

# DNSSEC Practice Statement for the sakura Zone (.sakura DPS)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This document, "DNSSEC Practice Statement for the sakura Zone (.sakura DPS)" states ideas of policies and practices of SAKURA Internet Inc. (SAKURA Internet) with regard to DNSSEC operations for the sakura zone.

### 1.1. Overview

SAKURA Internet has published .sakura DPS to provide operational information about DNSSEC (\*1) for the sakura zone. To accomplish comprehensive investigation into the ideas of operational security, policies, practices and procedures of DNSSEC service for the sakura zone ("sakura DNSSEC Service"), .sakura DPS adopts the DPS framework (\*2) which has been proposed and discussed in IETF Domain Name System Operations (DNSOP) Working Group.

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\*1: DNSSEC (DNS Security Extensions) is a set of specifications for enabling origin authentication and data integrity verification of DNS response, by composing digital signatures on it. The fundamental specifications of DNSSEC are described in following RFCs, where DNS resource records such as DS, DNSKEY, RRSIG and NSEC are newly defined.

- 32           - RFC 4033
- 33           DNS Security Introduction and Requirements
- 34           <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4033.txt>
- 35           - RFC 4034
- 36           Resource Records for the DNS Security Extensions
- 37           <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4034.txt>
- 38           - RFC 4035
- 39           Protocol Modifications for the DNS Security Extensions
- 40           <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4035.txt>

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42           \*2: DPS (DNSSEC Practice Statement) is a document in which operator states ideas of

43           security, policies, practices and procedures with regard to operational issues of

44           DNSSEC. DPS framework is described in following RFC.

- 45           - RFC 6841
- 46           A Framework for DNSSEC Policies and DNSSEC Practice Statements
- 47           <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc6841.txt>

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## 50 **1.2. Document Name and Identification**

51 DNSSEC Practice Statement for the sakura Zone (.sakura DPS)

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## 56 **1.3. Community and Applicability**

57 In this section, associated entities and their roles regarding .sakura DNSSEC Service are described.

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### 59 **1.3.1. Registry**

60 SAKURA Internet is the Registry for the .sakura domain names. The Registry administrates

61 registrations of .sakura domain names and operates DNS servers for the sakura zone. As for .sakura

62 DNSSEC Service, the Registry generates signing keys (KSK and ZSK) (\*3) of the sakura zone and

63 composes digital signatures for the sakura zone. Further, through registering DS resource record(s)

64 of the Registry into the root zone, the Registry enables origin authentication and data integrity  
65 verification of resource records in the sakura zone by using KSK of the root zone as a trust anchor  
66 (\*4).

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69 \*3: Signing key is a pair of public key and private key used for signing resource records in  
70 a zone. KSK is abbreviation for key signing key, while ZSK for zone signing key.

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72 \*4: Trust anchor is information cryptographically equivalent to KSK of given zone that  
73 DNSSEC-aware resolvers use to establish a chain of trust from the given zone to the  
74 querying zone.

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### 77 **1.3.2. .sakura Registrar**

78 .sakura Registrar of the .sakura domain names is an entity who has concluded an agreement with  
79 the Registry for agency operations on .sakura domain name registrations. .sakura Registrar submits  
80 various requests regarding registrations of domain name information, including DS resource records  
81 in the sakura zone.

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### 83 **1.3.3. Registrant**

84 Registrant is an entity who has registered .sakura domain name(s) into the Registry. For deploying  
85 DNSSEC into the Registrant's domain name(s), Registrant generates signing keys and composes  
86 digital signatures on Registrant's zone ("Registrant Zone"). Registrant enables origin authentication  
87 and data integrity verification of Registrant Zone by registering DS resource record(s) into the  
88 Registry through .sakura Registrar. In some cases, Registrant requests "DNS Provider", who  
89 provides operation services for authoritative DNS servers, to generate signing keys, compose digital  
90 signatures on Registrant Zone and generate DS resource record(s).

