follows standard PKI practices, as outlined in RFC 3647 [Ref 6], including the definition of Certificate Policies as described in Clause 6. The STI-PA defines a CP and the STI-CAs provide a CPS describing their adherence to the CP during the approval process.

Details on the management of the list of STI-CAs are provided in Clause 7 and the management of the authorized Service Providers in Clause 8.

# STI-PA as Trust Authority

As described in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2], the STI-GA is responsible for:

* Establishing policies governing which entities can manage the PKI and issue STI certificates.
* Defining the policies and procedures governing which entities can acquire STI certificates.

The STI-PA applies and enforces any policies established by the STI-GA in its role as the Trust Authority. In this role, the STI-PA serves as the Trust Authority to the relying parties in the PKI. The STI-PA maintains the Trust List of authorized STI-CAs which each establish their own PKI for issuing certificates, per the following diagram:



Figure 5.1: Trust Model

Each of the STI-CAs operates its own Root CA, Issuing CAs, Intermediate CAs and Subordinate CAs in the case of support of Delegate Certificates with a PKI infrastructure similar to the following diagram:



Figure 5.2: PKI Model

In a multi-stakeholder PKI model, typically a Policy Management Authority (PMA) is established, comprising a set of people responsible for ensuring that the established policies are being adhered to. The set is typically comprised of the stakeholders (e.g., service providers in the case of SHAKEN).

The PMA defines a CP to be supported by the approved STI-CAs. The STI-CAs provide a CPS describing their adherence to the CP during the approval process. An outline of the CP to be supported by the STI-CAs is provided in Clause 6.1.

The STI-PA defines a Trust Authority Policy, including the following:

* STI-CAs shall not inherit trust from other STI-CAs in the deployment of the SHAKEN framework (i.e., the STI-PA is the only trust authority). To preclude this, policy mapping shall be inhibited.
* An STI-PA may remove an STI-CA from the list of trusted STI-CAs based on specific criteria such as a failure to comply with the CP established by the STI-PA or other criteria as defined by the STI-GA. Typically, compliance is audited by the PMA and thus guidelines must be established for the timeframe in which an identified problem must be resolved.
* Other policies established by the STI-GA for operation of the STI-PA.

Beyond the role of managing the list of trusted STI-CAs, the STI-PA also serves as a Trust Anchor to the relying parties in the PKI by providing service providers with the Service Provider Code Token that is used by the STI-CA in determining whether the service provider requesting issuance of certificates is authorized.

Whether a Service Provider is authorized to acquire certificates is based on criteria established by the STI-GA. The mechanism for the service provider being assigned a Service Provider Code by a Regulatory and/or administrative entity. Per ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2], the STI-GA can define other policies and procedures governing which entities can acquire certificates.

As described in [ATIS-1000080], whether an entity is authorized to acquire STI certificates is based on the service provider being assigned a Service Provider Code by a Regulatory and/or administrative entity. Per ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2], the STI-GA can define other policies and procedures governing which entities can acquire STI Certificates.

The following diagram summarizes the roles and responsibilities associated with the STI-PA to support issuance of STI certificates, including the interfaces to other functional elements:

 

Figure 5.3: STI-PA Roles and Functional Interfaces

As described in ATIS-1000092, an SPC token with ca=“true” is required in order to obtain a certificate for an SP to host an STI-SCA to issue delegate certificates. As with the STI-GA policy applied by the STI-PA in determining who is qualified to obtain an SPC token authorizing the SP to obtain STI certificates, the STI-PA will apply and enforce any policies set by the STI-GA for authorizing an SP to obtain an SPC token authorizing the SP to establish an STI-SCA to issue delegate certificates.

The addition of an SCA extends the SHAKEN PKI and Trust model into the Service Provider’s domain per the following diagram:



As described in [ATIS-1000092], the delegate certificates issued by the STI-SCA contain TNAuthLIsts that include TNs and not just an SPC as is the case for STI certificates. The use of the TNs by the VoIP entity is vetted by the TNSP and the authorization for the VoIP entity to be issued delegate certificates is implicit based on this vetting. Whether additional criteria for authorization is imposed by the STI-GA is outside the scope of this document. However, such policies should consider that with this model, the STI-PA is effectively delegating authorization of the entities who can obtain certificates in the SHAKEN ecosystem to the SP that has been approved to participate in the ecosystem.

