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Glossary

# Preface

## About this book

## Using this book

## Conventions

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- Declaration
- Rule
- Goal
- Information
- Rationale
- Implementation note
- Software usage

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- Describes the encoding of data

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This section lists publications by Arm and by third parties.

See Arm Developer (<http://developer.arm.com>) for access to Arm documentation.

- [1] *Arm® Architecture Reference Manual Armv8, for Armv8-A architecture profile*. See <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0487/latest>
- [2] *Realm Management Monitor specification*. See <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/den0137/latest>
- [3] *Arm® FF-A memory management protocol version 1.2*. See <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/den0140/a>
- [4] *PCI Express 6.0 specification*. See <https://pcisig.com/pci-express-6.0-specification>
- [5] *CXL 3.2 specification*. See <https://computeexpresslink.org/cxl-specification/>
- [6] *RME system architecture spec*. See <https://documentation-service.arm.com/static/60d3309b677cf7536a55bae0>
- [7] *Arm CCA Security Model*. See <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/DEN0096/latest/>
- [8] *SMC Calling Convention v1.2*. See <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/den0028/c>
- [9] *CBOR Object Signing and Encryption (COSE)*. See <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8152>

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# Chapter 1

## Overview

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The Realm Management Extension (FEAT\_RME) [1] is a key component of the Arm Confidential Compute Architecture (Arm CCA). Together with the other components of Arm CCA, FEAT\_RME enables support for dynamic, attestable, and trusted execution environments (Realms) to be run on an Arm PE. The software flows for Realm management have dependencies on EL3 firmware e.g. flows for construction of Realms, allocation and isolation of resources to Realms, attestation of initial state of Realms. This document (henceforth referred to as the FIRME specification) defines standard interfaces presented by EL3 firmware to fulfil the following dependencies:

- Granule Protection Table management. See also:
  - [Chapter 3 Granule management](#).
- IDE key management at PCIe and CXL Root ports. See also:
  - [Chapter 4 IDE key management](#).
- Memory Encryption Context management. See also:
  - [Chapter 5 Memory Encryption Context management](#).

**Issue** The goal of the FIRME specification is to specify a standard versioned interface between EL3 firmware and the software component in EL2 or EL1 in any non-Root Security state, for services related to FEAT\_RME. In addition to the services listed above, future revisions of the FIRME spec will also cover the following services:

- ABIs to support PCIe TDISP for on-chip devices e.g. Root Complex integrated endpoints (RCiEPs).
- Boot protocol between EL3 firmware and RMM.

Arm requests feedback on the need to include other EL3 firmware services in the scope of the FIRME specification.

## Chapter 2

# Concepts

D <sub>0002</sub>	An implementation of FIRME at a valid Exception level boundary between EL3 and the highest Exception level in a different Security state is called an <i>MFI instance</i> .
D <sub>0003</sub>	An implementation of FIRME at the Exception level boundary between EL3 and the highest implemented Exception level in the Non-secure Security state is called the <i>NS MFI instance</i> .
D <sub>0004</sub>	An implementation of FIRME at the Exception level boundary between EL3 and the highest implemented Exception level in the Secure Security state is called the <i>Secure MFI instance</i> .
D <sub>0005</sub>	An implementation of FIRME at the Exception level boundary between EL3 and the highest implemented Exception level in the Realm Security state is called the <i>Realm MFI instance</i> .
R <sub>0006</sub>	A <a href="#">MFI instance</a> is compliant with SMCCC version $\geq 1.2$ .
R <sub>0007</sub>	If FEAT_SVE is implemented, a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> is compliant with SMCCC version $\geq 1.3$ .
R <sub>0008</sub>	If FEAT_SME is implemented, a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> is compliant with SMCCC version $\geq 1.4$ .
R <sub>0009</sub>	A <a href="#">MFI instance</a> uses the SMC64 calling convention.
I <sub>0010</sub>	The presence of a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> , and its version, is discovered via the <a href="#">MFI_VERSION</a> ABI.
R <sub>0011</sub>	If a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> is present, the <a href="#">MFI_VERSION</a> interface is implemented by that instance.
R <sub>0012</sub>	The following rules apply to the major version and minor version numbers returned by the <a href="#">MFI_VERSION</a> interface at a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different major revision values indicate possibly incompatible functions. A newer major revision might: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Introduce new functions</li> <li>– Deprecate older functions</li> <li>– Change behavior of existing functions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For two revisions, A and B, for which the major revision values are identical, if the minor revision value of revision B is greater than the minor revision value of revision A, then every function in revision A must work in a compatible way with revision B. However, revision B can have a higher function count than revision A.</li> </ul>
R <sub>0013</sub>	An invocation of the <a href="#">MFI_VERSION</a> ABI returns the version of the available <a href="#">MFI instance</a> to the caller. If no instance is present, the ABI invocation completes with the <a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a> return status code.
I <sub>0014</sub>	EL3 firmware is permitted to implement different versions of FIRME at different <a href="#">MFI instances</a> . Furthermore, presence of one <a href="#">MFI instance</a> does not imply presence of other instances. The presence of each <a href="#">MFI instance</a> , and its compatibility with another instance (if present) is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED in EL3 firmware.  For example, the implementations of the Host and the RMM could be tightly coupled such that both expect the same version of FIRME at the <a href="#">NS MFI instance</a> and the <a href="#">Realm MFI instance</a> . The software integrator of such a system ensures that the FIRME implementation in EL3 firmware fulfils this constraint.
I <sub>0015</sub>	A <a href="#">MFI instance</a> may support a different set of features on different Arm CCA platforms. Features include implementations of FIRME ABIs as well as other configuration options at a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> . The features supported by a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> are discovered by reading feature registers via the <a href="#">MFI_FEATURES</a> ABI.

R <sub>0016</sub>	If a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> is present, the <a href="#">MFI_FEATURES</a> interface is implemented by that instance.
I <sub>0017</sub>	This version of the FIRME specification specifies the following feature registers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">MFI feature register 0</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">MFI feature register 1</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">MFI feature register 2</a>.</li> </ul>
I <sub>0018</sub>	<a href="#">MFI feature register 0</a> reports the presence of a FIRME ABI at a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> .
I <sub>0019</sub>	<a href="#">MFI feature register 1</a> reports architectural configuration options used by EL3 firmware as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Granule size.</li> <li>• Level 0 GPT entry size.</li> <li>• Protected Physical Address Size.</li> <li>• Common MECID width.</li> </ul>
D <sub>0020</sub>	A FIRME ABI can use a memory buffer to transmit input parameters to, and receive output parameters from EL3 firmware. The memory buffer is called a <i>shared buffer</i> .
R <sub>0021</sub>	A <a href="#">shared buffer</a> is mapped in the EL3 translation regime and the applicable translation regime of the caller of a FIRME ABI with the following memory region attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal memory.</li> <li>• Write-Back Cacheable.</li> <li>• Outer-shareable.</li> </ul>
I <sub>0022</sub>	A <a href="#">shared buffer</a> is mapped in the EL3 translation regime for at least the duration of an invocation of FIRME ABI that uses the buffer. There are two usage models to achieve this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The buffer is mapped in the EL3 translation regime before the FIRME ABI that uses the buffer is invoked. The buffer is unmapped from the EL3 translation regime after the invocation of the FIRME ABI that uses the buffer completes. Alternatively, the buffer remains mapped in the EL3 translation regime. The mechanism used to map and unmap the buffer at a <a href="#">MFI instance</a> is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED.</li> <li>• The memory buffer is mapped into the EL3 translation regime upon invocation of the ABI. The memory buffer is unmapped from the EL3 translation regime upon completion of the invocation of the ABI.</li> </ul> <p>In both usage models the FIRME ABI that uses the buffer specifies the physical base address, and the size of the buffer.</p>
X <sub>0023</sub>	EL3 firmware could establish a <a href="#">shared buffer</a> with the RMM via an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED boot protocol. The first usage model enables a FIRME ABI to use this buffer for transmitting input parameters, and receiving output parameters.
I <sub>0024</sub>	<a href="#">MFI feature register 2</a> reports software configuration options used by EL3 firmware as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum size and alignment boundary of a <a href="#">shared buffer</a>.</li> <li>• Maximum size of a <a href="#">shared buffer</a>.</li> <li>• Maximum size of the platform attestation token.</li> <li>• Maximum size of the platform attestation token.</li> <li>• Presence of support for retrieving the public portion of the Realm attestation key.</li> <li>• Encoding format of the Realm attestation key.</li> <li>• Presence of support for signing a Realm attestation token by the CCA HES.</li> </ul> <p>See also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">6.3.2 Platform attestation token retrieval</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">6.3.3 Realm attestation key retrieval</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">6.3.4 Realm attestation token signing</a>.</li> </ul>
R <sub>0025</sub>	An invocation of the <a href="#">MFI_FEATURES</a> ABI returns the MFI feature register requested by the caller, and completes with the <a href="#">SUCCESS</a> return status code, if none of the following are true:

- There is no [MFI instance](#) available to the caller.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The value of Feature register index is reserved.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.

## Chapter 3

# Granule management

### 3.1 Overview

I0026

The Realm Management Extension (FEAT\_RME) [1] adds the Granule Protection Check (GPC) mechanism to the Arm A-profile architecture. This mechanism uses the Granule Protection Table (GPT) to manage the association of physical granules of memory with physical address (PA) spaces. This association is specified via Granule Protection Information (GPI) stored in GPT Block, Contiguous or Granules descriptors.

The GPT is an in-memory data structure that is accessible only in the Root PA space. The GPI encoding of a granule is changed only if it is permitted by the granule security policy, enforced by EL3 firmware.

The FIRME Granule Management Interface (GMI) is an ABI implemented by EL3 firmware to enable software running in the Non-secure, Realm and Secure security states to change the GPI encoding of granules as per the granule security policy.

[Figure 3.1](#) illustrates that GMI is implemented at the EL boundary between EL3 and the Non-secure, Realm and Secure security states.



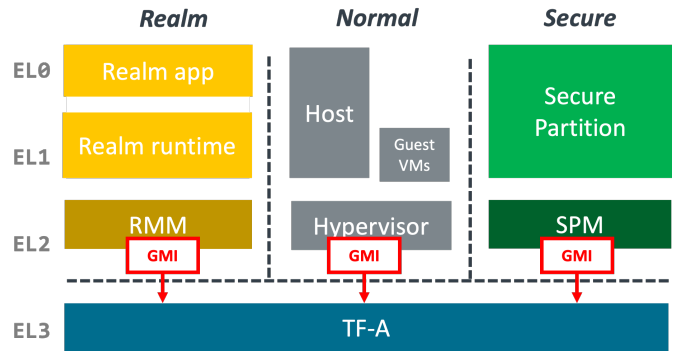


Figure 3.1: Granule management interface

## 3.2 Scope

I<sub>0027</sub> This version of the specification supports changes to the GPI encoding of a granule within the scope of features added by the following architecture extensions:

- FEAT\_RME
- FEAT\_RME\_GPC2
- FEAT\_RME\_GDI

## 3.3 Concepts

D<sub>0028</sub> A *GPI transition* is a change of the GPI encoding of a granule from its current GPI encoding to a target GPI encoding.

I<sub>0029</sub> The FIRME specification defines the granule security policy which specifies the [GPI transitions](#) that are permitted for a granule.

I<sub>0030</sub> The [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI is used to request a [GPI transition](#) for a set of physically contiguous granules as follows:

- The physical base address of one or more physically contiguous granules is specified in the *Base Address* input parameter.
- The count of granules starting from the *Base address* is specified in the *Granule count* input parameter.
- The [GPI transition](#) to perform is described via the *Current GPI encoding* and the *Target GPI encoding* fields of the *Attributes* input parameter.