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### 92 **1.3.4. Relying party**

93 Relying party is all the entity related to .sakura DNSSEC Service, including DNS Providers, caching  
94 DNS server operators and users who utilize their services. Here we call the DNS Provider who  
95 manages Registrant Zone as "Registrant Zone Manager". In some cases, Registrant him/her-self may  
96 be Registrant Zone Manager.

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98 **1.3.5. Auditor**

99 Auditor is an entity who audits whether .sakura DNSSEC Service is operated along with .sakura  
100 DPS or not.

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102 **1.3.6. Applicability**

103 .sakura DPS is applied to the sakura zone. DNS users are able to conduct origin authentication and  
104 verify data integrity of DNS responses from the sakura zone. Registrant Zones are under  
105 Registrant's policy and outside the scope of .sakura DPS.

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107 **1.4. Specification Administration**

108 **1.4.1. Specification administration organization**

109 SAKURA Internet Inc. (SAKURA Internet)

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111 **1.4.2. Contact information**

112 SAKURA Internet Inc. (SAKURA Internet) .sakura DPS contact

113 Telephone: +81 3 5332 7070

114 (10:00-18:00 excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays or the period from December 29 to  
115 January 3)

116 E-mail: gtlld-adminp@sakura.ad.jp

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118 **1.4.3. Specification change procedures**

119 .sakura DPS is revised annually and/or in case of arising legitimate needs, by DPS Management  
120 Officer (Section 4.2.1). After an approval of its revised contents by DNSSEC Steering Committee  
121 (Section 4.2.1), the revised .sakura DPS becomes publicly available in such a way as described in  
122 chapter 2.

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124 **2. PUBLICATION AND REPOSITORIES**

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125 **2.1. Repositories**

126 **2.1.1. Operational entity**

127 The entity that operates repositories is SAKURA Internet as a Registry.

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129 **2.1.2. Locations of the repositories**

130 .sakura DPS (English)

131 <https://dot-sakura.sakura.ad.jp/sakura-dps.pdf>

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### 134 **2.1.3. Access Controls on Repositories**

135 The Registry does not perform particular access controls on .sakura DPS except for read only access.

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## 137 **2.2. Publication of Public Keys**

138 The Registry makes to be able to establish a chain of trust of DNSSEC by registering a DS resource  
139 record of the sakura zone into the root zone. Therefore, the Registry does not explicitly publish KSK  
140 public key of the sakura zone as a trust anchor.

141 The Registry will publish KSK and ZSK public keys of the sakura zone during key rollovers described  
142 in Section 6.4 are carrying out. The DNSKEY resource records of the KSK and ZSK public keys are  
143 published during the key rollovers by registering in sakura zone.

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## 147 **3. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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### 148 **3.1. Meaning of Domain Names**

149 The purpose of the registration of domain names in the sakura zone is to use as an identifier on the  
150 Internet, and its meaning is the uniqueness of the domain name in the .sakura domain name space  
151 which our company manages. There is no other meanings except this.

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### 153 **3.2. Identification and Authentication of Registrant Zone**

#### 154 **Manager**

155 Authentication of applicant related to Registrant Zone is conducted by .sakura Registrar who  
156 exclusively manages the Registrant's domain name registration into the sakura zone  
157 ("Associated .sakura Registrar"). The Registry employs prescribed authentication procedures to  
158 check whether data registration requests, including registration of DS resource record(s), are carried  
159 out by Associated .sakura Registrars or not.

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### 161 **3.3. Registration of Delegation Signer (DS) Resource Records**

162 A Registrant Zone can be verified as a DNSSEC-aware zone when DS resource record(s) of the  
163 Registrant Zone is registered into the sakura zone. The specification of DS resource record on  
164 registration is described in Section 4.1 of RFC 5910.

