



S/MIME Certificate Update Guide for Administrators

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1 Introduction

Sectigo Certificate Manager (SCM) is a certificate management platform for enterprise customers to automate or perform lifecycle management of certificates issued to applications and devices for secure transactions. SCM supports management of SSL/TLS, S/MIME, Code Signing and Device certificates through a unified interface.

SCM features full integration with Sectigo Certificate Authority and enables authorized administrators to manage the lifetime, issuance, deployment, renewal, and revocation of certificates on a per-organization, per-department, as well as per-user basis.

The SCM 23.8 release delivers new features and enhancements to existing functionality, including **two new S/MIME certificate profiles**, in accordance with [CA/B forum S/MIME requirements](#).

SCM 23.8 will automatically create **two** certificate templates for each customer that meets the following criteria. Certificate profiles will NOT be automatically created.

- active
- client certificates enabled
- Sectigo Public CA backend configured
- Organization Validation (OV) enabled

Existing client certificate profiles used to issue publicly trusted S/MIME certificates will **no longer issue certificates after August 28th, 2023, at 9:00 UTC**. Renewal of any existing S/MIME certificate with old profiles is allowed only until that time.

To continue issuing publicly trusted S/MIME certificates, customers must create new certificate profiles based on two new certificate templates (see 2.3 Create a certificate profile) that will be available once SCM 23.8 is deployed.

NOTE: Once the new S/MIME profiles are created in the certificate profile section of SCM, you must replace the profiles in the enrollment endpoints.

2 New S/MIME certificate templates

To continue issuing publicly trusted S/MIME certificates, customers must create new certificate profiles based on two new certificate templates (see [2.3 Create a certificate profile](#)) that will be available once SCM 23.8 is deployed.

2.1 Public organization-validated multipurpose S/MIME certificate

This template requires the organization to be revalidated as described below.

- It requires all domains included in email addresses to be domain validated (DCV).
- You will be able to configure in the profile whether the certificate's subject contains a commonName (CN) or emailAddress (E) attribute.
 - The CN, if included, will be identical to the organizationName (O) attribute.
 - The emailAddress (E), if included, will be the primary email address of the person.
- All email addresses will be included in the subject alternative name (SAN).
- The key usage will allow signing and encryption.
- The extended key usage will allow client authentication and email protection.

2.2 Public sponsor-validated multipurpose S/MIME certificate

This template requires the organization to be revalidated as described below.

- It requires all domains included in email addresses to be domain validated (DCV).
- It requires that persons being issued certificates are identity validated; do this by setting the person's validation type as High.
- You will be able to configure in the profile whether the certificate's subject contains a commonName (CN) or emailAddress (E) attribute.
 - The CN, if included, will be the concatenation of the person's First Name and Last Name fields. The person's Common Name field will not be used.
 - The emailAddress (E), if included, will be the primary email address of the person.
- All email addresses will be included in the subject alternative name (SAN).
- The key usage will allow signing and encryption.
- The extended key usage will allow client authentication and email protection.

NOTE: There is no replacement operation for these new client certificates.

3 Working with profiles and organizations

3.1 Organization identifier

Each organization now includes an optional organization identifier field built using the [ETSI standard](#). Completing this field may assist the validation process.

The supported legal person identity types for S/MIME issuance are the following:

- National Value Added Tax (VAT)
- National Trade Register (NTR)
- Global Legal Entity (LEI)
- Government Entity (GOV)
- International Organization (INT)

Similar to the existing organization details, updating the organization identifier field will lead to cancelation of the current organization validation and will initiate the revalidation process.

Existing validations will continue to work for OV SSL certificates until they would normally expire.

3.2 Create a certificate profile for client certificates

To add or modify a certificate profile, do the following:

1. Navigate to Enrollment > Certificate Profiles.
2. To add a certificate profile, click the **Add** icon.

The **Create Certificate Profile** dialog is displayed.

Create Certificate Profile
✕

Name *

CA Backend *

Certificate Type *

Certificate Template *

Description

Cancel
Next

3. Complete the certificate profile fields, referring to this table.

Field	Description
Name	The name of the certificate profile
CA Backend	The backend from which certificates using this profile are enrolled
Certificate Type	The type of certificate that can be issued using this certificate profile (Client Certificate, SSL, Code Signing, or Device Certificate).
Certificate Template	The template controls the certificate policies as set by Sectigo. The features that can be customized are determined by the template and will vary depending on which template is selected. For more information on the templates available to you, contact your Sectigo account manager.
Description	A description of the profile that is shown during enrollment if the enrollment method has UI.