D<sub>0031</sub> The GPI encoding 0b1000 is called the *Secure* GPI encoding.

The GPI encoding 0b1001 is called the *Non-secure* GPI encoding.

The GPI encoding 0b1010 is called the *Root* GPI encoding.

The GPI encoding 0b1011 is called the *Realm* GPI encoding.

The GPI encoding 0b1101 is called the *NSO* GPI encoding if FEAT\_RME\_GPC2 is implemented.

The GPI encoding 0b0100 is called the *SA* GPI encoding if FEAT\_RME\_GDI is implemented.

The GPI encoding 0b0101 is called the *NSP* GPI encoding if FEAT\_RME\_GDI is implemented.

R<sub>0032</sub> When FEAT\_RME is implemented, the granule security policy permits a [GPI transition](#) if the caller's Security state, current GPI encoding of the granule and the target GPI encoding of the granule are as follows:

**Table 3.1: Permitted GPI transitions for FEAT\_RME**

Caller's Security state	Current GPI encoding	Target GPI encoding
Secure	Non-secure	Secure
Secure	Secure	Non-secure
Realm	Non-secure	Realm
Realm	Realm	Non-secure

Otherwise, the [GPI transition](#) is not permitted.

R0033

When FEAT\_RME\_GPC2 is implemented, the granule security policy permits a [GPI transition](#) if any of the following is true:

- The [GPI transition](#) is permitted when FEAT\_RME is implemented.
- The caller's Security state, current GPI encoding of the granule and the target GPI encoding of the granule are as follows:

**Table 3.2: Permitted GPI transitions for FEAT\_RME\_GPC2**

Caller's Security state	Current GPI encoding	Target GPI encoding
Non-secure	Non-secure	NSO
Non-secure	NSO	Non-secure

Otherwise, the [GPI transition](#) is not permitted.

S0034

The following pseudocode illustrates the [GPI transition](#) transition of a single granule between the [Non-secure](#) and the [NSO](#) GPI encodings.

In a transition from [NSO](#) to [Non-secure](#), it is assumed that the caller is responsible for scrubbing the granule and flushing its contents to the Point of Coherency [1]. This ensures that any confidential information does not become accessible to the Realm world or the Secure world after the granule has transitioned to the NS PAS.

```
int32_t transition_granule(uint64_t *addr, uint8_t target_gpi) {
    if ((target_gpi != NSO || (target_gpi != NS))
        return ERROR;

    // Update the GPI encoding
    write_gpt(addr, target_gpi)
    DSB(OSHST);

    // Ensure that all agents observe the new GPI configuration
    TLBI_RPALOS(addr, PGS);
    DSB(OSH)

    return SUCCESS;
}
```

R0035

When FEAT\_RME\_GDI is implemented, the granule security policy permits a [GPI transition](#) if any of the following is true:

- The [GPI transition](#) is permitted when FEAT\_RME\_GPC2 is implemented.
- The caller's Security state, current GPI encoding of the granule and the target GPI encoding of the granule are as follows:

**Table 3.3: Permitted GPI transitions for FEAT\_RME\_GDI**

Caller's Security state	Current GPI encoding	Target GPI encoding
Non-secure	<a href="#">Non-secure</a>	<a href="#">NSP</a>
Non-secure	<a href="#">Non-secure</a>	<a href="#">SA</a>
Non-secure	<a href="#">NSP</a>	<a href="#">Non-secure</a>
Non-secure	<a href="#">SA</a>	<a href="#">Non-secure</a>

Otherwise, the [GPI transition](#) is not permitted.

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The following pseudocode illustrates the [GPI transition](#) of a single granule from [Non-secure](#) to [NSP](#).

```
int32_t granule_delegate_to_nsp(uint64_t *addr) {

    // Update the GPI encoding
    write_gpt(addr, NSP)
    DSB(OSHST);

    // Ensure that all agents observe the new GPI configuration
    TLBI_RPALOS(addr, PGS);
    DSB(OSH);

    // Flush any NS data in this granule to avoid corrupting NSP data
    for (i = 0; i < PGS; i += cache_line_size)
        DC_CIPAPA((addr+i), NS);

    DSB(OSH);
}
```

S0037

The following pseudocode illustrates the [GPI transition](#) of a single granule from [NSP](#) to [Non-secure](#).

```
int32_t granule_undelegate_from_nsp(uint64_t *addr) {

    // Make the granule inaccessible as its correct transition
    // relies on break before make semantics.
    write_gpt(addr, NO_ACCESS);
    DSB(OSHST);

    // Ensure that all agents observe the new GPI configuration
    TLBI_RPALOS(addr, PGS);
    DSB(OSH);

    // Flush any NSP data in this granule to prevent it from
    // becoming visible in the NS PAS
    for (i = 0; i < PGS; i += cache_line_size)
        DC_CIPAPA((addr+i), NSP);
    DSB(OSH);

    // Flush any NSP data in this granule that was speculatively
    // prefetched via the NS PAS into the PE caches
```

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```

for (i = 0; i < PGS; i += cache_line_size)
    DC_CIPAPA((addr+i), NS);
DSB(OSH);

// Update the GPI encoding
write_gpt(addr, NS);
DSB(OSHST);

