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Documentation of the Mail-From Authentication Method

12.1 Mail-From

Mail-From is the default authentication method by which registration records are protected from vandalism. If a registrant fails to designate a more secure method, any subsequent email which bears the sender address of an authorized Point of Contact may be deemed authentic with regard to the registrant's records. Since it is trivial to forge a sender address, Mail-From should not be regarded as secure. Use of Mail-From authentication is not recommended to any registrant who has the means to implement more secure cryptographic authentication methods.

Rationale:

This policy proposal simply seeks to provide brief documentation of the existence of the mail-from authentication method. Because the specific wording of the documentation may be subject to debate, and is in no way interdependent upon the documentation of the other two methods, it is being proposed in a separate policy, so that consensus may be more easily reached.