4. In the CA Backend field, select Sectigo Public CA.
5. Select **Client Certificate** for the certificate type.

6. Select one of the S/MIME certificate templates:

- Public S/MIME Organization Validation Multipurpose
- Public S/MIME Sponsored Validation Multipurpose

7. Click **Next**.

Create Client Certificate Profile

SMIMENew Trust Level PUBLICLY TRUSTED CA Backend SECTIGO PUBLIC CA

Created based on Certificate Template: PUBLIC S/MIME ORGANIZATION VALIDATION MULTIPURPOSE

Include Common Name in Certificate Subject

If enabled, the Common Name field of the certificate subject will be included in accordance with the Sectigo CPS (refer to <https://www.sectigo.com/cps-repository> for details)

Specify

Include Common Name in Certificate Subject

Include Email Address in Certificate Subject

If enabled, the primary email address of the Person will be included in the Email Address field of the certificate subject.

Specify

Include Email Address in Certificate Subject

Terms

Terms determine how long an issued certificate is valid for. If a certificate profile has multiple terms, the final value can be selected from this list during enrollment.

Specify

Cancel Save

8. Complete the client certificate profile options:

- **Include Common Name in Certificate Subject** – If enabled, the Common Name of the certificate subject will be included.
- **Include Email Address in Certificate Subject** – If enabled, the primary email address of the Person will be included in the Email Address field of the certificate subject.
- **Terms** – The term for the S/MIME certificates can be either 1 or 2 years.
- **Allowed Key Types** – Determines what public key algorithms can be used.
- **Auto Revoke** – If enabled, the old certificates will be revoked when the maximum number of valid certificates is reached. By default, the maximum amount is 1. Contact [Sectigo Support](#) if you need a different amount.

9. Click **Save**.

Certificate Settings
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SSL Certificates
▼

Client Certificates
▲

Enable Web / REST API

Default profile

Public S/MIME Organization Validation Multipurpose ▲

Intune Certificate Exporter

None ▲

Allow Key Recovery by Master Administrators

Allow Key Recovery by Organization Administrators

Allow Principal Name

Allow Principal Name Customization

Code Signing Certificates ▼

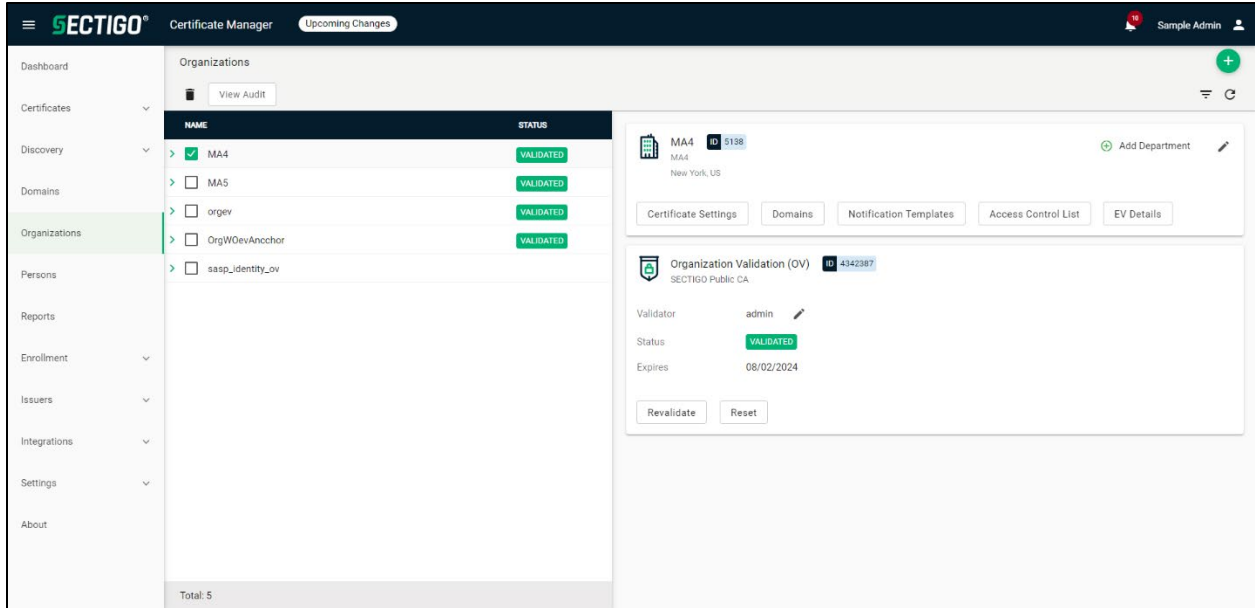
Device Certificates ▼

Cancel
Save

3.3 Organization validation

With the new S/MIME baseline requirements, the existing organization validations are not sufficient for the new validation rules. After deployment of SCM 23.8, organizations must be revalidated manually before the new client certificate profiles can be used.