165 - RFC 5910

166 Domain Name System (DNS) Security Extensions Mapping For the Extensible  
167 Provisioning Protocol (EPP)

168 <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc5910.txt>

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#### 170 **3.3.1. Who can request registration**

171 The Registry registers DS resource records for Registrant Zones into the sakura zone based on the  
172 requests from Associated .sakura Registrars. Associated .sakura Registrars confirm the intentions  
173 of registration with Registrants before requesting the registrations to the Registry.

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#### 175 **3.3.2. Procedure for registration request**

176 Registrant asks Associated .sakura Registrar for registering DS resource record(s) into the sakura  
177 zone. Associated .sakura Registrar proceeds the request of registration to the Registry based on the  
178 Registrant's intention, according to the procedures defined by the Registry. Upon the request from  
179 Associated .sakura Registrar, the Registry registers DS resource record(s) into the sakura zone. The  
180 time required for registering a DS resource record into the sakura zone after receiving the  
181 registration request by the Registry depends on the update schedule of .sakura DNS.

182 When a DS resource record corresponding to a signing key used in a given Registrant zone is  
183 published in the sakura zone, which is operated by the Registry, and digitally signed with a signing  
184 key of the Registry, a chain of trust from the sakura zone to the Registrant Zone comes to be  
185 established.

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#### 187 **3.3.3. Emergency registration request**

188 Not applicable in this document.

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### 190 **3.4. Method to Prove Possession of Private Key**

191 The Registry does not specify requirements of validation checks made by Associated .sakura  
192 Registrar whether the Registrant Zone Manager possesses private key corresponding to DS resource  
193 record on registration or not.

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195 **3.5. Removal of DS Resource Record**

196 DNSSEC-verification of the Registrant Zone becomes unavailable by removing Registrant's DS  
197 resource record from the sakura zone.

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199 **3.5.1. Who can request removal**

200 The Registry removes DS resource records for the Registrant Zones from the sakura zone based on  
201 the requests from Associated .sakura Registrars. Associated .sakura Registrars confirm the  
202 intentions of removal with the Registrants before requesting removals.

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204 **3.5.2. Procedure for removal request**

205 Registrant asks Associated .sakura Registrar for removing DS resource record(s) from the sakura  
206 zone. Associated .sakura Registrar proceeds request of removal from the Registry based on the  
207 Registrant's intention, according to the procedures defined by the Registry. Upon the request from  
208 Associated .sakura Registrar, the Registry removes DS resource record(s) from the sakura zone. The  
209 time required for removing a DS resource record from the sakura zone after receiving the removal  
210 request by the Registry depends on the update schedule of .sakura DNS.

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212 **3.5.3. Emergency removal request**

213 Not applicable in this document.

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215 **4. FACILITY, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL**  
216 **CONTROLS**

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217 **4.1. Physical Controls**

218 **4.1.1. Site location and construction**

219 The Registry installs important facilities and equipment related to .sakura DNSSEC Service ("the  
220 Important Facilities") at a place where is not easily affected by disasters including water exposures,  
221 earthquakes, fires and thunder strikes ("the Important Facility Room"). The Registry takes building  
222 structures so that the room will be earthquake/fire-proofed and protected from trespassing. The  
223 location of the Important Facility Room is not indicated inside/outside of the building.

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225 **4.1.2. Physical access**

226 With regard to the Important Facility Room, the Registry controls entry and exit from the room by

227 conducting the identification of relevant person and checking of the entry permission. The Registry  
228 does not permit person who has no entry permission to enter the room. If entry of such person is  
229 unavoidable, the person will be allowed to enter by receiving one-time entry permission beforehand  
230 and accompanied by person who has entry permission.

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### 232 **4.1.3. Power and air conditioning**

233 The Registry ensures sufficient supply of electric power to the Important Facilities and takes  
234 countermeasures against temporary blackout, electric power failure and fluctuation of  
235 voltage/frequency. Further, the Registry maintains and manages air conditioning facilities in order  
236 to avoid harmful effects to machines and equipment in use.