// Ensure that all agents observe the new GPI configuration
TLBI_RPALOS(addr, PGS);
DSB(OSH);
}

```

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- R<sub>0038</sub> The size of a granule that can undergo a [GPI transition](#) is equal to the PGS.
- U<sub>0039</sub> The PGS can be discovered via the *PGS* field in [MFI feature register 1](#).
- R<sub>0040</sub> The physical base address of the physically contiguous granules that undergoes a [GPI transition](#) is aligned to the PGS.
- D<sub>0041</sub> The first granule at the *Base address* input parameter of the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI is called *Granule 0*.
- R<sub>0042</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI successfully performs the [GPI transition](#) of one or more granules specified by the caller, and completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:
- The ABI is either not implemented by EL3 firmware or the caller is not allowed to invoke the ABI.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code and no granule undergoes a [GPI transition](#).
  - The base address of the physically contiguous granules is not aligned to the 4K boundary.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code and no granule undergoes a [GPI transition](#).
  - The physically contiguous granules does not lie in the region in the physical address map protected by the GPC mechanism and specified in GPCCR\_EL3.PPS.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code and no granule undergoes a [GPI transition](#).
  - A field in the *Attributes* input parameter is incorrectly encoded.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code and no granule undergoes a [GPI transition](#).
  - The transition from *Current GPI* encoding to *Target GPI* encoding specified in the *Attributes* input parameter is not permitted by the granule security policy.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code and no granule undergoes a [GPI transition](#).
  - EL3 firmware cannot complete the request due to an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED reason and the caller must retry the operation.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code and no granule undergoes a [GPI transition](#).
  - The GPI encoding of a granule does not match the *Current GPI* encoding specified in the *Attributes* input parameter.
    - In this case all of the following are true:
      - \* The ABI invocation completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code.
      - \* The *Granule count* output parameter specifies the count of granules (starting from [Granule 0](#)) that underwent a successful [GPI transition](#).
      - \* If the granule is [Granule 0](#), the *Granule count* output parameter is 0.

When an invocation of the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, all of the following are true:

- The *Granule count* output parameter is  $\geq 1$ .
- The count of granules starts from [Granule 0](#).

- I<sub>0043</sub> When an invocation of the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, the *Granule count* output parameter specifies the count of granules that underwent a successful [GPI transition](#).
- If the output *Granule Count* is not equal to the input *Granule count*, the caller should invoke the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI again with the updated *Base address* and input *Granule count* that did not undergo the requested [GPI transition](#).
- R<sub>0044</sub> When an invocation of the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI does not complete with the [SUCCESS](#) or the [DENIED](#) return status code, the value of the *Granule count* output parameter is UNKNOWN and is ignored by the caller.
- U<sub>0045</sub> The failure condition where the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code, prevents the implementation from ensuring that the GPI encoding of all granules matches the *Current GPI* encoding before any [GPI transition](#) is performed. Instead, the implementation performs a successful [GPI transition](#) of all granules starting from [Granule 0](#) until it encounters a granule that cannot undergo the requested transition.
- If [Granule 0](#) cannot undergo the requested transition, the implementation is unable to transition any granule, In this case, the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code and the *Granule count* output parameter is 0.
- Otherwise, the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code, and the *Granule Count* output parameter specifies the count of granules (starting from [Granule 0](#) that underwent a successful [GPI transition](#).
- I<sub>0046</sub> The Host uses the [RMI\\_GRANULE\\_DELEGATE](#) ABI in [2] to request the RMM to change the GPI encoding of a granule from [Non-secure](#) to [Realm](#).
- The Host uses the [RMI\\_GRANULE\\_UNDELEGATE](#) ABI to request the RMM to change the GPI encoding of a granule from [Realm](#) to [Non-secure](#).
- The RMM uses the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI to perform the [GPI transition](#) requested by the Host.
- I<sub>0047</sub> The OS or Hypervisor uses the [FFA\\_MEM\\_LEND](#) ABI in [3] to request the SPM to change the GPI encoding of a granule from [Non-secure](#) to [Secure](#).
- The OS or Hypervisor uses the [FFA\\_MEM\\_RECLAIM](#) ABI to request the SPM to change the GPI encoding of a granule from [Secure](#) to [Non-secure](#).
- The SPM uses the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI to perform the [GPI transition](#) requested by the OS or Hypervisor.
- I<sub>0048</sub> The Host can use the [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) ABI to perform a [GPI transition](#) as follows:
- If [FEAT\\_RME\\_GPC2](#) is implemented, the GPI encoding of a granule can be transitioned between the [Non-secure](#) and [NSO](#) GPI encodings.
  - If [FEAT\\_RME\\_GDI](#) is implemented, the GPI encoding of a granule can be transitioned as follows:
    - Between the [Non-secure](#) and [NSP](#) GPI encodings.
    - Between the [Non-secure](#) and [SA](#) GPI encodings.
- S<sub>0049</sub> [Figure 3.2](#) shows an example flow where the Host delegates a single 4K granule to the RMM via [RMI\\_GRANULE\\_DELEGATE](#) [2].
- [Figure 3.3](#) shows an example flow where the single 4K granule is undelegated by the RMM back to the Host in response to [RMI\\_GRANULE\\_DELEGATE](#) [2].
- The RMM uses [MFI\\_GM\\_GPI\\_SET](#) to perform a [GPI transition](#) of the granule from [Non-secure](#) to [Realm](#) and vice-versa.

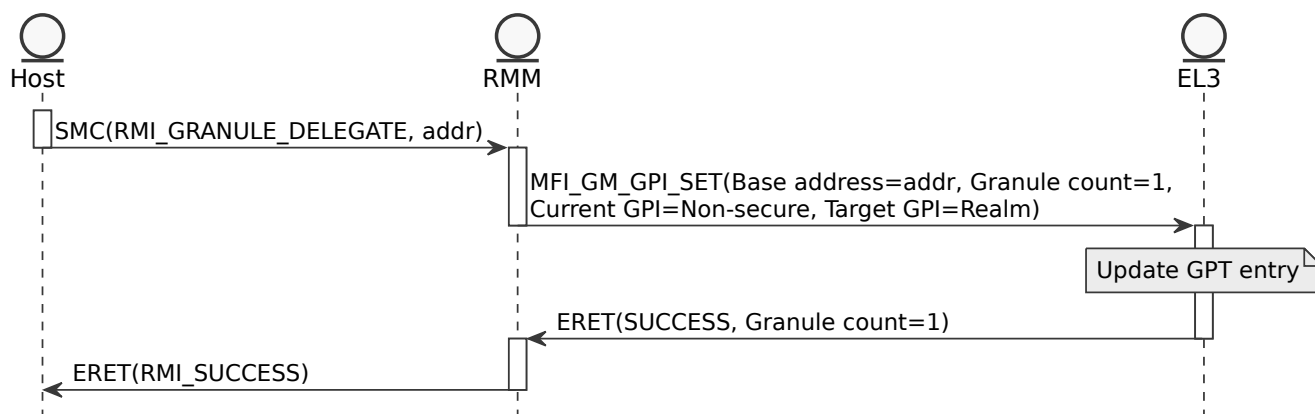


Figure 3.2: Example granule delegation flow with RMI\_GRANULE\_DELEGATE

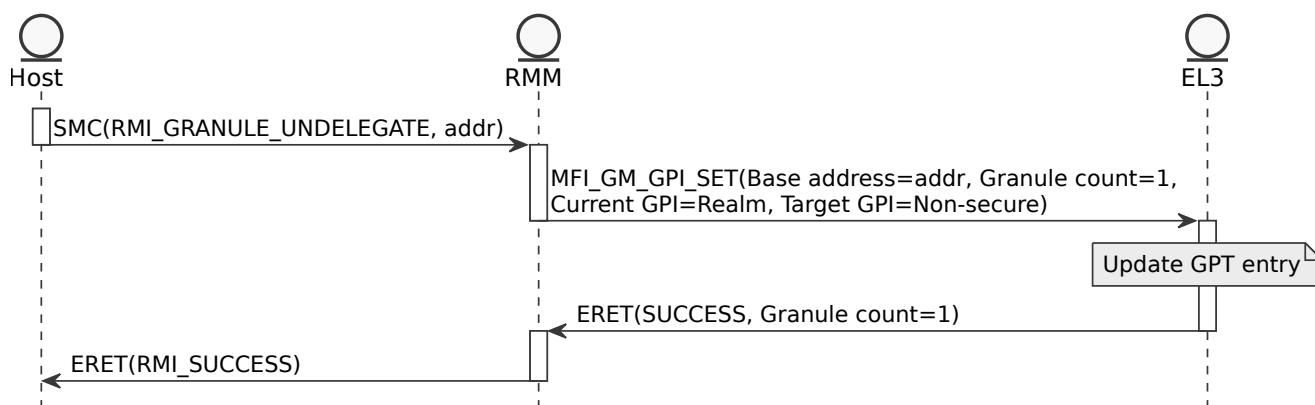


Figure 3.3: Example granule undelegation flow with RMI\_GRANULE\_UNDELEGATE

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Figure 3.4 shows an example flow where the Host lends a list of physically discontinuous memory regions to an SP via FFA\_MEM\_LEND [3].

Figure 3.5 shows an example flow where the SP returns the memory regions RMM back to the Host via FFA\_MEM\_RECLAIM [3].

The SPMC uses MFI\_GM\_GPI\_SET to perform a GPI transition of the granule from Non-secure to Secure and vice-versa.

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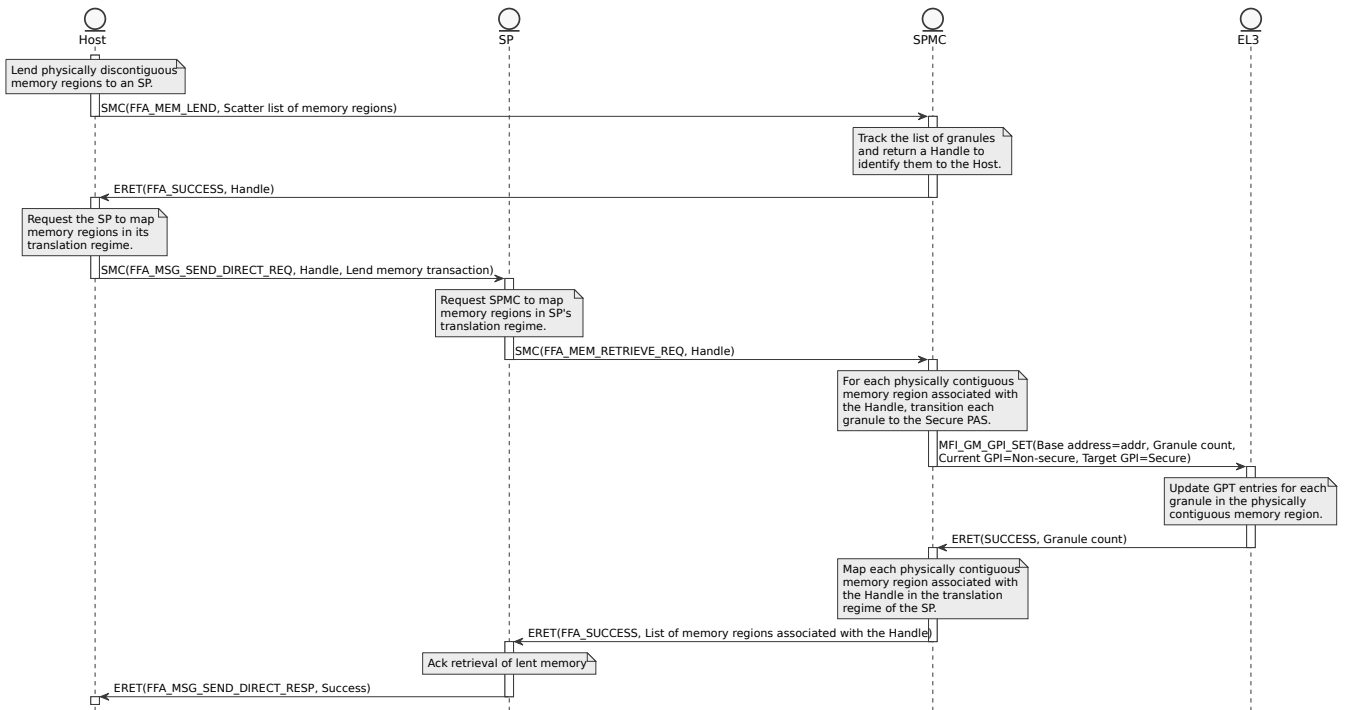


Figure 3.4: Example flow to lend memory from Non-secure to Secure with FFA\_MEM\_LEND

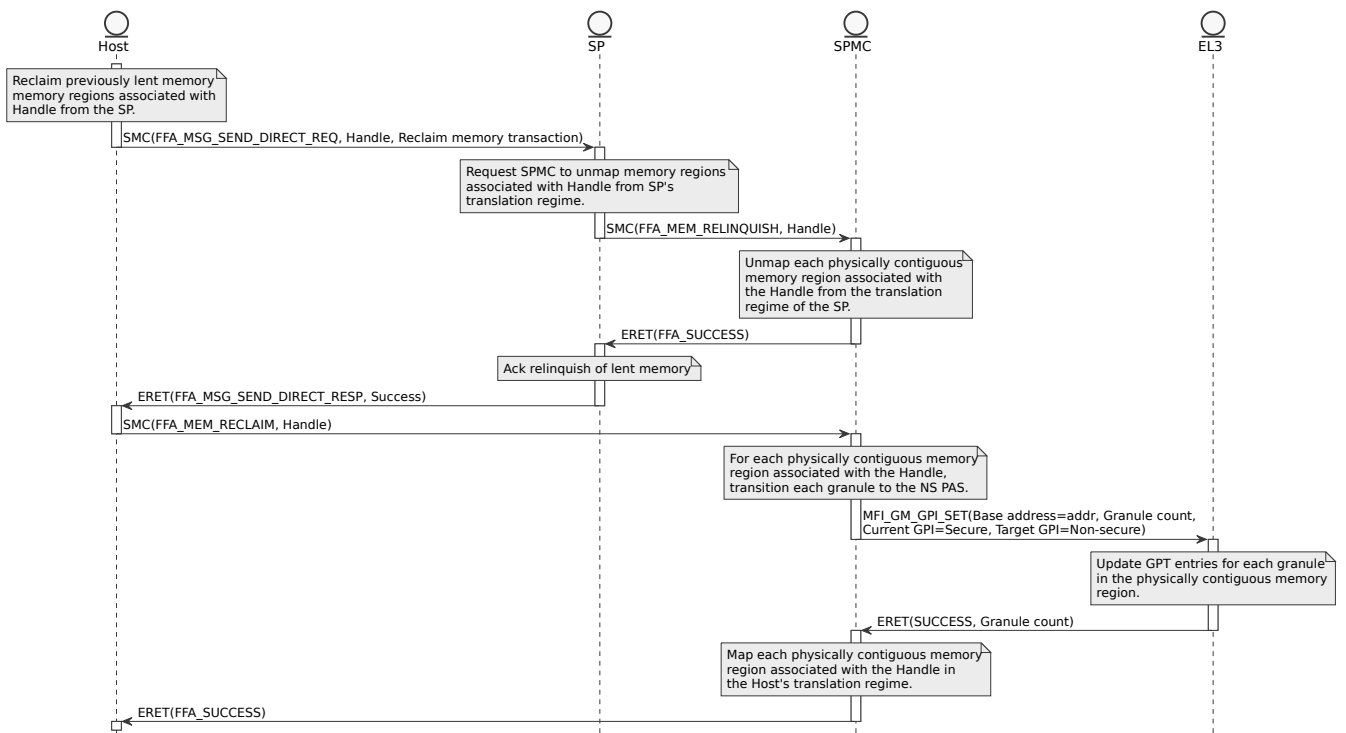


Figure 3.5: Example flow to return memory from Secure to Non-secure with FFA\_MEM\_RECLAIM

## Chapter 4

# IDE key management

### 4.1 Overview

I<sub>0051</sub>

The PCIe [4] and CXL [5] IDE Key programming mechanisms permit a Root Complex to use IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED key management. The RME System architecture specification [6] states that the IDE key programming register format for an RME-DA Root Port is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED. RMSD access to the key programming interface is mediated through MSD firmware and implemented by IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED code that can execute either in MSD firmware or in a Trusted subsystem.

The FIRME IDE key configuration interface is a set of ABIs implemented by EL3 firmware i.e. MSD firmware to provide integrity and data encryption for TLPs transmitted through the link between a PCIe or CXL Root Port (RP) and an endpoint function.

### 4.2 Scope

I<sub>0052</sub>

The scope of the FIRME IDE key configuration interface is as follows:

- The FIRME IDE key configuration interface is inaccessible from the Secure world.
- On a system that implements FEAT\_RME, the Host or OS in the Normal world uses the IDE key configuration ABIs exposed by the RMM to establish an IDE stream between the Root port and an Endpoint.
- On a system that does not implement FEAT\_RME, the Host or OS in the Normal world use the FIRME IDE key configuration interface to establish an IDE stream between the Root port and an Endpoint.



**Issue** Arm is not aware of use cases where software components in the Secure world require access to the FIRME IDE key configuration interface. Arm requests feedback on the validity of this constraint.

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- I<sub>0053</sub> The IDE key configuration ABIs are used for configuring the following types of streams in a Root port:
- PCIe or CXL.io Selective IDE stream.
  - CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.
- D<sub>0054</sub> An invocation of an IDE key configuration ABI with the *Input Flags.Request type* field set to 0b00 is a request to configure a PCIe or CXL.io Selective IDE stream.
- D<sub>0055</sub> An invocation of an IDE key configuration ABI with the *Input Flags.Request type* field set to 0b11 is a request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.
- D<sub>0056</sub> The target keyset in an IDE key configuration ABI is identified by the *keyset ID*.
- R<sub>0057</sub> *Keyset ID* is a 64-bit bitmap that is encoded as follows:
- Bits[63:30]: Reserved.
