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**Comments**

This contribution proposes an updated individual inventory procedure (i.e., inventory with AIoT device identifier) that protects AIoT device identifier privacy.

Note that the proposed procedure is identical to the authentication procedure described in S3-252806 as the authentication procedure is based on the Inventory procedure and already considered the identity privacy in sending the Inventory request and constructing the RESAIOT.

Also note that the proposed ID privacy mechanism is based on the option A in the living document (S3-252326) with updates to address the editor’s notes.

The proposed updates address the following Editor’s Notes in the option A of the living document:

Editor’s Note: whether AIoTF or ADM computes T-ID is FFS.

Editor’s Note: whether AIoTF or ADM computes T-ID’ is FFS.

Editor’s Note: in case AIoTF computes T-ID, a key KAIoTF derived from KAIoT in ADM is used. How AIOTF retrieves the KAIoTF is FFS.

Editor’s Note: in case the T-ID is computed by the ADM, whether the cryptographic key is the long-term key KAIoT or a key derived from KAIoT , and the impact of interaction between AIOTF and ADM and the analysis of load of ADM is FFS.

Editor’s Note: which input key (e.g., KAIoT or KAIoTF) to be used is FFS

The above Editor’s Notes are deleted as the updated procedure proposes to have AIOTF hold the KAIoTF and generate a temporary ID (i.e., T-ID) and RESAIOT that corresponds to T-ID’ in the Editor’s Note. The proposal is intended to reduce the signaling overhead between AIOTF and UDM. We note that if AIOTF does not have a valid KAIoT, the bootstrapping procedure is performed as proposed in S3-252807.

Editor’s Note: whether and how to address attacks of an attacker broadcasting T-ID and Nonce triggering all AIoT Devices to constantly compute T’-D (e.g., energy depletion in the AIoT devices) is FFS.

If an attacker constantly triggers Paging message with random T-ID and Nonce, the nearby AIoT devices would compute a T-ID and check if it is matched with the received T-ID for each Paging message. However, energy consumption of T-ID computation is not an issue because AIoT devices are assumed to harvest enough energy from RF signals for backscattering transmission. As long as the AIoT device can receive and decode Paging messages, the AIoT device should be able to perform T-ID computation. Therefore, it is proposed to remove the above Editor’s Note.

Editor’s Note: how to address the attack that manipulates the RANDAIOT\_N in the Paging message is FFS.

If an attacker manipulates the RANDAIOT\_N in the Paging message, the computed T-ID would not be matched with the received T-ID. Consequently, the AIoT device stops further processing of paging message as described in step 2. Therefore, it is impossible for an attacker to receive a valid Paging response from AIoT devices if the attacker manipulated the RANDAIOT\_N. In addition, the Paging message manipulated by the attacker does not affect subsequent Inventory procedure as AIoT devices do not maintain the received RANDAIOT\_N. Therefore, it is proposed to remove the above Editor’s Note.

Lastly, we defined the function FA for temporary ID derivation and RESAIoT calculation. Defining the cryptographic algorithm to realize FA (e.g., HMAC-SHA-256) is not the purpose of this contribution and can be discussed separately.

**Proposed Changes**

\* \* \* \* First change \* \* \* \*

## 5.4 Protection of AIoT device identifier privacy

### 5.4.1 General

This clause describes the mechanism to protect AIoT device identifier privacy during the inventory procedure based on a temporary ID. The temporary ID is generated based on the key (i.e., KAIoT) shared between AIoT device and AIOTF. If the AIoT device identifier protection is not used for the inventory with AIoT device ID, a AIoT Device Permanent Identifier is used as a device identification information in the inventory procedure specified in clause 5.2.2.

### 5.4.2 AIoT device identifier protection for inventory with AIoT device ID

The protection of AIoT device permanent ID is based on the inventory procedure described in clause 5.2.2 with the following changes:

- In step 1, AIOTF shall retrieve a T-ID from ADM. The ADM generates the T-ID using KAIoT and RANDAIOT\_n as specified in Annex X.Z.

- In step 2,3 and 4, the T-ID shall be used as a device identification information.

- In step 4, the AIoT device determines it needs to reply to the NG-RAN if the computed T-ID in the same way as the ADM did in step 1, specified in Annex X.Z, matches with the received T-ID.

- In step 5 and 6, a device identification information shall not be included in the D2R message and Inventory Report message.

\* \* \* \* Second change \* \* \* \*

# X.Z T-ID generation

When deriving a temporary ID (i.e., T-ID) from KAIOT, the following parameters shall be used to form the input S to the KDF:

- FC = 0xCC,

- P0 = RANDAIOT\_n,

- L0 = length of RANDAIOT\_n (i.e. 0x00 0x10),

- P1 = RANDAIOT\_d.

- L1 = length of RANDAIOT\_d (i.e. 0x00 0x10),

The input key KEY shall be KAIOT.

\* \* \* \* End of change \* \* \* \*