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### 238 **4.1.4. Water exposures and earthquakes**

239 The Registry takes waterproofing measures for the Important Facility Room to minimize damages  
240 due to water exposures. Further, the building where facilities and equipment related to .sakura  
241 DNSSEC Service are housed has quakeproof structure, and measures are taken to prevent  
242 equipment and fixtures from toppling or falling.

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### 244 **4.1.5. Fire prevention and protection**

245 The Registry installs the Important Facilities in a fire protection zone. Further, in this zone, fire  
246 prevention measures are taken for electric power supplying facilities and air conditioning, in  
247 addition to fire alarm apparatus and fire extinguishing facilities.

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### 249 **4.1.6. Media storage**

250 The Registry stores recording media containing important archive/backup data related to .sakura  
251 DNSSEC Service in a storage cabinet(s) within a room where entry and exit are controlled  
252 appropriately.

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### 254 **4.1.7. Waste disposal**

255 The Registry appropriately carries out disposal processing of documents/recording media including  
256 confidential information related to .sakura DNSSEC Service by prescribed methods, such as zeroing  
257 data or cutting up media.

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### 259 **4.1.8. Off-site backup**

260 The Registry separately stores the specified important information related to .sakura DNSSEC  
261 Service in lockable cabinets in the Important Facility Rooms set at multiple sites which are  
262 sufficiently remote.



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## 264 **4.2. Procedural Controls**

### 265 **4.2.1. Trusted role**

266 Followings are the roles related to operations of .sakura DNSSEC Service.

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268 Role (abbreviation)

269           - Descriptions

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271 DNSSEC Steering Committee (DSC)

272           - Supervision of .sakura DNSSEC Service

273           - Approval of revised .sakura DPS

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275 Chief DPS Management Officer (cDMO)

276           - Appointment of DPS Management Officer

277           - Confirmation of revised .sakura DPS

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279 DPS Management Officer (DMO)

280           - Drafting/revision of .sakura DPS

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282 Chief DNSSEC Signing Key Officer (cSKO)

283           - Appointment of DNSSEC Signing Key Operator

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285 DNSSEC Signing Key Operator (SKO)

286           - Activation of KSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service

287           - Generation/Deletion of KSK/ZSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service

288           - Rollover of KSK/ZSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service

289           - Composition of signature for the sakura zone by KSK/ZSK

290           - Registration of DS resource record(s) of the sakura zone into the root zone

291           - Recording of KSK-related operations for .sakura DNSSEC Service

292                   - Other operations under the instruction of cSKO

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294 Chief DNSSEC Key Activation Observer (cKAO)

295                   - Appointment of DNSSEC Key Activation Observer

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297 DNSSEC Key Activation Observer (KAO)

298                   - Observation of activation of KSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service

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300 Chief DNSSEC Key Ceremony Recording Officer (cKRO)

301                   - Appointment of DNSSEC Key Ceremony Recording Officer

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303 DNSSEC Key Ceremony Recording Officer (KRO)

304                   - Recording of DNSSEC Key Ceremony

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306 DNSSEC Operations Auditor (Auditor)

307                   - Audit of DNSSEC Operations

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#### 310 **4.2.2. Number of persons required per task**

311 SKO consists of multiple personnel. In case of KSK-related operation including the key activation,  
312 KAO joins in the operation with SKO members.

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#### 314 **4.2.3. Identification and authentication for each role**

315 Permissions to operate the Important Facilities are authorized for each operator. In using the  
316 Important Facilities, only authorized operations are granted after operators are authenticated.

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#### 318 **4.2.4. Tasks requiring separation of duties**

319 The same person is not assigned as both SKO and KAO at the same time. This is to ensure that KSK  
320 is not activated by SKO him/her self.

321

### 322 **4.3. Personnel Controls**

#### 323 **4.3.1. Qualifications, experience, and clearance requirements**

324 Persons who have "Trusted Role" as described in Section 4.2.1 are limited to full time employees of

325 the Registry or those who are specifically approved by the Registry.