  - Bits[29:14]: Root port ID.
  - Bits[13:6]: Stream ID.
  - Bits[5:2]: Substream ID.
  - Bits[1]: Direction.
  - Bits[0]: Key set.
- I<sub>0058</sub> The names of the fields in a [keyset id](#) are terms defined in [4].
- R<sub>0059</sub> The *Key Set* field in a [keyset id](#) is Reserved (MBZ) in a request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.
- X<sub>0060</sub> CXL.cachemem IDE does not define a mechanism for directly updating the active keys. This is in contrast to PCIe IDE KM that allows programming of both the old and the new key sets.
- R<sub>0061</sub> The value of the *Stream ID* field in a [keyset id](#) is 0 in a request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.
- R<sub>0062</sub> The value of the *Substream ID* field in a [keyset id](#) is 0b1000 in a request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.
- R<sub>0063</sub> The ECAM address space of a Root port defines the namespace for [keyset ids](#).
- R<sub>0064</sub> A [keyset id](#) is unique in the namespace defined by the ECAM address space of a Root port.
- I<sub>0065</sub> The [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_PROG](#) ABI programs a AES-GCM 256 bit key for the keyset associated with the [keyset ID](#) specified by the caller.
- Issue** The [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_PROG](#) ABI does not specify the Invocation Field value (IFV) of the 96 bit initialisation vector (IV) for the AES-GCM key, as an input parameter. As per [4], the IV is deterministically constructed such that Bit[63:0] of the IV are set to 0000\_0001h, for each Sub-Stream upon establishment of the Stream. As per [5], the IV could be generated locally in CXL.cachemem IDE port. Root ports compliant with the RME system architecture do not have this capability. If either is not IV generation capable, the Default IV is used as described in [5]. EL3 firmware can do the prescribed initialization without an input from the caller of this ABI. Arm requests feedback on the validity of this assumption.
- R<sub>0066</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_PROG](#) ABI successfully programs the key for the [keyset ID](#) specified by the caller, and completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:
- The ABI is either not implemented by EL3 firmware or the caller is not allowed to invoke the ABI.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
  - The base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port is invalid.
    - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
  - The *Request type* field in the *Input Flags* input parameter is set to a reserved value.

- In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The [keyset id](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The key configuration interface at the Root port is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- There is pending operation for the specified [keyset ID](#) and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- The caller should poll for completion of the operation for the specified [keyset ID](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INCOMPLETE](#) return status code. See also:  
\* [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_POLL](#).

I<sub>0067</sub> The [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_GO](#) ABI programs the Root port to start transmission and receipt of IDE TLPs for the keyset associated with the [keyset id](#) specified by the caller.

R<sub>0068</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_GO](#) ABI successfully starts transmission and receipt of IDE TLPs using the [keyset ID](#) specified by the caller, and completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is either not implemented by EL3 firmware or the caller is not allowed to invoke the ABI.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Request type* field in the *Input Flags* input parameter is set to a reserved value.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The [keyset id](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The key configuration interface at the Root port is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- There is pending operation for the specified [keyset ID](#) and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- No key was programmed for the specified [keyset ID](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code.
- The caller should poll for completion of the operation for the specified [keyset ID](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INCOMPLETE](#) return status code. See also:  
\* [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_POLL](#).

I<sub>0069</sub> The [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_STOP](#) ABI programs the Root port to stop transmission and receipt of IDE TLPs for the keyset associated with the [keyset id](#) specified by the caller.

R<sub>0070</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_IDE\\_KEYSET\\_STOP](#) ABI successfully stops transmission and receipt of IDE TLPs using the [keyset ID](#) specified by the caller, and completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is either not implemented by EL3 firmware or the caller is not allowed to invoke the ABI.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Request type* field in the *Input Flags* input parameter is set to a reserved value.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The [keyset id](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The key configuration interface at the Root port is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- There is pending operation for the specified [keyset ID](#) and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- No key was programmed for the specified [keyset ID](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code.
- The caller should poll for completion of the operation for the specified [keyset ID](#).

- In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **INCOMPLETE** return status code. See also:  
\* **MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL**.

D<sub>0071</sub> The FIRME IDE key configuration interface allows EL3 firmware to continue a requested operation in background, and complete the invocation of the ABI with the **INCOMPLETE** return status code, before the operation has completed. The caller of the ABI polls the status of the operation until it completes. This mechanism to complete an operation is called the *non-blocking* mode.

I<sub>0072</sub> The **MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL** ABI is used to determine the status of a *non-blocking* IDE key configuration operation at a Root port as follows:

- The *Pending response type* field in the *Input flags* input parameter is set to 0 to retrieve a response for the keyset associated with the *keyset id* specified by the caller.
- The *Pending response type* field in the *Input flags* input parameter is set to 1 to retrieve a response for any keyset. The *keyset id* specified by the caller is ignored.

S<sub>0073</sub> The FIRME IDE key configuration ABIs caters for a scenario where EL3 firmware delegates the responsibility for IDE key configuration to the Trusted subsystem via an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED interface. It might not be acceptable to block the caller until the Trusted subsystem completes the request and sends the result back to EL3 firmware. In this case, EL3 firmware completes the invocation of the IDE key configuration ABI after delegating the operation to the Trusted subsystem. The caller polls the status of the operation via the **MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL** ABI until the operation completes.

I<sub>0074</sub> EL3 firmware does not provide a mechanism to determine which IDE key configuration operation is in progress in the *non-blocking* mode i.e. whether it is an operation to program a keyset, start use of a keyset, or stop use of a keyset. The caller of the FIRME IDE key configuration ABIs tracks the type of operation that was requested. Each IDE key configuration ABI provides the *Cookie1* and *Cookie2* parameters that can be used by a caller to track a pending operation as follows:

- The caller allocates, and specifies a non-zero value for one or both of these parameters to uniquely identify an IDE key configuration operation to program a keyset, start use of a keyset, or stop use of a keyset.
- If the requested operation completes via the *non-blocking* mechanism, EL3 firmware preserves the parameter values that were specified by the caller.
- When the **MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL** ABI completes to acknowledge successful completion of a previously requested operation, EL3 firmware returns the preserved parameter values as return parameters, so that the caller can match a request to the response.

R<sub>0075</sub> An invocation of the **MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL** ABI completes with the **SUCCESS** return status code, to indicate that a *non-blocking* operation for the *keyset ID* specified by the caller completed successfully, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is either not implemented by EL3 firmware or the caller is not allowed to invoke the ABI.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **NOT\_SUPPORTED** return status code.
- The base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **INVALID\_PARAMETERS** return status code.
- The *Request type* field in the *Input Flags* input parameter is set to a reserved value.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **INVALID\_PARAMETERS** return status code.
- The *keyset id* is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **INVALID\_PARAMETERS** return status code.
- The key configuration interface at the Root port is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **RETRY** return status code.
- There is no *non-blocking* operation in progress for the specified *keyset ID* and the *Pending response type* field in the *Input flags* input parameter field was set to 0.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **DENIED** return status code.