Editor’s note: Add consideration of issuing a ca=”true” as a delegate certificate.

# Certificate Policy & Certification Practice Statements

The STI-PA defines a CP that prescribes the policies to be followed by an STI-CA within the SHAKEN framework. Within the SHAKEN framework, the STI-PA imposes some of these policies based on its role as the Trust Authority. The STI-CAs shall produce Certification Practice Statements defining the manner in which they abide by the Certificate Policy, aligning with their role as a CA issuing STI certificates.

## Certificate Policy

A CP provides a set of rules that indicates the applicability of a certificate to a particular community and/or class of application with common security requirements [Ref 6]. It contains the business, legal, and technical requirements for certificate approval, management, use, revocation, and renewal.

The following reference documents provide additional information about writing the CP and CPS:

* NIST SP 800-57, *Recommendation for Key Management* [Ref 106]
* Part 1 Revision 4: *General*
* Part 2: *Best Practices for Key Management Organization*
* Part 3 Revision 1: *Application-Specific Key Management Guidance*, section 2 on PKI.
* FIPS PUB 140-2, *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules* [Ref 107]

The CP contains policies for the STI-PA, STI-CA, STI-SCA, STI-CR, subscribers, and relying parties. RFC 3647 [Ref 6] contains the following outline for the contents of the Certificate Policy. The STI-PA shall address the following 9 topics:

1. Introduction
2. Publication and Repository
3. Identification and Authentication
4. Certificate Life-Cycle Operational Requirements
5. Facilities, Management, and Operational Controls
6. Technical Security Controls
7. Certificate, CRL, and OCSP Profile
8. Compliance audit
9. Other Business and Legal Matters.

### Introduction

This component of the CP provides the set of provisions, and the entities and application (SHAKEN) for which the CP is targeted.

#### Overview

The CP shall provide an overview of the relationship between the CP and CPS, and the target audience. This section shall include the following statement: “This CP conforms to *Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework* [Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) RFC 3647 [Ref 6]].”

#### Document Name and Identification

The CP shall provide an official title. The CP shall identify certificate policies, levels of assurance, and object identifier (OID) values that will be included in certificates issued by the STI-CAs. The CP shall contain the TNAuthList OID as defined in RFC 8226 [Ref 16].

#### PKI Participants

The CP provides information on the PKI participants. This shall include Certification Authorities, Subscribers, and Relying Parties. The Root CA is recommended to be an offline CA that only issues certificates to intermediate CAs. In the context of SHAKEN, service providers are the subscribers and relying parties.

#### Certificate Usage

The CP shall include the appropriate certificate uses and prohibited certificate uses. The CP shall specify that the certificates are used for SHAKEN.

#### Policy Administration

The STI-PA administers the CP. The CP shall provide contact information for STI-CAs writing their CPSs. The CP shall include additional information for reviewing the CPS compliance with the CP. The CP shall document the CP approval procedures.

#### Definitions and Acronyms

The CP shall include the definitions and acronyms used in the CP. This section can also reference an appendix with the information.

### Publication and Repository Responsibilities

The CP shall include information on any certificate repositories. It shall include information on the entity that operates the STI-CR and its responsibility to publish practices, certificates, and certificate status. The CP shall include the frequency of publication and access controls. Note that in the case of SHAKEN, it is anticipated that the service providers will maintain a repository of their certificates. Thus, it is not a requirement that an STI-CA also maintain an STI-CR.

###  Identification and Authentication

The CP shall describe the procedures used to authenticate the identity and/or other attributes of a certificate applicant prior to issuing the certificate. This shall include whether the CA supports the Automated Certificate Management Environment (ACME) protocol, as well as the ACME extension for token authorization using the Service Provider Code as described in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2] and draft-ietf-acme-authority-token-tnauthlist [Ref 4].

#### Naming

The CP shall provide information on the naming standards used in the certificates. Naming conventions used shall be standardized to avoid collisions. The Subject name in STI-CA root Certificates shall match the Issuer name as required by RFC 5280 [Ref 11]. The Issuer name in the certificates shall match the Subject name of the Issuing CA certificate.

#### Initial Identity Validation

The CP shall include the procedures required for identification and authentication for the initial registration of certificates.