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### 327 **4.3.2. Background check procedures**

328 Not applicable in this document.

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### 330 **4.3.3. Training requirements**

331 The Registry gives trainings to persons who have "Trusted Role" as described in 4.2.1 as follows:

332       - Before having "Trusted Role" as described in 4.2.1, required trainings for the roles are  
333       performed.

334       - When operational procedure is changed, affected descriptions in operation manuals are  
335       updated promptly and trainings associated with the change are provided.

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337 The Registry periodically examines the necessity of re-training for persons who have "Trusted Role"  
338 as described in 4.2.1. Re-training is provided as necessary.

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### 340 **4.3.4. Job rotation frequency and sequence**

341 Not applicable in this document.

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### 343 **4.3.5. Sanctions for unauthorized actions**

344 Not applicable in this document.

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### 346 **4.3.6. Contracting personnel requirements**

347 Not applicable in this document.

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### 349 **4.3.7. Documentation supplied to personnel**

350 The Registry discloses a set of required documents for operations in .sakura DNSSEC Service to the  
351 personnel and ensures that they are fully acquainted with the documents.

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## 353 **4.4. Audit Logging Procedures**

### 354 **4.4.1. Types of events recorded**

355 In order for detecting incorrect/illegal operations and proving legitimacy of operations related  
356 to .sakura DNSSEC Service, the Registry records following events as "the Audit Logs":

357       - Events of access to facilities for .sakura DNSSEC Service

- 358           - Events of operations using signing keys
- 359           +    Activation of KSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service
- 360           +    Generation/Deletion of KSK/ZSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service
- 361           +    Rollover of KSK/ZSK used for .sakura DNSSEC Service
- 362           +    Composition of signature for the sakura zone by KSK/ZSK
- 363           +    Registration of DS resource record(s) of the sakura zone into the root zone
- 364           - Events of confirmation for recorded facts in the Audit Logs

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366           The record of events includes date and time of event, entity that initiated event and contents of  
367 event.

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#### 369 **4.4.2. Frequency of processing log**

370 The Registry automatically checks the Audit Logs in a frequency sufficient to monitor promptly  
371 whether serious security incidents occur or not. If any records to be dealt with are detected,  
372 immediate notification will be made to appropriate personnel.

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#### 374 **4.4.3. Retention period for audit log information**

375 The Registry keeps the Audit Logs for at least 3 months in a manner of being able to access them  
376 promptly. Archives of the Audit Logs are kept for at least 3 years.

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#### 378 **4.4.4. Protection of audit log**

379 The Registry limits access to the Audit Logs to only necessary personnel in order to protect the Audit  
380 Logs from browse, modification or deletion by unauthorized parties.

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#### 382 **4.4.5. Audit log backup procedures**

383 The Registry backups the Audit Logs on external media storage periodically. This media is stored in  
384 lockable cabinet(s) in a room where entry and exit are controlled appropriately.

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#### 386 **4.4.6. Audit collection system**

387 Online Audit Log collection system is a component of the system used for .sakura DNSSEC Service  
388 (".sakura DNSSEC Service System"), and is installed in the same place as that of .sakura DNSSEC  
389 Service System. Offline Audit Logs are recorded by the Trusted Roles described above and stored in  
390 secure storage cabinet(s) at facility managed by the Registry.

391

#### 392 **4.4.7. Vulnerability assessments**

393 The Registry carries out vulnerability monitoring as described in Section 4.4.2 in order to detect  
394 unauthorized actions such as break-in attempt on .sakura DNSSEC Service System. Vulnerability  
395 assessments on the system are also taken as necessary.

396

### 397 **4.5. Compromise and Disaster Recovery**

#### 398 **4.5.1. Incident and compromise handling procedures**

399 If the private key of the sakura zone is (likely to be) compromised, the Registry carries out emergency  
400 rollover of the signing key. When .sakura DNSSEC Service becomes discontinued due to accidents  
401 or disasters, the Registry attempts to restart .sakura DNSSEC Service as quickly as possible.