SCM will enforce prevalidation on the new S/MIME requests and only allow requests when the organization is correctly validated.



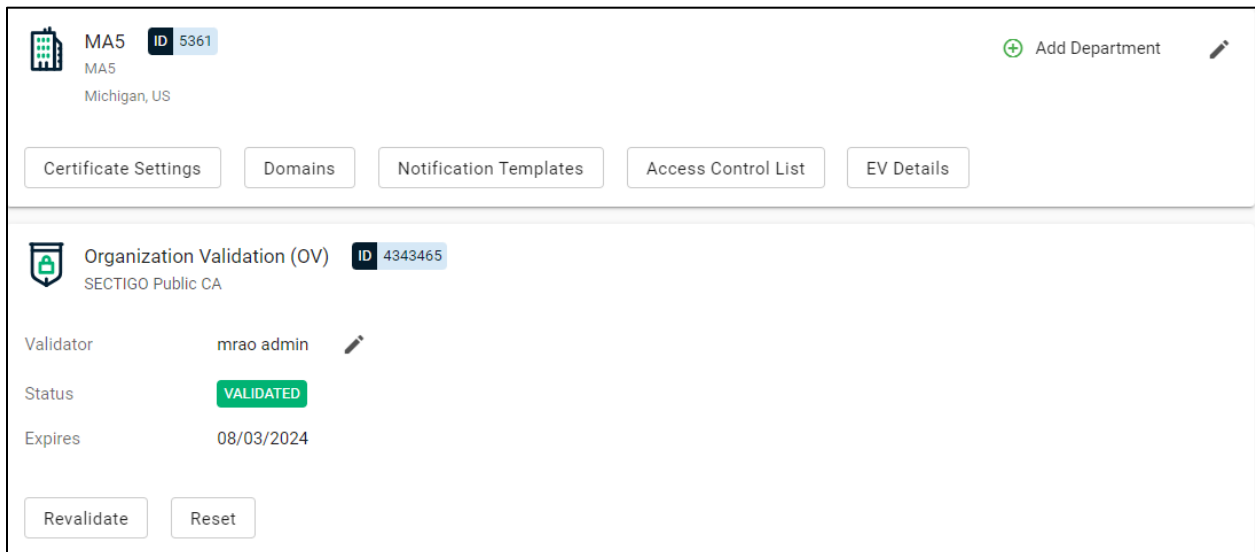
The badge on organization validation cards will now be showing “ID” if the current validation is also compliant with the S/MIME Baseline Requirements. If the organization has not been revalidated yet, the badge shows “Anchor” and is only appropriate for public OV SSL issuance.

3.3.1 Organization revalidation

All organizations managing client certificates must be revalidated manually to start using new client certificate profiles.

To revalidate the organization:

1. Navigate to **Organizations** and select the organization to be revalidated.
2. Click Revalidate.



NOTE: Until validation is completed, enrollment of OV certificates will not be available from Sectigo Public CA backend.

Once the revalidation is completed, the status becomes **Validated**.

3.3.2 Background revalidation

The background revalidations of organizations which are not completed at the time of SCM 23.8 release will be terminated and will need to be initiated manually.

We have added the ability for MRAO administrators to reset organization validation which allows them to cancel a pending validation or revoke a valid one.

We have added a badge on the organization validation card that shows renewal details (status and order number) when background validation is started.

3.4 New certificate profile creation

1. Log in to SCM.
2. Navigate to **Enrollment > Certificate Profile**.
3. Click the **Add** icon to add a new profile based on the S/MIME Global Templates.
4. Enter values for
 - Name
 - Certificate type: **Client Certificate**
 - CA backend: **Sectigo Public CA**
 - **Client Profile Certificate Template**

5. Click **Next** to configure details for the certificate.

6. Click **Save**.

A new profile for the S/MIME certificate template is created which can be used with the enrollment form for certificate issuance.

The screenshot shows the SECTIGO Certificate Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes the SECTIGO logo, 'Certificate Manager', and a 'Upcoming Changes' button. A left sidebar contains a menu with items: Dashboard, Certificates (selected), Discovery, Domains, Organizations, Persons, Reports, and Enrollment. The main content area is titled 'Certificate Profiles' and features a search bar 'Search by ID or Name'. Below the search bar is a table with the following data:

ID	NAME	CERTIFICATE TYPE	CA BACKEND
<input type="checkbox"/> 3206	CC Public High Persona Validated	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3229	Public OVM CN and email	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3228	Public OVM included CN	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3227	Public S/MIME Organization Validation Multipurpose Default	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3230	Public S/MIME Sponsored Validation Multipurpose(default)	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3231	Public SVM CN	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA
<input type="checkbox"/> 3232	Public SVM CN email	Client Certificate	SECTIGO Public CA