

QSCD-CERTIFICATE

PURSUANT TO ART. 30 PARA. 3 LIT. B eIDAS¹

Qualified Signature and Seal Creation Device (QSCD) Thales Luna K7 Cryptographic Module, version 7.8.5

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1. Product Description

Thales Luna K7 Cryptographic Module is a product for both qualified electronic signatures and seals intended to be used as a remote Qualified Electronic Signature resp. Seal Creation Device (QSCD) in the secure operational environment of a qualified trust service provider (QTSP). When used in combination with qualified certificates as well as a suitable Server Signing Application (SSA) and Signature Creation Application (SCA), Thales Luna K7 Cryptographic Module generates (1) qualified electronic signatures resp. (2) qualified electronic seals as defined in eIDAS with the legal effects of (1) Article 25 resp. (2) Article 35.

Subcomponents:

The QSCD consists of the Thales Luna K7 Cryptographic Module in the form of a PCI-E card (Thales Luna PCIe HSM). It is operated in a controlled environment and can be used either as a standalone device to be inserted in a server or as an embedded component in a Thales Luna Network HSM².

The HSM is responsible for storing all keys used for the creation of qualified electronic signatures and qualified electronic seals. The HSM hosts all cryptographic operations to establish an end-to-

¹ 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 amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/1183 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024

² The certified hardware and firmware versions of the used cryptographic modules, for which this QSCD certificate is valid, are given in Section 6.

end secure tunnel between the QSCD and a remote SCA, this tunnel is required to use signature or seal creation data.

For the successful deployment of the HSM as a QSCD, the HSM must be integrated with at minimum a 3rd party signature creation application (SCA) and where required a server signing application (SSA). These components (SCA, SSA) are outside the scope of this certification.

Where external identity providers (IdP) are used, these are expected to interface to either the SCA or the SSA and as such are not considered further.

Generation of Signature and Seal Creation Data:

The Signature or Seal Creation Data (SCD) is generated and stored within the HSM.

Where long-term signing keys are used, the signatory or creator of a seal must be in control of the partition on the HSM used to store the key ahead of the generation request being issued. This is achieved by the signatory or creator of a seal initializing the login credentials or Per-Key Authorization (PKA) data for the target partition or key ahead of its use.

Following generation of SCD, the corresponding public key is extracted from the HSM to support creation of a qualified certificate. Creation of the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) alongside the resulting Qualified Certificate is out of scope of the certification.

Storage of Signature and Seal Creation Data:

Where token-based keys are used, SCD is stored with its confidentiality and integrity protected long-term by the HSM. In this context, the SCD is protected by a combination of HSM and end-user keys in a way that

- (i) the keys can only be used inside the HSM;
- (ii) the keys can only be used following a login to the target partition by the signatory or creator of a seal owning the SCD.
- (iii) integrity protection for the keys is provided by the HSM throughout their life.

Where session-based keys are used, SCD is only stored by the HSM in volatile memory and is securely overwritten on power-cycle or reset of the HSM or on active close of the associated session.

Signature and Seal Creation:

The HSM enforces a model for session-based controls on access and authorization to access and use SCD. Ahead of using SCD, the signatory or creator of a seal must successfully authenticate to the target partition changing the authentication state of the target session to authenticated. Once authenticated, either Data To Be Signed (DTBS) or DTBS/representation (DTBS/r) is sent to the HSM for signing. Once the signature is received, the session is closed.

Where single use key model is deployed, SCD creation and public key extraction alongside signature or seal creation must occur within a single session.

All sessions with active partitions must be performed using the QSCD supplied cryptographic tunnel identified as 'secure trusted channel' which provides an additional layer of authentication of the remote client on the one hand and on the other hand confidentiality, integrity and replay protection for traffic during the signature or seal creation request.

2. Compliance with the Requirements of eIDAS

The QSCD meets the following requirements, provided that the conditions in section 4 are fulfilled:

- requirements laid down in Article 29 para 1³ eIDAS,

³ *Qualified electronic signature creation devices shall meet the requirements laid down in Annex II.*

- requirements laid down in Article 39 para 1⁴ eIDAS,
- requirements laid down in Annex II eIDAS (para 1 lit. a⁵,b⁶,c⁷,d⁸, para 2⁹, para 3¹⁰, para 4 lit a¹¹, b¹²)

The compliance of the QSCD is thus confirmed within the following categories:

- components and procedures for the generation of signature or seal creation data,
- components and procedures for the storage of signature or seal creation data,
- components and procedures for the processing of signature or seal creation data

3. Validity Period of the QSCD-Certificate

This QSCD-Certificate is valid up to 5 years or up to a preceding revocation by A-SIT.