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#### 403 **4.5.2. Corrupted computing resources, software, and/or data**

404 When important hardware, software or data related to .sakura DNSSEC Service is broken/damaged,  
405 the Registry attempts to recover it promptly using backup-ed hardware, software or data according  
406 to the prescribed recovery plan.

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#### 408 **4.5.3. Entity private key compromise procedures**

409 When the KSK of the sakura zone becomes compromised, the Registry carries out the following  
410 procedures:

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- Re-generation of KSK of the sakura zone;

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- Composition of signature for DNSKEY resource records in the sakura zone by re-generated KSK; and

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- Replacement of DS resource record registered in the root zone with the one corresponding to re-generated KSK.

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417 When the ZSK of the sakura zone becomes compromised, the Registry carries out the following  
418 procedures:

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- Re-generation of ZSK of the sakura zone;

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- Composition of signature for DNSKEY resource records containing re-generated ZSK by KSK of the sakura zone; and

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422

- Composition of signatures for authoritative records in the sakura zone by re-generated

423 ZSK.

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#### 425 **4.5.4. Business continuity and IT disaster recovery capabilities**

426 For cases where continuation of .sakura DNSSEC Service is disabled due to damage on the facilities  
427 by a disaster, the Registry attempts to recover the service shortly on the remote backup-site  
428 configured beforehand.

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430 In addition, if the Registry cannot practice the DNSSEC key ceremony by the normal procedure due  
431 to a disaster or other reasons, the Registry will practice the DNSSEC key ceremony according to the  
432 emergency response procedure determined beforehand.

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#### 434 **4.6. Entity Termination**

435 In order to prepare for cases where continuation of .sakura DNSSEC Service is disabled due to  
436 termination of the Registry, information necessary for .sakura DNSSEC Service is deposited into  
437 escrow agent, according to the following document.

438 .sakura Registry Agreement

439 <https://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/sakura/>

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441 In case of termination of the Registry, .sakura DNSSEC Service will be also terminated in accordance  
442 with the operation termination procedures defined by the Registry.

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### 444 **5. TECHNICAL SECURITY CONTROLS**

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#### 445 **5.1. Key Pair Generation and Installation**

##### 446 **5.1.1. Key pair generation**

447 Signing key used for .sakura DNSSEC Service is generated by multiple SKO in offline system  
448 installed in the Important Facility Room (".sakura DNSSEC Service Offline System"). KSK of the  
449 sakura zone is generated by software inside the dedicated cryptographic module connected to the  
450 system. ZSK of the sakura zone is generated in the system and stored in removable media in which  
451 all the data are encrypted ("the Encryption Media").

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##### 453 **5.1.2. Public key delivery**

454 The Registry deploys KSK public key and ZSK private/public key into .sakura DNSSEC Service  
455 System by using the Encryption Media. KSK public key is not distributed to relying parties in any

456 other way of DNS protocols.

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### 458 **5.1.3. Public key parameters generation and quality checking**

459 The Registry periodically confirms that generation of signing key is conducted with appropriate  
460 parameters in the context of technological trends.

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### 462 **5.1.4. Key usage purposes**

463 The Registry uses the signing keys only for generating signatures for the sakura zone and does not  
464 use them for any other purposes.

465

## 466 **5.2. Private Key Protection and Cryptographic Module**

### 467 **Engineering Controls**

#### 468 **5.2.1. Cryptographic module standards and controls**

469 Not applicable in this document.

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#### 471 **5.2.2. Private key multi-person control**

472 Operations using KSK private key are performed by multiple SKO.

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#### 474 **5.2.3. Private key escrow**

475 Private keys of the sakura zone are not escrowed.

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#### 477 **5.2.4. Private key backup**

478 SKO backups multiple copies of KSK private key into separate cryptographic modules. These  
479 cryptographic modules are stored in lockable cabinets inside the Important Facility Rooms  
480 mentioned in 4.1.8.