- There is no *non-blocking* operation in progress for any *keyset ID* and the *Pending response type* field in the *Input flags* input parameter field was set to 1.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **DENIED** return status code.
- The *non-blocking* operation for the specified *keyset ID* is not complete.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **INCOMPLETE** return status code.

- The **non-blocking** operation for the specified **keyset ID** could not complete because of an error.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the **INVALID\_REQUEST** return status code.

I<sub>0076</sub> Completion of an IDE key configuration ABI with the **INCOMPLETE** return status code does not imply that the operation will complete successfully. The caller uses the **MFL\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL** ABI to check the status of the requested operation.

R<sub>0077</sub> An invocation of any IDE key configuration ABI completes with the **NOT\_SUPPORTED** return status code if the ABI is invoked from the Secure security state.

S<sub>0078</sub> **Figure 4.1** shows an example flow where the Host enables PCIe IDE for a Selective stream between a TDI and a Root port, via the RMM. Communication between the Host and RMM takes place via **RMI\_PDEV\_COMMUNICATE** [2]. RMM uses the FIRME IDE key configuration ABIs to enable IDE for the stream at the Root port.

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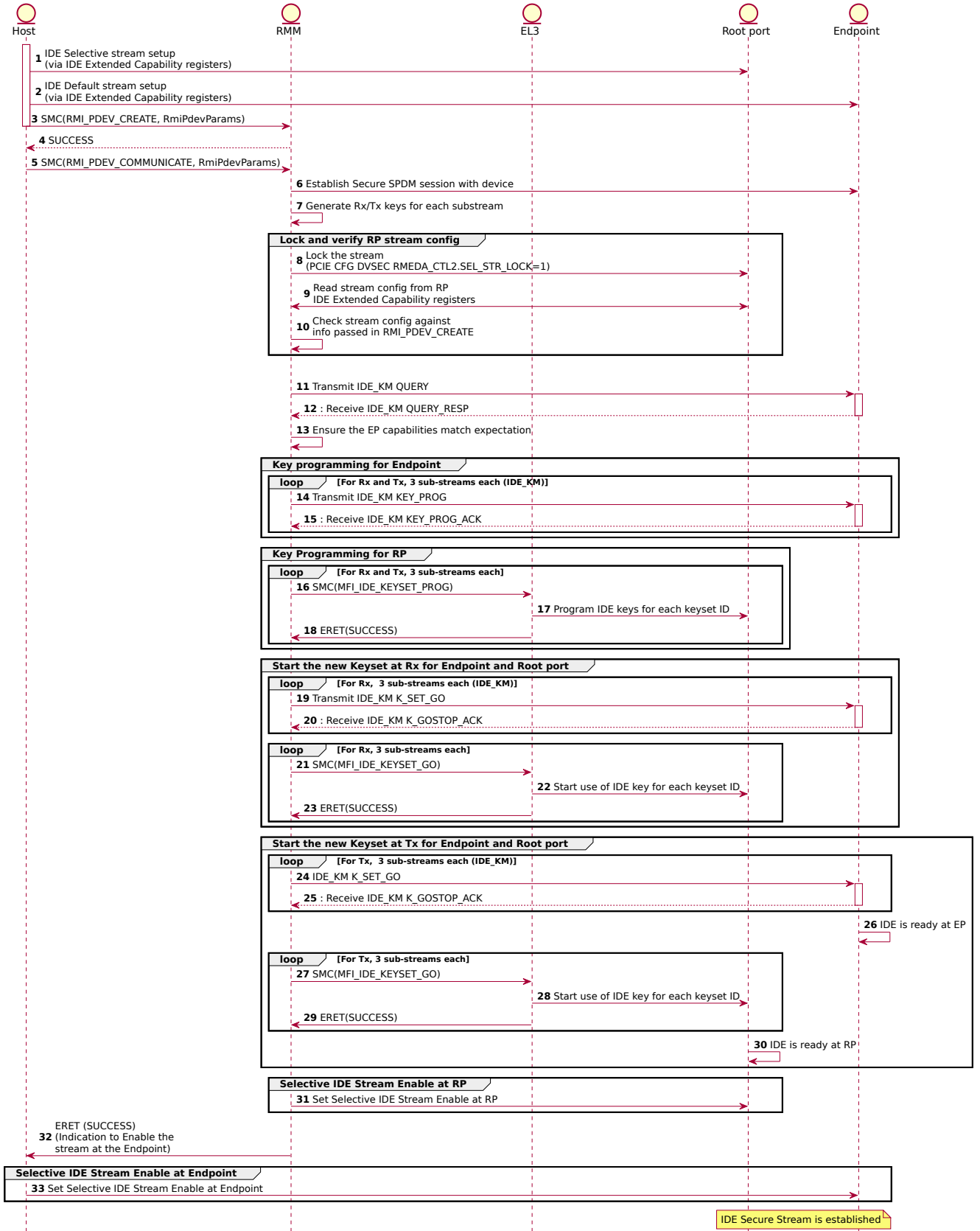


Figure 4.1: Example IDE key programming flow

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Figure 4.2 shows an example flow where the Host refreshes the IDE key for a Selective stream between a TDI and a Root port, via the RMM. Communication between the Host and RMM takes place via RMI\_PDEV\_NOTIFY [2]. RMM uses the FIRME IDE key programming ABIs to refresh the IDE key for the stream at the Root port.

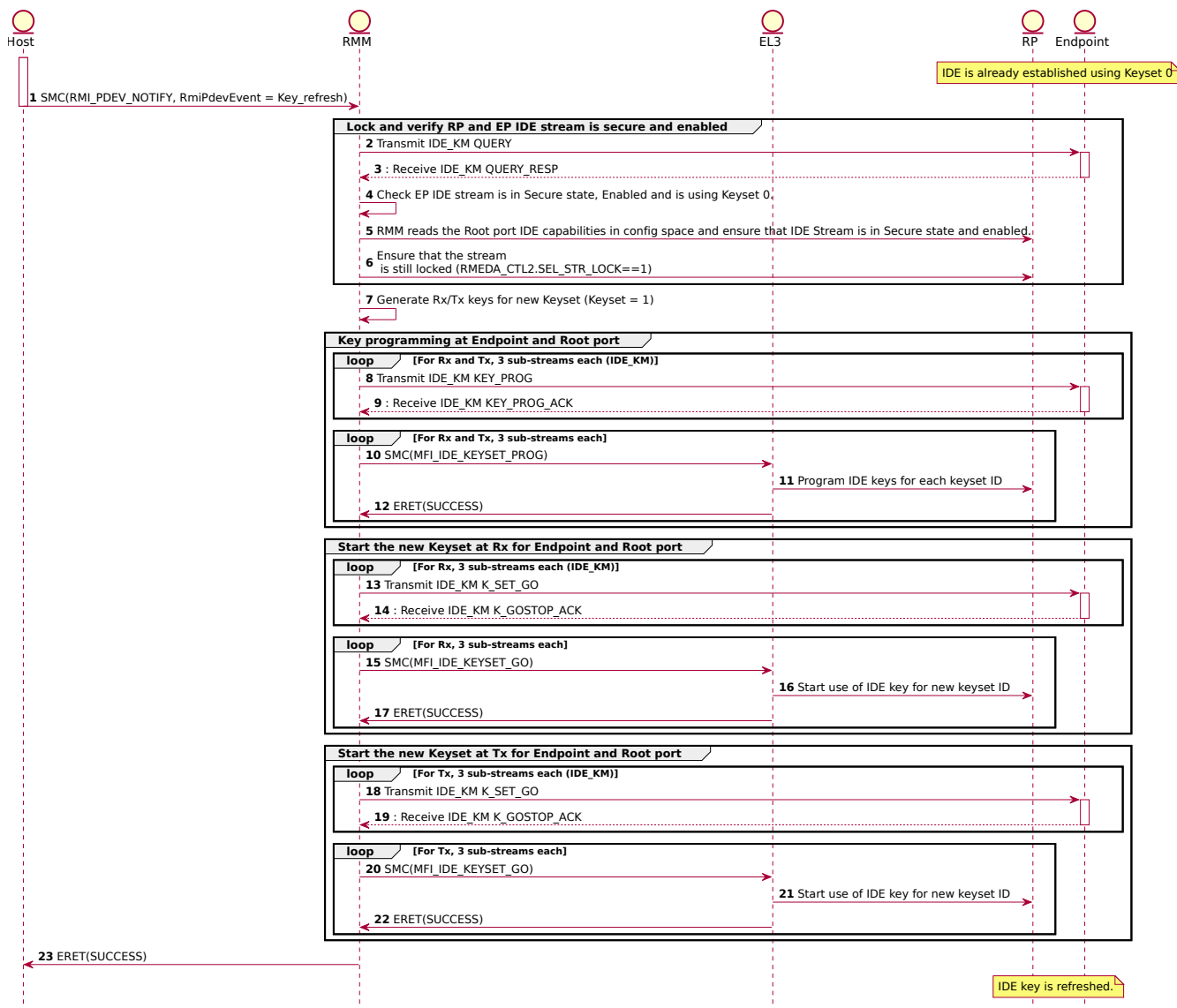


Figure 4.2: Example IDE key refresh flow

## Chapter 5

# Memory Encryption Context management

### 5.1 Overview

I<sub>0080</sub> FEAT\_MEC is an extension to Arm's Realm Management Extension (RME), enhancing the security and isolation of protected execution environments known as Realms. While RME utilizes isolation and external memory protection to secure the Realm's state, FEAT\_MEC introduces additional mechanisms to further strengthen these protections. Specifically, FEAT\_MEC assigns unique memory encryption contexts to different memory regions, such as those assigned to a Realm, ensuring that each region's data is encrypted distinctly.

The MECID is a numeric ID that identifies a specific instance of a MEC. The MECID width is 1 to 16 bits. A MECID is expected to be reused multiple times until the system is reset. The cryptographic parameters in a MEC associated with a MECID are periodically refreshed so that there is no correlation between the contents of memory encrypted by this MEC before and after the refresh. For example, a MEC associated with a MECID is updated when a Realm is created or destroyed. This helps to reduce the risk of attacks that compromise the confidentiality of encrypted data in memory. For example, pattern-based or cryptanalytic attacks, physical attacks, attacks due to data leakage across Realms.

The FIRME MEC management interface defines the ABI implemented by EL3 firmware, to refresh a MEC corresponding to a MECID.

### 5.2 Scope

I<sub>0081</sub> This version of the specification supports refresh of a MEC within the scope of features added by the following architecture extensions:

- FEAT\_MEC

I<sub>0082</sub> The FIRME MEC management interface is inaccessible from the Normal world and the Secure world. This is because the Non-secure and Secure address spaces each support only one MEC, which is associated with the default MECID of zero.

## 5.3 Concepts

R<sub>0083</sub> A MEC, associated with a MECID, is refreshed when the existing encryption context is invalidated and a new encryption context is generated.

I<sub>0084</sub> Refreshing a MEC could be performed by replacing an encryption key associated with the MECID, or more likely by updating a contributing input value, e.g. a tweak, into the memory encryption cipher. The design of memory encryption system must ensure that input values cannot repeat during the uptime of a system.

R<sub>0085</sub> A FIRME MEC management interface implementation uses the common MECID width [1].

I<sub>0086</sub> The common MECID width is discoverable via the COMMON\_MECID\_WIDTH field in [MFI feature register 1](#).

R<sub>0087</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_MEC\\_REFRESH](#) ABI successfully refreshes the MEC identified by the MECID specified by the caller, and completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is either not implemented by EL3 firmware or the caller is not allowed to invoke the ABI.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The MECID exceeds the common MECID width.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- A field in the MEC params input parameter is incorrectly encoded.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The MEC management interface is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.

I<sub>0088</sub> The RMM can specify the reason for refreshing a MEC to EL3 firmware. If the MEC refresh is requested when a Realm is created, the RMM sets the *MEC refresh reason* field in the *MEC params* input parameter to 0. If the MEC refresh is requested when a Realm is destroyed, the RMM sets the *MEC refresh reason* in the *MEC params* input parameter to 1.

X<sub>0089</sub> When a Realm is created, a MECID is assigned to it by the RMM. The RMM requests a refresh of the MEC associated with the MECID to ensure that when the Realm's code and data is encrypted via this MEC, it has no correlation with memory encrypted via this MEC previously.

When the Realm is destroyed, its memory is scrubbed to prevent leakage of its data or code into another Realm. The RMM can instead refresh the MEC associated with the MECID assigned to the destroyed Realm. Memory scrubbing is not required, as the memory contents are guaranteed to be accessed via a different MEC, even if the physical memory is allocated to another Realm that is assigned the same MECID. Without memory scrubbing, the RMM is required to perform data cache clean and invalidate on all Realm memory before refreshing the MEC.



## Chapter 6

# Attestation token management

### 6.1 Overview

I<sub>0090</sub> CCA attestation allows a user of a service provided by a Realm i.e. a reliant party, to determine the trustworthiness of the Realm, and of the implementation of the CCA platform [7]. In the delegated attestation model, the RMM relies on EL3 firmware to access the delegated attestation service implemented by the CCA HES for the following purposes:

- Obtain the Realm attestation key (RAK).
- Obtain the Platform attestation token (PAT).
- Issue Realm attestation token signing requests.

The FIRME attestation token management interface is a set of ABIs implemented by EL3 firmware to enable access to the delegated attestation service implemented by the CCA HES.

### 6.2 Scope

I<sub>0091</sub> This version of the specification only supports the Delegated attestation model. Other attestation models described in [7] are out of scope.

### 6.3 Concepts

I<sub>0092</sub> The [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI is used to obtain the platform attestation token from the CCA HES. See also:

- [6.3.2 Platform attestation token retrieval](#).

- I<sub>0093</sub> The [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI is used to obtain the public portion or the private portion of the Realm attestation key from the CCA HES. See also:
- [6.3.3 Realm attestation key retrieval.](#)
- I<sub>0094</sub> The [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAT\\_SIGN](#) ABI is used to request the CCA HES to sign a Realm attestation token when the RMM does not have access to the private portion of the Realm attestation key. See also:
- [6.3.4 Realm attestation token signing.](#)

### 6.3.1 Shared buffer usage

- I<sub>0095</sub> A [shared buffer](#) is used by the following FIRME attestation token management ABIs to transmit input data to, and receive output data from EL3 firmware:
- [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI.
  - [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI.
  - [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAT\\_SIGN](#) ABI.
- I<sub>0096</sub> The layout of the [shared buffer](#) used by the FIRME attestation token management ABIs is described by the *Shared buffer base address* and the *Shared buffer size* input parameters.
- R<sub>0097</sub> When a FIRME attestation token management ABI is invoked, if the [shared buffer](#) is used, and is already mapped in the EL3 translation regime, it is not unmapped from the EL3 translation regime before the invocation of this ABI completes.
- R<sub>0098</sub> When a FIRME attestation token management ABI is invoked, if the [shared buffer](#) is used, and is not already mapped in the EL3 translation regime, then all of the following are true:
- The buffer is mapped in the EL3 translation regime.
  - The buffer is unmapped from the EL3 translation regime before the invocation of this ABI completes.
- R<sub>0099</sub> The size of the [shared buffer](#) used by a FIRME attestation token management ABI fulfils the following constraints:
- The size is  $\geq$  Minimum shared buffer size determined from the *MIN\_SH\_BUF\_SZ* field in [MFI feature register 2](#).
  - The size is  $\leq$  Maximum shared buffer size determined from the *MAX\_SH\_BUF\_SZ* field in [MFI feature register 2](#).
- R<sub>0100</sub> The physical base address of the [shared buffer](#) used by a FIRME attestation token management ABI is aligned to the minimum shared buffer size determined from the *MIN\_SH\_BUF\_SZ* field in [MFI feature register 2](#).