#### Identification and Authentication for Re-key Requests

The CP shall include the procedures required for identification and authentication for re-key requests. In the context of SHAKEN, a re-key request shall require issuance of a new Certificate.

#### Identification and Authentication for Revocation Requests

The CP shall include the procedures required for identification and authentication for revocation requests. In the context of SHAKEN, certificate re-key requests after revocation shall follow the same process as initial Certificate issuance.

### Certificate Life-Cycle Operational Requirements.

This component of the CP specifies requirements imposed upon issuing CAs, subject CAs, and subscribers with respect to the life-cycle of a certificate.

#### Certificate Application

The CP shall provide information on who can submit a certificate application and the enrollment process. The CP shall specify that the only entities to apply for certificates are valid Service Providers and certificates are not issued if an entity does not have a valid Service Provide Code token.

#### Certificate Application Processing

The CP shall describe the procedure for processing certificate applications.

#### Certificate Issuance

The CP shall include information on actions performed by the STI-CA during the issuance of the certificate and notification mechanisms.

#### Certificate Acceptance

The CP shall document the process for an applicant accepting a certificate, publication of the certificate by the STI-CA, and notification of certificate issuance to other entities.

#### Key Pair and Certificate Usage

The CP shall provide responsibilities for the use of keys and certificates. This includes subscriber’s responsibilities for using the private key and the relying party responsibilities for using the public key and certificate.

#### Certificate Renewal

The CP shall document the process for renewing a certificate.

#### Certificate Re-key

The CP shall document the process for issuing a new certificate with a new public key.

#### Certificate Modification

The CP shall document the process for modifying certificate information, using the existing public key.

#### Certificate Revocation and Suspension

The CP shall document the policy for certificate revocation and suspension. The CP shall include information on reasons for certificate revocation, who can request certificate revocation, procedures for revoking the certificate, publishing certificate revocation, and mechanisms a relying party uses to check for certificate revocation. The required mechanisms shall align with the Certificate Lifecycle Management procedures described in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2].

#### Certificate Status Services

The CP shall provide information on the certificate status services supported and availability of the services.

#### End of Subscription

The CP shall document the process for a subscriber to end the subscription services of the STI-CA.

#### Key Escrow and Recovery

The CP shall document the policies and practices of key escrow of the subject’s private key by the STI-CA and the recovery process used by the subscriber.

### Facility, Management, and Operational Controls

The CP shall describe the non-technical security controls used by the STI-CA for key generation, subject authentication, certificate issuance, certificate revocation, auditing, and archiving. The CP shall define the non- technical security controls on the STI-CR, STI-CAs, subscribers, and other participants.

#### Physical Security Controls

The CP shall describe the physical security controls on the facilities housing the STI-CA and any STI-CR systems.

#### Procedural Controls

The CP shall provide information on the trusted roles (e.g., system administrator). For each role, the CP shall provide the responsibilities, and identification and authentication requirements. The CP shall include separation of duties and the number of individuals required to perform a task.

#### Personnel Security Controls

The CP shall provide the policies related to personnel that perform trusted roles in the STI-PA and STI-CA. This includes qualifications, experience, background checks, clearances, training, and auditing.

#### Audit Logging Procedures

The CP shall provide the policies related to event logging and audit systems. The CP shall include the types of events recorded, the frequency the audit logs are processed, protection of the audit log files, and vulnerability assessments.

#### Records Archival

The CP shall document the requirements for records archival, including the types of records that are archived, retention period, time-stamping, backup, and protection.

#### Key Changeover

The CP shall document the procedure to provide a new STI-CA public key to users following a re-key by the STI- CA.

#### Compromise and Disaster Recovery

The CP shall provide the requirements for notification and recovery procedures in the event of compromise or disaster.

#### CA Termination

The CP shall document the requirements for termination of a STI-CA.

### Technical Security Controls

The document FIPS PUB 140-2, *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules* [Ref 107], provides technical information needed for this section.

#### Key Pair Generation and Installation

The CP shall provide the requirements for key pair generation and installation for the STI-CA and subscribers.

#### Private Key Protection and Cryptographic Module Engineering Controls

The CP shall document the requirements for private key protection and the use of cryptographic modules for STI- CAs and subscribers.

#### Other Aspects of Key Pair Management

The CP shall document other aspects of key pair management including public key archival and operational period of the certificates issued to the subscriber.