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#### 482 **5.2.5. Private key storage on cryptographic module**

483 Not applicable in this document.

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#### 485 **5.2.6. Private key archival**

486 Obsolete private keys are not archived, except for backups mentioned above.

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#### 488 **5.2.7. Private key transfer into or from a cryptographic module**

489 Once KSK private key is installed in the cryptographic module, it cannot be retrieved. In case of

490 using KSK private key installed in the cryptographic module, operation by multiple SKO is required.  
491 For installing ZSK private key into the Encryption Media, operation by multiple SKO is also required.

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### 493 **5.2.8. Method of activating private key**

494 KSK private key is activated by multiple SKO in .sakura DNSSEC Service Offline System and the  
495 fact is observed by KAO. ZSK private key is activated by multiple SKO. The active status of ZSK  
496 signing key continues until the usage period is finished.

497

### 498 **5.2.9. Method of deactivating private key**

499 Once KSK private key is used by SKO it is deactivated immediately and the fact is observed by KAO.  
500 ZSK private key is deactivated by multiple SKO before it reaches upper limit of the usage period  
501 described in Section 5.3.2.

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### 503 **5.2.10. Method of destroying private key**

504 KSK/ZSK private key is destroyed by SKO in a manner it cannot be used again.

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## 506 **5.3. Other Aspects of Key Pair Management**

### 507 **5.3.1. Life cycle states for management**

508 The following is the life cycle states of KSK for key management:

- 509 – Generation of KSK
- 510 – Registration of KSK into the sakura zone and the root zone
- 511 – Deletion of KSK from the root zone and the sakura zone
- 512 – Destroying of KSK

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514 The following is the life cycle states of ZSK for key management:

- 515 – Generation of ZSK
- 516 – Registration of ZSK into the sakura zone
- 517 – Activation of ZSK
- 518 – Inactivation of ZSK
- 519 – Deletion of ZSK from the sakura zone



520 - Destroying of ZSK

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### 522 **5.3.2. Key usage periods**

523 The upper limit of usage period for KSK is one year plus appropriate period for transition. The upper  
524 limit of usage period for ZSK is one month. The Registry may change these periods as necessary.

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## 526 **5.4. Activation Data**

### 527 **5.4.1. Activation data generation and installation**

528 Activation data is a set of passphrases used to activate KSK. Each SKO generates passphrase  
529 individually and install it into .sakura DNSSEC Service Offline System.

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### 531 **5.4.2. Activation data protection**

532 SKO protects activation data in a sufficiently secure manner.

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### 534 **5.4.3. Other aspects of activation data**

535 In order to prepare for emergencies, SKO seals a copy of activation data in envelope(s) with tamper  
536 trail. In case of arising necessity to break this seal, it will be done under control of cSKO.

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## 538 **5.5. Computer Security Controls**

539 On the important components of .sakura DNSSEC Service System ("the Important Components"),  
540 only minimum necessary software defined by the Registry runs. All the important operations on the  
541 Important Components will be logged. All the authentication credentials used to access the  
542 Important Components are properly controlled. The Important Components are monitored  
543 continuously, and if any abnormalities or illegal operations on them are detected, the Registry takes  
544 appropriate countermeasures promptly.

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## 546 **5.6. Network Security Controls**

547 Firewalls are applied to networks on which .sakura DNSSEC Service is deployed, and access from  
548 outside of the networks is limited to minimum necessary protocols defined by the Registry.