#### 6.3.1.1 Data retrieval in chunks

- I<sub>0101</sub> It is possible that the size of the output data of a FIRME attestation token management ABI exceeds the size of the [shared buffer](#). In this case, the ABI is invoked multiple times such that each invocation returns a chunk of the output data that can fit in the buffer. This process is repeated until the entire output data is returned in the [shared buffer](#).
- I<sub>0102</sub> Execution of a FIRME attestation token management ABI that uses the [shared buffer](#) can be a long-running operation, during which interrupts may need to be handled in the Non-secure, Realm and Secure Security states. If a physical interrupt becomes pending during execution of the ABI, its invocation can complete before EL3 firmware has completely written the output data to the [shared buffer](#). In this case, the ABI is invoked again after the interrupt is handled to continue retrieval of the output data via the [shared buffer](#).
- D<sub>0103</sub> A FIRME attestation token management ABI that uses a [shared buffer](#) to transmit output data in chunks supports *partial retrieval* of output data.
- I<sub>0104</sub> FIRME attestation token management ABIs that support [partial retrieval](#) include the following output parameters to let the caller track progress of this transmission:
- *Written size.*
  - *Remaining size.*

- D<sub>0105</sub> Upon completion, a FIRME attestation token management ABI that supports [partial retrieval](#), indicates retrieval of the last chunk of output data as follows:
- *Written size* is non-zero.
  - *Remaining size* is zero.
- D<sub>0106</sub> Upon completion, a FIRME attestation token management ABI that supports [partial retrieval](#), indicates retrieval of the first chunk or an intermediate chunk of output data as follows:
- *Written size* is non-zero.
  - *Remaining size* is non-zero.
- D<sub>0107</sub> Upon completion, a FIRME attestation token management ABI that supports [partial retrieval](#), indicates that no chunk of output data was retrieved as follows:
- *Written size* is zero.
  - *Remaining size* is zero.
- I<sub>0108</sub> EL3 firmware retrieves output data from the CCA HES. The communication interface between these two components could be such that while EL3 firmware is able to send a request to start retrieval of output data to the CCA HES, it does not obtain an immediate response from the CCA HES. In this scenario, EL3 firmware returns a zero *Written size* and a zero *Remaining size* of the output data. The caller invokes the ABI as many times as it is required by EL3 firmware to obtain the entire output data from the CCA HES and return it to the caller.
- R<sub>0109</sub> When a FIRME attestation token management ABI that supports [partial retrieval](#) completes a request to *initiate* retrieval of output data with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if the *Written size* is zero, the *Remaining size* of the data cannot be non-zero.
- X<sub>0110</sub> This specification assumes that it is not possible for EL3 firmware to not have the output data but know its size. Hence, a scenario is not possible where EL3 firmware is unable to return a chunk of the output data to the caller but is able to return its size.
- I<sub>0111</sub> When a FIRME attestation token management ABI that supports [partial retrieval](#) completes a request to *continue* retrieval of output data with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if the *Written size* is zero, the *Remaining size* of the output data can be non-zero. This could happen in a scenario where EL3 firmware is unable to write a new chunk of the output data due to an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED reason.

### 6.3.2 Platform attestation token retrieval

- R<sub>0112</sub> The [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI is implemented only at the [NS MFI instance](#) and the [Realm MFI instance](#).
- I<sub>0113</sub> The [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI uses a physically contiguous [shared buffer](#) for transmitting the platform challenge as input data, and receiving the platform attestation token as output data.
- I<sub>0114</sub> The [MAX\\_PAT\\_SZ](#) field in [MFI feature register 2](#) specifies the maximum size of the platform attestation token. If this size is  $\leq$  Maximum shared buffer size determined from the [MAX\\_SH\\_BUF\\_SZ](#) field in the same register, the caller of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI can dynamically allocate the exact amount of memory required to retrieve the complete platform attestation token.
- I<sub>0115</sub> The encoding of the Platform attestation token obtained from the CCA HES is specified in [2].
- D<sub>0116</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI with a non-zero *Platform challenge size* input parameter is a request to initiate retrieval of the platform attestation token.
- D<sub>0117</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI with a zero *Platform challenge size* input parameter is a request to continue retrieval of the platform attestation token.
- R<sub>0118</sub> If the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI must be invoked multiple time to retrieve the complete platform attestation token, there can be a single in-progress retrieval of the platform attestation token at a [MFI instance](#).

I<sub>0119</sub> Once a caller has initiated retrieval of the platform attestation token, a subsequent invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI on any PE at the same [MFI instance](#) either continues retrieval of the platform attestation token (if the *Platform challenge size* is zero), or restarts retrieval of the platform attestation token (if the *Platform challenge size* is non-zero).

I<sub>0120</sub> [Table 6.1](#) lists the valid combinations and description of the following parameters when an invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI completes successfully.

- *Platform challenge size* input parameter.
- *Written size* output parameter.
- *Remaining size* output parameter.

**Table 6.1: Description of parameters that govern progress of MFI\_ATTEST\_PAT\_GET**

Platform challenge size	Written size	Remaining size	Description
0	0	0	EL3 firmware has not obtained the platform attestation token from the CCA HES. No chunk of the token was written to the shared buffer. The <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET</a> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the platform attestation token.
0	0	Non-zero	No chunk of the platform attestation token was written to the shared buffer. The <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET</a> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the platform attestation token.
0	Non-zero	0	Retrieval of the platform attestation token is complete and the last remaining chunk has been written to the shared buffer.
0	Non-zero	Non-zero	A chunk of the platform attestation token has been written to the shared buffer. The <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET</a> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the platform attestation token.
Non-zero	0	0	EL3 firmware has not obtained the platform attestation token from the CCA HES. No chunk of the token was written to the shared buffer. The <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET</a> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the platform attestation token.
Non-zero	Non-zero	0	The complete platform attestation token has been written to the shared buffer.
Non-zero	Non-zero	Non-zero	A chunk of the platform attestation token has been written to the shared buffer. The <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET</a> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the platform attestation token.

R<sub>0121</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI successfully completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is not implemented at this [MFI instance](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The physical base address of the [shared buffer](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Write offset* from the base of the [shared buffer](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Shared buffer size* is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Platform challenge size* in a request to initiate retrieval of the platform attestation token is invalid.

- In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The CCA HES interface to request the platform attestation token is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- EL3 firmware cannot complete retrieval the platform attestation token due to an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED reason.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [ABORTED](#) return status code.

S<sub>0122</sub>

If an invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI completes with the [ABORTED](#) error status code, it is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED whether the next request to initiate retrieval of the platform attestation token from the caller will succeed. EL3 firmware can return the [ABORTED](#) error status code in case it is unable to communicate with the CCA HES. This could be a temporary scenario and the next request could complete successfully. The caller can retry retrieval of the token an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED number of times. If each try completes with the [ABORTED](#) error status code, it should consider the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI unavailable.

S<sub>0123</sub>

The following pseudocode illustrates retrieval of the platform attestation token via the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_PAT\\_GET](#) ABI. It assumes that the [shared buffer](#) is dynamically allocated and it is not already mapped in the EL3 translation regime prior to the invocation of this ABI.

---