#### Activation Data

The CP shall provide the policies for protecting the activation data required to operate private keys or cryptographic modules containing private keys.

#### Computer Security Controls

The CP shall describe computer security controls used, including access control, audit, identification, authentication, trusted path, security testing, and penetration testing.

#### Life Cycle Security Controls

The CP shall describe the security controls for system development, including development environment, configuration management, software engineering practices, and software development methodology. The CP shall describe security management controls, including the tools and procedures.

#### Network Security Controls

The CP shall document network security controls, including firewalls.

#### Time-Stamping

The CP shall address the requirements for the use of timestamps. System clocks used for time-stamping shall be maintained in synchrony with an authoritative time standard – e.g., through the use of Network Time Protocol (NTP) [Ref 12].

### Certificate Profile Requirements

The CP shall provide a profile of the certificates that are issued along with the lifecycle management of the issued certificates.

#### Certificate Profile

Certificates issued by the STI-CA shall adhere to the X.509 v3 certificate profile, documented in RFC 5280 [Ref 11]. The CP shall provide information on the certificate profile(s), including certificate extensions, algorithm object identifiers, and name constraints.

#### Certificate Lifecycle Management

The CP shall provide a description of the mechanism for lifecycle management, including the use of Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs), as defined in ATIS-1000080 [Ref 2].

### Compliance Audit and Other Assessment

The CP shall provide information on compliance audits, including methodology, frequency, personnel qualifications, independence of assessor, and who is entitled to see assessment results.

### Other Business and Legal Matters

The CP should include the details for the following business and legal aspects:

1. Financial Responsibility
2. Confidentiality of Business Information
3. Privacy of Personal Information
4. Intellectual Property Rights
5. Representations and Warranties
6. Disclaimers of Warranties
7. Limitations of Liability
8. Indemnities
9. Term and Termination
10. Individual notices and communications with participants
11. Amendments
12. Dispute Resolution Procedures
13. Governing Law
14. Compliance with Applicable Law
15. Miscellaneous Provisions
16. Other Provisions.

It is important that this section is written and/or reviewed by the legal department of the STI-PA for the CP and the STI-CA for the CPS.

## Certification Practice Statement

The CPS contains the practices a CA follows when issuing digital certificates. It provides detailed information on how the policy requirements documented in the CP are implemented for the CA.

The CPS is written by the STI-CA. To ensure the Certificate Policy requirements are followed, the CPS shall use the same format as the CP. RFC 3647 [Ref 6] contains the recommended contents of a CP and CPS, which is shown in Clause 6.1. The following clauses would differ from the CP.

### Introduction

The introduction shall provide information on the CPS, instead of the CP.

### Policy Administration

The CPS shall include the CPS approval procedures, instead of CP approval procedures.

# Managing List of STI-CAs

Per the SHAKEN Governance and Certificate Management Framework, the STI-PA shall manage a list of valid STI-CAs. This list shall be distributed to each of the Service Providers for use in verifying that the STI-CA that issued the certificate has been authorized by the STI-PA.

Managing the list of STI-CAs introduces an additional interface from the STI-PA to the STI-VS in the terminating Service Provider’s network:



Figure 7.1: SHAKEN Certificate Management Architecture

The STI-PA is responsible for the following prior to including an STI-CA in the Trust List. The STI-PA shall only add an STI-CA to the list of Trusted STI-CAs based upon the following:

* Reviewing the Certification Practice Statement of the STI-CA to determine that the PKI in which it resides is operated to an acceptable level of assurance.
* Ensuring that the policies as identified in Clause 6 are supported.
* Any other criteria that may be specified by the STI-GA.

## Distributing Trusted STI-CA List

This document recommends the use of HTTPS [Ref 14] for the distribution of the list of trusted STI-CAs. Clause 7.2 provides details on the format and contents of the list in the form of a JSON Web Token (JWT) [Ref 15]. Access to the list does not require an account with the STI-PA, but the STI-PA shall publish the URL to the list of STI-CAs. Any entity that receives a SIP INVITE with a SIP Identity header field requires the list be publicly accessible in order to perform the verification function per ATIS-1000074 [Ref 1].