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## 550 **5.7. Timestamping**

551 The Registry obtains time for .sakura DNSSEC Service Offline System from reliable time source(s)

552 and synchronizes the system clocks with it. As for .sakura DNSSEC Service System, the Registry  
553 obtains time from NTP (Network Time Protocol) and synchronizes the system clocks. The  
554 synchronized times are used for timestamping for the audit logs described in Section 4.4 and  
555 inception/expiration time for validity period of RRSIG.  
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## 557 **5.8. Life Cycle Technical Controls**

### 558 **5.8.1. System development controls**

559 The Registry controls each process at system development and evaluates the system prior to  
560 deploying it, in order to maintain the quality and security of .sakura DNSSEC Service System.  
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### 562 **5.8.2. Security management controls**

563 As security controls of .sakura DNSSEC Service System, the registry undertakes countermeasures  
564 such as entering/leaving controls, staff controls including training, operation controls including  
565 authority control and system controls including intrusion protection and virus protection.  
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### 567 **5.8.3. Life cycle security controls**

568 The Registry evaluates periodically whether the development of .sakura DNSSEC Service System is  
569 controlled under prescribed manner. Moreover, the Registry gathers information related to security,  
570 surveys technical trends, and evaluates/improves the system as necessary.  
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## 572 **6. ZONE SIGNING**

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### 573 **6.1. Key Lengths, Key Types, and Algorithms**

574 The key types of signing keys of the sakura zone are KSK and ZSK. Therefore, the secure entry point  
575 (SEP) bit of KSK specified in RFC 4034 is set, and the SEP bit of ZSK is unset.

576 Algorithms defined by the protocol standards are adopted for signing keys of the sakura zone.  
577 Algorithm and key length for signing key that are considered secure for the usage period are adopted.  
578 Therefore, the algorithm for both KSK and ZSK is RSASHA256 specified in RFC 5702, and the key  
579 length of KSK is 2048 bits and that of ZSK is 1024 bits.  
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### 581 **6.2. Authenticated Denial of Existence**

582 For authenticated denial of existence in the sakura zone, the method using NSEC3 resource records  
583 with Opt-Out flag specified in RFC 5155 is adopted. The values of hash algorithm, iterations and

584 salt are set to SHA-1, no extra iterations and empty salt, respectively.

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### 586 **6.3. Signature Format**

587 The signature format for resource records in the sakura zone is RSA/SHA-2 specified in RFC 5702.

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### 589 **6.4. Key Rollover**

#### 590 **6.4.1. Zone Signing Key Rollover**

591 In the sakura zone, rollover of ZSK is carried out on a monthly basis by the pre-publish method  
592 described in RFC 6781.

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#### 594 **6.4.2. Key Signing Key Rollover**

595 In the sakura zone, rollover of KSK is carried out on an annual basis by the double signature method  
596 described in RFC 6781.

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### 598 **6.5. Signature Validity Period and Re-signing Frequency**

599 In the sakura zone, signature validity period for KSK is around 2 months, while that for ZSK is  
600 around 1 month. Re-signing frequencies for KSK and ZSK are per month and per week, respectively.

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### 602 **6.6. Verification of Resource Records**

603 The Registry verifies that all the resource records are conformant with the protocol standards before  
604 they are published on the sakura zone.

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### 606 **6.7. Resource Records TTL**

607 In the sakura zone, TTL of DNSKEY and the corresponding RRSIG is set to 86400 (1 day). TTL of  
608 DS and the corresponding RRSIG is set to 7200 (2 hr.). TTL of NSEC3 and the corresponding RRSIG  
609 is set to 900 (15min.), which is the same as negative cache value for the sakura zone. Those TTLs  
610 may be changed into appropriate values along with technical trends.

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## 612 **7. COMPLIANCE AUDIT**

613 A regular audit for .sakura DNSSEC Service is done by Auditor described in Section 1.3.5. The audit

614 reports are provided to the Registry. The Registry applies operational improvements to .sakura  
615 DNSSEC Service as necessary.

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## 617 **8. LEGAL MATTERS**

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618 The Registry has no legal responsibilities for the matters described in .sakura DPS. When  
619 operating .sakura DNSSEC Service, the Registry follows the laws of Japan and the rules defined by  
620 the Registry.

621 Registration Policies (.sakura)

622 <https://dot-sakura.sakura.ad.jp/sakura-registration-policies.pdf>

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