```
int get_platform_attestation_token(uchar *plat_challenge, uint64_t
    ↪ plat_challenge_sz)
{
    int ret;
    uint64_t alloc_sz;
    uint64_t shbuf;

    // Determine the minimum shared buffer size.
    ret = MFI_FEATURES(Feature register 2, &alloc_sz);
    if (ret) {
        return ret;
    }

    // Allocate the shared buffer in bytes.
    shbuf = alloc(alloc_sz * 1024);

    // Copy the platform challenge into the allocated buffer at offset 0x0.
    memcpy(shbuf, plat_challenge, plat_challenge_sz);

    do {
        uint64_t offset = 0, written_sz, remaining_sz;

        do {
            ret = MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET(shbuf, offset, alloc_sz, plat_challenge_sz, &
                ↪ written_sz, &remaining_sz);
            plat_challenge_sz = 0; // Reset this value in case we need to retrieve
                ↪ rest of the platform attestation token.
            offset += written_sz;
        } while (remaining_sz && offset < alloc_sz);

    } while (remaining_sz && (offset >= alloc_sz));

    return ret;
}
```

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### 6.3.3 Realm attestation key retrieval

R<sub>0124</sub>

The [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI is implemented only at the [Realm MFI instance](#).

- I<sub>0125</sub> The **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI uses a physically contiguous **shared buffer** for receiving the Realm attestation key.
- I<sub>0126</sub> The **RAK\_FORMAT** field in **MFI feature register 2** specifies the format in which the Realm attestation key is encoded in the **shared buffer**.
- I<sub>0127</sub> The **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI is used to obtain either the private portion or the public portion of the Realm attestation key from the CCA HES. In this version of the specification, it cannot be used to obtain both portions of the Realm attestation key. Also, support for retrieval of the public portion of the Realm attestation key is optional and determined by the value of the **RAK\_PUB\_POR** field in **MFI feature register 2**.
- D<sub>0128</sub> An invocation of the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI with the *Request type* field in the *Input flags* input parameter set to 0 is a request to initiate retrieval of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key as output data.
- D<sub>0129</sub> An invocation of the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI with the *Request type* field in the *Input flags* input parameter set to 1 is a request to continue retrieval of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key as output data.
- R<sub>0130</sub> If the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI is invoked multiple times to retrieve the specified portion of the Realm attestation key, there is a single in-progress retrieval of this output data at a **MFI instance**.
- I<sub>0131</sub> Once a caller has initiated retrieval of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key, a subsequent invocation of the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI on any PE at the same **MFI instance** results in one of the following outcomes:
- If the *Request type* flag is 1, retrieval of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key continues.
  - If the *Request type* flag is 0, a new request to retrieve a portion of the Realm attestation key is started.
- I<sub>0132</sub> **Table 6.2** lists the valid combinations and description of the following parameters when an invocation of the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET** ABI completes successfully.
- *Request type* flag input parameter.
  - *Written size* output parameter.
  - *Remaining size* output parameter.

**Table 6.2: Description of parameters that govern progress of MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET**

Request type	Written size	Remaining size	Description
0	0	0	EL3 firmware has not obtained the specified portion of the Realm attestation key from the CCA HES. No chunk of the key was written to the shared buffer. The <b>MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET</b> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the key.
0	0	Non-zero	No chunk of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key was written to the shared buffer. The <b>MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET</b> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the key.
0	Non-zero	0	Retrieval of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key is complete and the last remaining chunk has been written to the shared buffer.
0	Non-zero	Non-zero	A chunk of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key has been written to the shared buffer. The <b>MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET</b> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the key.
Non-zero	0	0	EL3 firmware has not obtained the specified portion of the Realm attestation key from the CCA HES. No chunk of the key was written to the shared buffer. The <b>MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET</b> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the key.

Request type	Written size	Remaining size	Description
Non-zero	Non-zero	0	The specified portion of the Realm attestation key has been completely written to the shared buffer.
Non-zero	Non-zero	Non-zero	A chunk of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key has been written to the shared buffer. The <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET</a> ABI must be invoked again to retrieve the remainder of the key.

R<sub>0133</sub>

An invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI successfully completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is not implemented at this [MFI instance](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The physical base address of the [shared buffer](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Write offset* from the base of the [shared buffer](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Shared buffer size* is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Request type* flag in the *Input flags* input parameter is 1, and flags to retrieve the public portion, and the private portion of the Realm attestation key are both set.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The flag to retrieve the public portion of the Realm attestation key is set but retrieval of this portion of the key is not supported by EL3 firmware.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Request type* flag in the *Input flags* input parameter is 1, and at least one of the flags to retrieve the public portion, and the private portion of the Realm attestation key is set.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The type of elliptic curve is not supported by the CCA HES.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The CCA HES has rejected the request to retrieve the specified portion of the Realm attestation key.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_REQUEST](#) return status code.
- The CCA HES interface to request the specified portion of the Realm attestation key is busy and the caller must retry the operation.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- EL3 firmware cannot complete retrieval the of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key due to an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED reason.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [ABORTED](#) return status code.

S<sub>0134</sub>

If an invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI completes with the [ABORTED](#) error status code, it is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED whether the next request to initiate retrieval of the specified portion of the Realm attestation key from the caller will succeed. EL3 firmware can return the [ABORTED](#) error status code in case it is unable to communicate with the CCA HES. This could be a temporary scenario and the next request could complete successfully. The caller can retry retrieval of the token an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED number of times. If each try completes with the [ABORTED](#) error status code, it should consider the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI as unavailable.

S<sub>0135</sub>

The following pseudocode illustrates retrieval of the Realm attestation key via the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI. It assumes that the [shared buffer](#) is dynamically allocated and it is not already mapped in the EL3 translation regime prior to the invocation of this ABI.

