ROK's legal aspects for digital authentication to support digital ICT services including Fintech services

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Digital identity





Identity process and its assurance framework





Identity proofing - ISO/IEC 29003

- Specifies levels of identity proofing, and requirements to achieve these levels.
- Identity proofing refers to process by which the Registration Authority (RA) captures and verifies sufficient information to identify an entity to a specified or understood level of assurance
- Levels of identity proofing
 - Level 1
 - Identity is unique within the context
 - Level 2
 - Identity is unique within the context
 - some processes are undertaken to establish the identity exists
 - the subject has some binding to the identity. For example, using remote and PKI certificate.
 - Level 3
 - Identity is unique within the context
 - strong processes are undertaken to establish the identity exists
 - the subject has a strong binding to the identity. For example, using in-person and passport



FIDO concepts for digital authentication

Strong authentication =

- Two factors
- Public key cryptography such as digital signature algorithm



Providing usability and security for online authentication



PKI certificate as an authenticator



Terms and definitions related to identification and digital authentication



KR laws – digital authentication and electronic identification

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Digital signature act (DSA)

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Purpose

- to establish a basic framework for the system of digital signatures in order to ensure the safety and reliability of electronic messages and to promote their use, thereby accelerating informatization of the society and advancing public convenience
- Effectiveness of Digital Signature
- Establishment of policies for the development of electronic signatures
- Application for mediation of disputes related to electronic signatures
- Activation of the use of various electronic signature means
- Accreditation agency/assessment agency for digital signature service providers
- Identity verification, time stamping services of electronic document
- Protection of digital signature generated key

Electronic government act (EGA)

- Authentication of Administrative Digital Signatures(Article 29)
- Any administrative agency may use an administrative digital signature.

Act on information and network utilization and information protection, etc. (ICT act)

- For electronic identification (so called IPIN)
- Designation of Identification Service Agencies (Article 23-3):
 - A plan for physical, technological, and administrative measures;
 - Technological and financial capability;
 - Appropriateness of the scale of facilities etc.
- Restrictions on Use of the Resident Registration Numbers (Article 23-2)
 - An identification service agency is allowed to collect or use users' resident registration numbers.
- Suspension of Identification Services and Revocation of Designation of Identification Service Agencies (Article 23-4)

Electronic financial transaction act (EFTA

- Applicable to financial sectors
- Duty to Ensure Safety(Article 21)
- Financial companies must comply with the standards set by the Financial Services Commission regarding authentication methods, such as the use of digital signature certificates issued under the Electronic Signature Act.



Components in KR laws





Electronic identification and digital signature procedure





IPIN (Internet Personal Identification Number)

Electronic identification procedures according to "Act on information and network utilization and information protection etc"



Identity proofing in advance through mobile phone/credit card/certificate registration in person



Key standards - digital signature and identity verification



Concluding remark

- Legal measures are critical to address the risks in Fintech services, together with four countermeasures:
 - Technical measures, physical measures, organizational measures and people measures in ISO/IEC 27002
- Digital authentication and identity verification are key enablers for providing confidence and trust in the use of ICTs, especially for fintech services.
- Digital authentication and identity verification should be based on international standards:
 - Use of hardware-based module and secure zone in the mobile devices is preferred.
- FIDO specifications could meet enough security and usability of the digital authentication.



Thank you for your attention.



