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Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Work Group appointed by the Cards and Personal Identification Technical Committee (CPITC) under the purview of the Information Technology Standards Committee. The CPITC participates actively in ISO/IEC JTC1 SC17 (Cards and Personal Identification) and mirrors its standardisation activities.

SS 518 was first developed based on work done on the EZ-Cash trial run project. The two main participants of the trial run were NETS and EZ-Link Pte Ltd.

The trial run was supported by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA). The EZ-Cash project started in July 2002 and the first draft of the specification was ready in October 2002. After a number of revisions, a draft EZ-Cash specification was presented to industry for their participation at the end of 2002. Following that, successful laboratory test and demonstration were conducted in September 2003, where compliant products were supplied by card vendors. The EZ-Cash specification was submitted to the CPITC in February 2004 for development into a national standard. It was published as a Singapore Standard in January 2006.

This standard is a revision of SS 518 : 2006. The changes in the revised edition include the following:

- Clearly defined the transaction amount setting in the Debit and Credit commands;
- Described the validity of random number/challenge generated for secure authentication;
- Included Credit command's logical data offset definition within the purse EF;
- Made the 4 commands, Atomic update, Reset bit, Read Binary and Get challenge essential requirements;
- Added an overview of CEPAS file structure in a new annex.

In preparing this standard, references were made to the following publications:

ISO/IEC 7816-4 : 2005	Identification cards – Integrated circuit cards – Organization, security and commands for interchange
ISO/IEC 9797-1 : 1999	Information technology – Security techniques – Message Authentication Codes (MACs) – Mechanisms using a block cipher
SS 372 :	Specification for identification cards – Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts
	Part 3 : 2000 Electronic signals and transmission protocols (Identical adoption of ISO/IEC 7816-3 : 1997)
	Part 4 : 1999 Interindustry commands for interchange
SS 467 : 2002	Specification for smart card reader APIs
SS 468 : 1999	Specification for stored value card application
SS 484 : 2000	Specification for debit and credit card applications on smart card

Acknowledgement is made for the use of information from the above publications.

This specification describes the technical requirements for a smart card that can be used in a multi-issuer deployment scenario. Issuers are responsible for the personalisation of their own cards. Interoperability is achieved by multiple sets of keys residing in the terminal readers and in the card. For interoperability, smart card readers will contain debit keys of all the participating Issuers, but not their credit keys. Credit operation is thus limited to selected terminals (readers) that contain the required credit keys.

Key management is meant to be flexible and the final implementation choice is left with the card Issuer. The debit command requires 1 key reference while the credit command requires 2 key references. In the simplest case, all 3 references (1 for debit, and 2 for credit) could all refer to the same key.

The design allows *partial refund*, in contrast with a normal *credit*. The partial refund is limited to the most recent amount debited. There is no restriction for a credit operation.

Transaction logging can be performed as an integrated operation of debit and credit, instead of separate updates.

While the ISO/IEC 7816 series of standards provide a sophisticated and rich set of commands for smart cards, this specification makes use of only the relevant portions. In particular, since the standardisation of e-purse commands are not covered in the international standards, this specification is suitable for our local needs.

This standard is expected to be used by electronic purse payment issuers and acquirers and smartcard vendors.

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Section One – General

0 Introduction

This standard contains details for a command set that can be used for contactless e-purse application. The focus is on *credit and debit* and not the rest of the file management aspects. Where possible, the ISO/IEC 7816 series of standards are adopted and referenced. However since the ISO/IEC 7816 series does not attempt to define credit and debit commands, this specification serves to cover these areas. For backward compatibility reasons, the commands are deliberately designed to be similar to the existing SS 468 : 1999 (2012) “Specification for Stored Value Card Application”. Changes were made to improve on transaction speed and integrity, as typically demanded by contactless transit fare applications.

This standard describes 2 versions of the contactless e-purse application – CEPAS 2.0 and CEPAS 3.0. *As amended,
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Annex A lists some additional supporting commands which can be used by issuers based on their project needs. Annex B provides some test vectors for commands that use cryptographic operation. An overview of the CEPAS file structure is given in Annex C.

Where necessary the definitions and notation used in this standard follows ISO/IEC 7816-4 : 2005 “Identification cards – Integrated circuit cards – Organisation, security and commands for interchange”. The command/response pairs highlighted in this standard also follows the convention in ISO/IEC 7816-4 : 2005. CEPAS 2.0 commands (Read purse, Debit, Credit and Atomic Update except Reset Bit command) shall follow ISO/IEC 7816-4 : 2005 case 4 APDU structure with Lc and Le fields present.

The following standards are useful background materials:

SS 468 : 1999 (2012)	Specification for stored value card application
SS 372 :	Specification for identification cards – Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts
	Part 4 : 1999 Interindustry commands for interchange
ISO/IEC 7816-3 : 1997	Identification cards – Integrated circuit cards – Electronic signals and transmission
ISO/IEC 7816-4 : 2005	Identification cards – Integrated circuit cards – Organization, security and commands for interchange
ISO/IEC 7816-9 : 2004	Identification cards – Integrated circuit cards – Commands for card management
ISO/IEC 9797-1 : 1999	Information technology – Security techniques – Message Authentication Codes (MACs) – Mechanisms using a block cipher

1 Scope and objectives

1.1 Scope

This specification provides a command set for performing electronic purse (e-purse) operations on a stored value smart card. It covers commands for debit, credit and transaction logging. However, this specification does not cover additional file creation, file protection profile, security control and other details that will be required for full operational deployment. These details will be discussed and resolved by the respective smart card issuers.

1.2 Objectives

This specification aims to:

- make the commands more *atomic*. Instead of issuing a number of commands to achieve a debit operation, it can now be done with one command. The balance in the purse is also returned after the debit or credit operation.
- provide a simpler and more *atomic* command flow that will lead to faster and more robust transactions. This will make the command set more usable for contactless (as well as contact) smart cards.
- provide a common ground between the traditional file and directory structure of the contact smart card domain, and the flat fixed sized sector structure of the contactless smart card domain. This command set is meant to be used by the major contactless stored value card issuers in Singapore.

2 Normative references

The following reference documents are indispensable for the application of this standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 7816-4	Identification cards – Integrated circuit cards – Organisation, security and commands for interchange
ISO/IEC 9797-1	Information technology – Security techniques – Message Authentication Codes (MACs) – Mechanisms using a block cipher
ISO/IEC 14443-3	Identification cards – Contactless integrate circuit cards – Proximity cards – Part 3 : Initialization and anticollision