On assignment A-SIT will conduct a continuous surveillance concerning the security of the technical components and processes used as well as the suitability of the cryptographic algorithms and parameters. The issuance of this QSCD-Certificate includes surveillance for a period of two years. In order to maintain a valid certification, the applicant has to conduct a vulnerability assessment every two years and remedy any identified vulnerabilities in a timely manner. The QSCD-Certificate will be revoked if the technical components and processes or the cryptographic algorithms and parameters used no longer reflect the state of the art, if vulnerability assessments are not conducted every two years, if identified vulnerabilities are not remedied in a timely manner or if there is no further surveillance assigned.

4. Operating Conditions

The validity of this QSCD-Certificate is subject to the conditions stated below. The measures taken shall be

- ascertained by the trust service provider's security and certification policy,
- integrated into the guidance of the signatory or creator of a seal and

⁴ Article 29 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to requirements for qualified electronic seal creation devices.

⁵ Qualified electronic signature creation devices shall ensure, by appropriate technical and procedural means, that the confidentiality of the electronic signature creation data used for electronic signature creation is reasonably assured.

⁶ Qualified electronic signature creation devices shall ensure, by appropriate technical and procedural means, that the electronic signature creation data used for electronic signature creation can practically occur only once.

⁷ Qualified electronic signature creation devices shall ensure, by appropriate technical and procedural means, that the electronic signature creation data used for electronic signature creation cannot, with reasonable assurance, be derived and the electronic signature is reliably protected against forgery using currently available technology.

⁸ Qualified electronic signature creation devices shall ensure, by appropriate technical and procedural means, that the electronic signature creation data used for electronic signature creation can be reliably protected by the legitimate signatory against use by others.

⁹ Qualified electronic signature creation devices shall not alter the data to be signed or prevent such data from being presented to the signatory prior to signing.

¹⁰ Generating or managing electronic signature creation data on behalf of the signatory may only be done by a qualified trust service provider.

¹¹ Without prejudice to point (d) of point 1, qualified trust service providers managing electronic signature creation data on behalf of the signatory may duplicate the electronic signature creation data only for back-up purposes provided the following requirements are met: the security of the duplicated datasets must be at the same level as for the original datasets.

¹² Without prejudice to point (d) of point 1, qualified trust service providers managing electronic signature creation data on behalf of the signatory may duplicate the electronic signature creation data only for back-up purposes provided the following requirements are met: the number of duplicated datasets shall not exceed the minimum needed to ensure continuity of the service.

- their effect shall be ensured by means of supervision (in accordance with Article 20 eIDAS).
- (1) The unambiguous assignment and the safe completion of the user session, the confidentiality and integrity of the authorization codes as well as the integrity of the data to be signed or to be sealed during transmission from the signatory or creator of a seal to the QSCD are part of the QSCD's system environment¹³ and thus outside the scope of this QSCD-certificate. It must be ensured that the signatories or creators of a seal are informed that components used for the initiation of the signature or sealing process must be suitably protected.
 - (2) The QSCD must be operated by a qualified trust service provider.
 - (3) The qualified trust service provider must operate the QSCD in a protected environment, in particular it must be ensured that:
 - physical access to the QSCD is limited to authorized privileged users
 - the QSCD or any of its externally stored assets are protected against loss or theft
 - the QSCD is regularly inspected to deter and detect tampering (including attempts to access side-channels, or to access connections between physically separate parts of the QSCD, or parts of the hardware appliance)
 - the QSCD is protected against the possibility of attacks based on emanations (e.g. electromagnetic emanations) according to risks assessed for the operating environment
 - the QSCD is protected against unauthorized software and configuration changes
 - all instances of the QSCD holding the same assets (e.g. where a key is present as a backup in more than one instance of the QSCD) are protected to an equivalent level
 - (4) Electronic signature or seal creation data may be duplicated for back-up purposes only to the extent strictly necessary to ensure continuity of the service.
 - (5) The HSM must be initialised and operated according to its Common Criteria EAL4+ certification.
 - (6) Only those cryptographic algorithms and key sizes listed in section 5 shall be used for the creation of qualified electronic signatures or qualified electronic seals.
 - (7) External authentication mechanisms, where used with a 3rd party developed SCA or SSA to authenticate a user in order to create a qualified signature or seal, shall correspond to an authentication means equivalent to EC Implementing Regulation 2015/1502 for assurance level substantial or higher¹⁴.
 - (8) When using external authentication mechanisms, it must be ensured that components of signers, which have vulnerabilities or are otherwise not suitable for authentication, cannot be used to authorize a signature creation.
 - (9) Where the HSM is used to replace the cryptographic module in an already approved QSCD for a Remote Server Signing solution including an alternative Signature Activation Module (SAM), requirements to use the client to HSM provided secure tunnel can be relaxed.