## Format of Trusted STI-CA List

The Trusted STI-CA List shall contain the key as well as the algorithm used for the signature. The trust list is distributed in the form of a standard JWT with the following fields in the protected header:

* alg: Algorithm used in the signature of the STI-CA list. Shall use “ES256”.
* typ: Set to the standard “jwt” value.
* x5u: Contains the URL of the STI-PA certificate associated with the signature of the JWT. The URL shall have a protocol of “https”. The URL shall either not contain a port or contain a port of “443”. The URL shall not contain a userinfo subcomponent, query component, or fragment identifier component as described in [RFC 3986]. The URL path shall end with “.pem”.

The payload contains the following fields:

* version (required, string): Version number for this list format. The version number shall be changed if the format/contents of the STI-CA list is modified or extended.
* exp: The timestamp after which the service provider considers this list of STI-CAs no longer valid. This field shall be a number containing a NumericDate value, which is recommended to be updated daily. The Service Provider shall request an updated list at some short interval before the current list expires (an interval of one hour is recommended).
* sequence (required, int): The sequence number is incremented by one each time a new list is provided by the STI-PA. A 64-bit integer is recommended.
* trustList (required, array of strings): The trustList is represented as a JSON [Ref 13] array of root certificate strings. Each string in the array is a base64-encoded (Section 4 of RFC 4648 [Ref 8]) DER X.509 root certificate for an approved STI-CA.
* extensions (optional, string).

The following provides an example, noting that the trustList is not shown in the encoded form for the purposes of the example:

 GET /sti-pa/ca-list HTTP/1.1

 HOST: sti-pa.com

 HTTP/1.1 200 OK

 Content-Type: application/jose+json

 {

 "protected": base64url({

 "alg": "ES256",

 "typ": "JWT",

 "x5u": "https://sti-pa.com/sti-pa/cert.cer"

 })

 "payload": base64url({

 "version": "1.0",

 "sequence": 1,

 "exp": 1300819380,

 "trustList": [

 "-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

 STI-CA 1 Root certificate contents

 -----END CERTIFICATE-----",

 "-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

 STI-CA 2 Root certificate contents

 -----END CERTIFICATE-----",

 "-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

 STI-CA 3 Root certificate contents

 -----END CERTIFICATE-----"

 ],

 }) "signature": "RZPOnYoPs1PhjszF...-nh6X1qtOFPB519I"

The Trusted STI-CA List can also be provided with some additional information by embedding it in a JSON response, per following example, noting that other fields may exist but are not shown for clarity:

GET /sti-pa/ca-list HTTP/1.1

HOST: sti-pa.com

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: application/json

{

 "caList": "eyJhbGciOiJ...",

Note that the contents of each of the Root Certificates would appear in a form like the following:

"MIIDQjCCAiqgAwIBAgIGATz/FuLiMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBQUAMGIxCzAJB gNVBAYTAlVTMQswCQYDVQQIEwJDTzEPMA0GA1UEBxMGRGVudmVyMRwwGgYD

VQQKExNQaW5nIElkZW50aXR5IENvcnAuMRcwFQYDVQQDEw5CcmlhbiBDYW1 wYmVsbDAeFw0xMzAyMjEyMzI5MTVaFw0xODA4MTQyMjI5MTVaMGIxCzAJBg NVBAYTAlVTMQswCQYDVQQIEwJDTzEPMA0GA1UEBxMGRGVudmVyMRwwGgYDV QQKExNQaW5nIElkZW50aXR5IENvcnAuMRcwFQYDVQQDEw5CcmlhbiBDYW1w YmVsbDCCASIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBAL64zn8/QnH YMeZ0LncoXaEde1fiLm1jHjmQsF/449IYALM9if6amFtPDy2yvz3YlRij66 s5gyLCyO7ANuVRJx1NbgizcAblIgjtdf/u3WG7K+IiZhtELto/A7Fck9Ws6 SQvzRvOE8uSirYbgmj6He4iO8NCyvaK0jIQRMMGQwsU1quGmFgHIXPLfnpn fajr1rVTAwtgV5LEZ4Iel+W1GC8ugMhyr4/p1MtcIM42EA8BzE6ZQqC7VPq PvEjZ2dbZkaBhPbiZAS3YeYBRDWm1p1OZtWamT3cEvqqPpnjL1XyW+oyVVk aZdklLQp2Btgt9qr21m42f4wTw+Xrp6rCKNb0CAwEAATANBgkqhkiG9w0BA QUFAAOCAQEAh8zGlfSlcI0o3rYDPBB07aXNswb4ECNIKG0CETTUxmXl9KUL +9gGlqCz5iWLOgWsnrcKcY0vXPG9J1r9AqBNTqNgHq2G03X09266X5CpOe1 zFo+Owb1zxtp3PehFdfQJ610CDLEaS9V9Rqp17hCyybEpOGVwe8fnk+fbEL 2Bo3UPGrpsHzUoaGpDftmWssZkhpBJKVMJyf/RuP2SmmaIzmnw9JiSlYhzo 4tpzd5rFXhjRbg4zW9C+2qok+2+qDM1iJ684gPHMIY8aLWrdgQTxkumGmT gawR+N5MDtdPTEQ0XfIBc2cJEUyMTY5MPvACWpkA6SdS4xSvdXK3IVfOWA=="

Upon receipt of the Trusted STI-CA List, the SP shall retrieve the certificate referenced by the “x5u" URL. The SP shall not dereference URLs that use a scheme other than “https” or a port other than 443. The SP shall not dereference URLs that contain a userinfo subcomponent, query component, or fragment identifier component as described in [RFC 3986]. The SP shall not dereference URLs if the host resolves to a special-purpose IP address described in [RFC 6890]. The SP shall not dereference URLs that appear to be part of a Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) attack. The SP may make an HTTP HEAD request to check the Content-Type or other headers before making an HTTP GET request to dereference the URL.

The HTTPS response shall contain a Content-Type header field with a media type of application/pem-certificate-chain, and a message body containing the signing STI-PA certificate plus the additional certificates in the certification path. The end-entity certificate shall be listed first followed by all intermediate certificates. The certificates shall be listed in order such that each certificate is followed by the certificate that issued it. The root certificate shall not be included. Each certificate shall be encoded with the PEM textual encoding according to RFC 7468 [Ref 14].

The SP shall ensure that the certificate is valid.

## Lifecycle of Trusted STI-CA List

This clause discusses considerations and management of the lifecycle of the trusted STI-CA list.

The Trusted STI-CA List is updated by the STI-PA to remove an STI-CA from the list, to add a new STI-CA to the list, or when a new root certificate is generated as part of STI-CA root certificate lifecycle management. Criteria by which a STI-CA would be removed from the Trusted STI-CA List are described in Clause 5 and are subject to policy considerations. In order to allow the relying party to determine the validity of an issued certificate, it is important that relying parties poll the Trusted STI-CA List on a regular basis (e.g., daily). The STI-PA shall enforce the polling interval using the payload "exp" field defined in Clause 7.2.

The STI-GA is responsible for establishing policies governing the lifetimes of STI-CA root certificates. Since changes to the Trusted STI-CA List are dynamically distributed to relying parties within the relatively short polling interval, it is possible to configure STI-CA root certificates with lifetimes that are shorter than typical root certificate lifetimes[[4]](#footnote-5) (e.g., STI-CA root certificate lifetimes in the range of 6 months to a year would be feasible). During root certificate rollover, the new root certificate must be listed on the Trusted STI-CA List for at least one polling interval before being used as the trust anchor for new certificates issued to relying parties. This will ensure that relying parties are in possession of the new STI-CA root certificate before it is needed for certification path validation. The STI-PA shall remove root certificates from the Trusted STI-CA List when they expire.

# STI-PA Administration of Service Providers

The STI-PA shall maintain a list of valid Service Providers who hold tokens, as represented by Service Provider Codes. The assignment of Service Provider Codes is outside the scope of this document. The assumption is that the STI-GA indicates the entity that should be the source for these identifiers. The STI-PA defines a mechanism to periodically validate/renew the Service Provider Codes in this list.

The trust model for SHAKEN defines the STI-PA as the Trust Anchor for the token-based mechanism for validation of Service Providers within a national/regional administrative domain. Per ATIS-1000080, *SHAKEN Governance Model and Certificate Management* [Ref 2], the STI-PA issues Service Provider Code tokens to Service Providers. The STI-PA shall also provide guidelines for the renewal and revocation of Service Provider Code tokens.

1. This document is available from the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) at: < <https://www.atis.org> >. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. This document is available from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) at: < [http://www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org/) >. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. This document is available from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) at: < <https://csrc.nist.gov/> >. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. X.509 root certificates typically have lifetimes in the range of one or two decades. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)