5. Algorithms and Corresponding Parameters

For the creation of qualified electronic signatures or qualified electronic seals the QSCD uses the cryptographic algorithms¹⁵

¹³ in accordance with recital 56 of eIDAS

¹⁴ COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/1502 of 8 September 2015 on setting out minimum technical specifications and procedures for assurance levels for electronic identification means pursuant to Article 8(3) of 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; as defined in ANNEX Clauses 2.1, 2.2.1 and 2.3.1

¹⁵ Annotation: The applicable version of the Agreed Cryptographic Mechanisms issued by the European Cybersecurity Certification Group Sub-group on Cryptography applies and is subject to surveillance.

- RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5¹⁶ or RSASSA-PSS according to PKCS#1 v2.2 (IETF RFC 8017) or ANSI X9.31 as per FIPS PUB 186-4 with cryptographic key sizes of 3072-bit or 4096-bit
- DSA according to FIPS PUB 186-4 with cryptographic key size of 3072-bit
- ECDSA using the curves P-256, P-384 and P-521 according to FIPS PUB 186-4 alongside brainpool_p256r1, brainpool_p384r1, brainpool_p512r1 as per RFC 5639 with cryptographic key sizes from 256-bit to 512-bit.

For the calculation of hash values the algorithms SHA256, SHA384 and SHA512 according to FIPS PUB 180-4 alongside SHA3-256, SHA3-384 and SHA3-512 according to FIPS PUB 202 are supported.

6. Assurance Level and Strength of Mechanism

For the used HSM the following Common Criteria certificate applies:

- Certificate Number NSCIB-CC-2400054-01¹⁷ for Thales Luna K7 Cryptographic Module issued by TrustCB B.V. on 05-09-2025

The Certification Report by TrustCB B.V (Report Number: NSCIB-CC-2400054-01-CR¹⁸) confirms a successful evaluation of the HSM (Hardware Versions: 808-000048-002, 808-000048-003, 808-000073-001, 808-000073-002, 808-000066-001, 808-000069-001, 808-000070-001; Firmware: 7.7.0, 7.7.1, 7.7.2, or 7.8.5; Bootloader version 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.4, or 1.1.5) against its Security Target. The Security Target claims 'strict' conformance to the Protection Profile EN 419 221-5:2018¹⁹. The evaluation was performed according to Common Criteria version 3.1 Release 5 with assurance level EAL4+ augmented by ALC_FLR.2²⁰ and AVA_VAN.5²¹.

Since there are no standards for the security assessment published by the European Commission by means of implementing acts, the QSCD certification was performed under eIDAS article 30 para. 3 lit. b and the confirmation body applied equivalent security levels considering the state of the art.

In its intended environment the QSCD resists against attackers with high attack potential.

The results of the performed assessment which is the basis for this QSCD-Certificate are documented in the QSCD-Certification report under the reference A-SIT-VIG-25-041.

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¹⁶ Annotation: The acceptability deadline for the legacy use of RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 is set to at least December 31, 2031 by "European Cybersecurity Certification Group Sub-group on Cryptography, Agreed Cryptographic Mechanisms", Version 2.0, April 2025

¹⁷ <https://www.commoncriteriaportal.org/nfs/ccpfiles/files/epfiles/NSCIB-CC-2400054-01-Cert.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://www.commoncriteriaportal.org/nfs/ccpfiles/files/epfiles/NSCIB-CC-2400054-01-CR.pdf>

¹⁹ Protection Profiles for TSP Cryptographic Modules – Part 5 Cryptographic Module for Trust Services, v1.0, registered under the reference ANSSI-CC-PP-2016/05-M01, 18 May 2020

²⁰ ALC_FLR.2 – Flaw reporting procedures

²¹ AVA_VAN.5 – Advanced methodical vulnerability analysis