```
int get_realm_attestation_key(bool portion, uint8_t elliptic_curve)
{
    int ret;
    uint64_t alloc_sz = 4KB;
```



```
uint64_t shbuf, input_flags;

// Allocate the shared buffer in bytes.
shbuf = alloc(alloc_sz * 1024);

// Specify which portion of the key to return.
portion == public ? input_flags.Bits[1] = 1: input_flags.Bits[2] = 1;

// Set the request type.
input_flags.Bits[0] = 0;

do {
    uint64_t offset = 0, written_sz, remaining_sz;

    do {
        ret = MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET(shbuf, offset, alloc_sz, input_flags, &
            ↪written_sz, &remaining_sz);
        input_flags.Bits[0] = 1; // Reset this value in case we need to
            ↪retrieve rest of the key.
        offset += written_sz;
    } while (remaining_sz && offset < alloc_sz);

} while (remaining_sz && (offset >= alloc_sz));

return ret;
}
```

### 6.3.4 Realm attestation token signing

- R<sub>0136</sub> The **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN** ABI is implemented only at the **Realm MFI instance**.
- I<sub>0137</sub> The **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN** ABI is optional. Its presence is determined by the value of the **RAT\_SIGN** field in **MFI feature register 2**.
- R<sub>0138</sub> The **RAK\_PUB\_POR** field in **MFI feature register 2** is 1 if the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN** ABI is implemented.
- X<sub>0139</sub> The Realm attestation token includes a hash of the public portion of the Realm attestation key. The RMM must be able to retrieve the public portion of the Realm attestation key in order to generate a Realm attestation token signing request.
- I<sub>0140</sub> The **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN** ABI uses a physically contiguous **shared buffer** as follows:
- For transmitting the Realm attestation token to be signed to the CCA HES.
  - For receiving the signature of the Realm attestation token from the CCA HES.
- I<sub>0141</sub> The encoding of the request to sign a Realm attestation token and the encoding of the response that contains the signature is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED.
- Issue** This version of the FIRME specification assumes that the RMM is aware of the encodings used by the CCA HES via an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED mechanism. The role of EL3 firmware is to transmit the request to sign a Realm attestation token from the RMM to the CCA HES, and transmit the response that contains the signature of the token from the CCA HES to the RMM. Hence, it does not need to interpret the contents of the request and the response. Arm requests feedback whether a standard encoding of the request and response is required, and whether this should be discoverable via the **MFI\_FEATURES** ABI.
- D<sub>0142</sub> An invocation of the **MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN** ABI with the *Request type* flag set to 0 in the *Request attributes* input parameter is a request to sign a Realm attestation token.
- R<sub>0143</sub> In a request to sign a Realm attestation token, all of the following are true:
- The payload containing the Realm attestation token is populated at offset 0x0 of the **shared buffer**.



- The size of the payload is specified in the *Input payload size* field of the *Request attributes* input parameter.

D<sub>0144</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAT\\_SIGN](#) ABI with the *Request type* flag set to 1 in the *Request attributes* input parameter is a request to retrieve the signature of a Realm attestation token.

R<sub>0145</sub> If a request to retrieve the signature of a Realm attestation token completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, all of the following are true:

- The payload containing the signature of a Realm attestation token is populated at offset 0x0 of the [shared buffer](#).
- The size of the payload is specified in the *Output payload size* parameter.

If no signature of a Realm attestation token is available for retrieval, the size of the payload in the *Output payload size* parameter is 0.

R<sub>0146</sub> If a request to retrieve the signature of a Realm attestation token does not complete with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, the value of the *Output payload size* parameter indicates if there is a response payload in addition to the error code returned by EL3 firmware.

If the value of this parameter is 0, there is no additional response payload. Otherwise, there is an additional response payload and all of the following are true:

- The response payload is populated at offset 0x0 of the [shared buffer](#).
- The size of the payload is specified in the *Output payload size* parameter.

X<sub>0147</sub> There can be multiple outstanding requests to sign a Realm attestation token. A request to retrieve the signature of a Realm attestation token returns any available response to a previous signing request.

It is assumed that the RMM encodes information in the payload that contains the Realm attestation token, that it can use to match a request to a response from the CCA HES. The CCA HES encodes the same information in the payload that contains the signature of the Realm attestation token. This mechanism enables the RMM to match a successful response to a signing request.

It is possible that the CCA HES is unable to fulfil a signing request. E.g. after the CCA HES has refreshed the Realm attestation key, it denies any new signing requests until the RMM retrieves the refreshed public portion of the Realm attestation key. In this case, the CCA HES populates a payload in addition to returning the [DENIED](#) error code back to the RMM. The additional payload contains information that allows the RMM to determine which signing request was denied. This payload can be used by the CCA HES to signal other errors too.

I<sub>0148</sub> The number of outstanding requests for signing a Realm attestation token, and the number of outstanding responses with signatures of Realm attestation tokens is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED. An IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED mechanism is used between the RMM and the CCA HES to match requests to responses.

S<sub>0149</sub> The RMM queues multiple requests for the CCA HES to sign Realm attestation tokens on behalf of various Realms via the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAT\\_SIGN](#) ABI. Each request also includes information to uniquely identify it e.g. a request identifier. The RMM dequeues responses from the CCA HES by retrieving signatures of the Realm attestation tokens via the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAT\\_SIGN](#) ABI. Each response also includes the request identifier to match it to the corresponding request.

R<sub>0150</sub> An invocation of the [MFI\\_ATTEST\\_RAT\\_SIGN](#) ABI successfully completes with the [SUCCESS](#) return status code, if none of the following are true:

- The ABI is not implemented at this [MFI instance](#).
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [NOT\\_SUPPORTED](#) return status code.
- The physical base address of the [shared buffer](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The [Shared buffer size](#) is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The *Input payload size* field in the *Request attributes* input parameter is invalid.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [INVALID\\_PARAMETERS](#) return status code.
- The CCA HES interface that accepts a Realm attestation token signing request, and returns the signature of a Realm attestation token is busy and the caller must retry the operation.

- In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [RETRY](#) return status code.
- The CCA HES has refreshed the Realm attestation key but the RMM has not retrieved the refreshed public portion of the Realm attestation key via the [MFL\\_ATTEST\\_RAK\\_GET](#) ABI.
  - In this case, the ABI invocation completes with the [DENIED](#) return status code.

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R<sub>0151</sub> ABIs defined in this version of the FIRME specification use the status codes defined in [Table 7.1](#).

**Table 7.1: FIRME error status codes**

Status code	Description
0	SUCCESS
-1	NOT_SUPPORTED
-2	INVALID_PARAMETERS
-3	ABORTED
-4	INCOMPLETE
-5	DENIED
-6	RETRY
-7	INVALID_REQUEST

R<sub>0152</sub> An invocation of any FIRME ABI completes successfully if the return status code is SUCCESS.

R<sub>0153</sub> All ABIs in the FIRME specification are compliant with version 1.2 or later of the Arm SMC calling convention [8].

R<sub>0154</sub> All ABIs in the FIRME specification use the SMC64 calling convention.

R <sub>0155</sub>	An unused input parameter register in a FIRME ABI is Reserved and SBZ.
R <sub>0156</sub>	An unused output parameter register in a FIRME ABI is Reserved and MBZ.
X <sub>0157</sub>	<p>Unused input parameter registers and output parameter registers are reserved as they could be used in a future version of the ABI.</p> <p>An unused input parameter register should be 0 as it is not guaranteed to be preserved when an invocation of the ABI completes. The SBZ behaviour is a strong recommendation to the caller to avoid the overhead in EL3 firmware of validating that each unused input parameter register is 0.</p> <p>An unused output parameter register must be 0 to avoid leakage of information from EL3 into the caller's Exception level in a less privileged Security state. From an SMC calling convention standpoint, the value of 0 in an unused output parameter register is treated as a call result. This prevents the caller from assuming that contents of this register will be preserved across a FIRME ABI invocation and allows use of this register to return actual results in a future version of the ABI.</p>

## 7.1 MFI\_VERSION

R<sub>0158</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_VERSION interface are listed in [Table 7.2](#).

**Table 7.2: MFI\_VERSION input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0xC4000400.</li></ul>

R<sub>0159</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_VERSION interface are listed in [Table 7.3](#).

**Table 7.3: MFI\_VERSION output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On success, the format of the version number is as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Bits[63:31]: MBZ.</li><li>– Bits[30:16]: Major version.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Must be 1 for this revision of the FIRME specification.</li></ul></li><li>– Bits[15:0]: Minor version.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Must be 0 for this revision of the FIRME specification.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• <a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li></ul>

## 7.2 MFI\_FEATURES

R<sub>0160</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_FEATURES interface are listed in [Table 7.4](#).

**Table 7.4: MFI\_FEATURES input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0xC4000401.</li> </ul>
uint32 Feature register index	w1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Index of the feature register to be returned to the caller. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: <a href="#">MFI feature register 0</a>.</li> <li>1: <a href="#">MFI feature register 1</a>.</li> <li>2: <a href="#">MFI feature register 2</a>.</li> <li>All other values are reserved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

R<sub>0161</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_FEATURES interface are listed in [Table 7.5](#).

**Table 7.5: MFI\_FEATURES output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li> <li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li> </ul>

R<sub>0162</sub> The encoding of [MFI\\_FEATURES](#) feature register 0 is specified in [Table 7.6](#).

**Table 7.6: MFI\_FEATURES feature register 0**

Bits	Name	Description
0	MFI_GM_GPI_SET	<p>Indicates presence of the MFI_GM_GPI_SET ABI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_GM_GPI_SET is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_GM_GPI_SET is implemented.</li> </ul>
1	MFI_IDE_KEYSET_PROG	<p>Indicates presence of the MFI_IDE_KEYSET_PROG ABI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_PROG is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_PROG is implemented.</li> </ul> <p>The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state.</p>
2	MFI_IDE_KEYSET_GO	<p>Indicates presence of the MFI_IDE_KEYSET_GO ABI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_GO is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_GO is implemented.</li> </ul> <p>The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state.</p>

Bits	Name	Description
3	MFI_IDE_KEYSET_STOP	Indicates presence of the MFI_IDE_KEYSET_STOP ABI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_STOP is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_STOP is implemented.</li> </ul> The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state.
4	MFI_IDE_KEYSET_POLL	Indicates presence of the MFI_IDE_KEYSET_POLL ABI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_POLL is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_IDE_KEYSET_POLL is implemented.</li> </ul> The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state.
5	MFI_MEC_REFRESH	Indicates presence of the MFI_MEC_REFRESH ABI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_MEC_REFRESH is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_MEC_REFRESH is implemented.</li> </ul> The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state or the Non-secure security state.
6	MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET	Indicates presence of the MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET ABI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_ATTEST_PAT_GET is implemented.</li> </ul> The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state.
7	MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET	Indicates presence of the MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET ABI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET is implemented.</li> </ul> The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state or the Non-secure security state.
8	MFI_ATTEST_TOKEN_SIGN	Indicates presence of the MFI_ATTEST_TOKEN_SIGN ABI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: MFI_ATTEST_TOKEN_SIGN is not implemented.</li> <li>0b1: MFI_ATTEST_TOKEN_SIGN is implemented.</li> </ul> The value of this field is 0b0 if MFI_FEATURES is called from the Secure security state or the Non-secure security state.
63:9	Reserved	MBZ.

R0163 The encoding of [MFI\\_FEATURES](#) feature register 1 is specified in [Table 7.7](#).

**Table 7.7: MFI\_FEATURES feature register 1**

Bits	Name	Description
1:0	PGS	Value of Physical Granule size as encoded in GPCCR_EL3.PGS in [1].
5:2	LOGPTSZ	Value of Level 0 GPT entry size as encoded in GPCCR_EL3.LOGPTSZ in [1].
8:6	PPS	Value of Protected Physical Address Size as encoded in GPCCR_EL3.PPS in [1].
12:9	COMMON_MECID_WIDTH	Value of this field plus 1 is the Common MECID width as specified in [1].
63:13	Reserved	MBZ.

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The encoding of [MFI\\_FEATURES](#) feature register 2 is specified in [Table 7.8](#).

**Table 7.8: MFI\_FEATURES feature register 2**

Bits	Name	Description
1:0	MIN_SH_BUF_SZ	Value of this field is used to determine the minimum size, and alignment boundary of a <a href="#">shared buffer</a> as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b00: 4KB.</li> <li>0b01: 64KB.</li> <li>0b10: 16KB.</li> </ul> All other values are reserved.
15:2	MAX_SH_BUF_SZ	Value of this field is used to determine the maximum size of a <a href="#">shared buffer</a> as follows: Maximum size of shared buffer (in KB)= ( →MAX_SH_BUF_SZ + 1)* Minimum size of a →shared buffer (in KB). The minimum size of a shared buffer is determined from the MIN_SH_BUF_SZ field.
23:16	MAX_PAT_SZ	Value of this field is used to determine the maximum size of the platform attestation token as follows: Maximum size of the platform attestation →token (in KB)= (MAX_PAT_SZ + 1)* Minimum →size of a shared buffer (in KB). The minimum size of a shared buffer is determined from the MIN_SH_BUF_SZ field.



Bits	Name	Description
24	RAK_PUB_POR	Value of this field is used to determine whether retrieval of the public portion of the Realm attestation key is supported by EL3 firmware as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: Retrieval of the public key portion is not supported.</li> <li>0b1: Retrieval of the public key portion is supported.</li> </ul>
27:25	RAK_FORMAT	Value of this field is used to determine how a portion of the Realm attestation key is encoded in the <a href="#">shared buffer</a> in an invocation of the <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_RAK_GET</a> ABI as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b000: Key portion is encoded in an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED format.</li> <li>0b001: Key portion is encoded as a COSE Key structure [9].</li> </ul> All other values are reserved.
28	RAT_SIGN	Value of this field is used to determine whether EL3 firmware implements the <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_RAT_SIGN</a> ABI at this <a href="#">MFI instance</a> as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_RAT_SIGN</a> is not supported.</li> <li>0b1: <a href="#">MFI_ATTEST_RAT_SIGN</a> is supported.</li> </ul> All other values are reserved.
63:29	Reserved	MBZ.

## 7.3 MFI\_GM\_GPI\_SET

R<sub>0165</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_GM\_GPI\_SET interface are listed in [Table 7.9](#).

**Table 7.9: MFI\_GM\_GPI\_SET input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0xC4000402.</li></ul>
uint64 Base address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>64-bit physical base address of the physically contiguous granules whose GPI encoding must be changed.</li></ul>
uint64 Granule count	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of physically contiguous granules starting from the <i>Base Address</i>.</li></ul>
uint32 Attributes	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attributes of this request.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bits[63:8]: Reserved.</li><li>Bits[7:4]: Current GPI encoding of the specified granules.</li><li>Bits[3:0]: Target GPI encoding of the specified granules.</li></ul></li></ul>

R<sub>0166</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_GM\_GPI\_SET interface are listed in [Table 7.10](#).

**Table 7.10: MFI\_GM\_GPI\_SET output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li><li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li><li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li><li><a href="#">DENIED</a></li><li><a href="#">RETRY</a></li></ul>
uint64 Granule count	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Count of granules starting from the first granule at the <i>Base Address</i> whose GPI encoding was changed.</li></ul>

## 7.4 MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_PROG

R<sub>0167</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_PROG interface are listed in [Table 7.11](#).

**Table 7.11: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_PROG input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0xC4000403.</li> </ul>
uint64 ECAM address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit physical base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port.</li> </ul>
uint64 Input flags	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[1:0]: Request type. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b00: Request to configure a PCIe or CXL.io Selective IDE stream.</li> <li>0b11: Request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.</li> <li>All other values are reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[63:2]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>
uint64 Keyset ID	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Keyset ID</a> of the keyset in the Root port.</li> </ul>
uint64 KeyQW0	x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quad word[63:0] of AES-GCM 256 bit key.</li> </ul>
uint64 KeyQW1	x5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quad word[127:64] of AES-GCM 256 bit key.</li> </ul>
uint64 KeyQW2	x6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quad word[191:128] of AES-GCM 256 bit key.</li> </ul>
uint64 KeyQW3	x7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quad word[255:192] of AES-GCM 256 bit key.</li> </ul>
uint64 Cookie1	x8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation defined value specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li> <li>MBZ if this parameter is not used by the caller.</li> </ul>
uint64 Cookie2	x9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation defined value specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li> <li>MBZ if this parameter is not used by the caller.</li> </ul>

R<sub>0168</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_PROG interface are listed in [Table 7.12](#).

**Table 7.12: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_PROG output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li> <li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li> <li><a href="#">RETRY</a></li> <li><a href="#">INCOMPLETE</a></li> </ul>

## 7.5 MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_GO

R<sub>0169</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_GO interface are listed in [Table 7.13](#).

**Table 7.13: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_GO input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0xC4000404.</li> </ul>
uint64 ECAM address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit physical base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port.</li> </ul>
uint64 Input flags	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[1:0]: Request type. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b00: Request to configure a PCIe or CXL.io Selective IDE stream.</li> <li>0b11: Request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.</li> <li>All other values are reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[63:2]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>
uint64 Keyset ID	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Keyset ID</a> of the keyset in the Root port.</li> </ul>
uint64 Cookie1	x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation defined value specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li> <li>MBZ if this parameter is not used by the caller.</li> </ul>
uint64 Cookie2	x5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation defined value specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li> <li>MBZ if this parameter is not used by the caller.</li> </ul>

R<sub>0170</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_GO interface are listed in [Table 7.14](#).

**Table 7.14: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_GO output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li> <li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li> <li><a href="#">RETRY</a></li> <li><a href="#">DENIED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INCOMPLETE</a></li> </ul>

## 7.6 MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_STOP

R<sub>0171</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_STOP interface are listed in [Table 7.15](#).

**Table 7.15: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_STOP input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0xC4000405.</li> </ul>
uint64 ECAM address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit physical base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port.</li> </ul>
uint64 Input flags	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[1:0]: Request type. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b00: Request to configure a PCIe or CXL.io Selective IDE stream.</li> <li>0b11: Request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.</li> <li>All other values are reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[63:2]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>
uint64 Keyset ID	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Keyset ID</a> of the keyset in the Root port.</li> </ul>
uint64 Cookie1	x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation defined value specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li> <li>MBZ if this parameter is not used by the caller.</li> </ul>
uint64 Cookie2	x5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation defined value specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li> <li>MBZ if this parameter is not used by the caller.</li> </ul>

R<sub>0172</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_STOP interface are listed in [Table 7.16](#).

**Table 7.16: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_STOP output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li> <li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li> <li><a href="#">RETRY</a></li> <li><a href="#">DENIED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INCOMPLETE</a></li> </ul>

## 7.7 MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL

R0173 The input parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL interface are listed in [Table 7.17](#).

**Table 7.17: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0xC4000406.</li></ul>
uint64 ECAM address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 64-bit physical base address of the ECAM address space of the target Root port.</li></ul>
uint64 Input flags	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bits[1:0]: Request type.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 0b00: Request to configure a PCIe or CXL.io Selective IDE stream.</li><li>– 0b11: Request to configure a CXL.cachemem Link IDE stream.</li><li>– All other values are reserved (MBZ).</li></ul></li><li>• Bits[2]: Pending response type.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 0b0: Return a pending response corresponding to the <i>Keyset ID</i> parameter.</li><li>– 0b1: Return any pending response and ignore the <i>Keyset ID</i> parameter.</li></ul></li><li>• Bits[63:3]: Reserved (MBZ).</li></ul>
uint64 Keyset ID	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Keyset ID</a> of the keyset in the Root port.</li></ul>

R0174 The output parameters of the MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL interface are listed in [Table 7.18](#).

**Table 7.18: MFI\_IDE\_KEYSET\_POLL output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li><li>• <a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li><li>• <a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li><li>• <a href="#">RETRY</a></li><li>• <a href="#">INCOMPLETE</a></li><li>• <a href="#">INVALID_REQUEST</a></li><li>• <a href="#">DENIED</a></li></ul>
uint64 Cookie1	x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation defined value that was specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li><li>• MBZ if this parameter was not used by the caller or if <i>Return status</i> is not <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>.</li></ul>
uint64 Cookie2	x5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation defined value that was specified by the caller to track a non-blocking IDE key configuration operation.</li><li>• MBZ if this parameter was not used by the caller or if <i>Return status</i> is not <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>.</li></ul>

## 7.8 MFI\_MEC\_REFRESH

R<sub>0175</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_MEC\_REFRESH interface are listed in [Table 7.19](#).

**Table 7.19: MFI\_MEC\_REFRESH input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0xC4000407.</li></ul>
uint64 MEC params	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bits[63:48]: Reserved (SBZ).</li><li>• Bits[47:32]: MECID.</li><li>• Bits[31:1]: Reserved (SBZ).</li><li>• Bits[0]: MEC refresh reason.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 0b'0: Realm creation.</li><li>– 0b'1: Realm destruction.</li></ul></li></ul>

R<sub>0176</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_MEC\_REFRESH interface are listed in [Table 7.20](#).

**Table 7.20: MFI\_MEC\_REFRESH output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li><li>• <a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li><li>• <a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li><li>• <a href="#">RETRY</a></li></ul>

## 7.9 MFI\_ATTEST\_PAT\_GET

R<sub>0177</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_ATTEST\_PAT\_GET interface are listed in [Table 7.21](#).

**Table 7.21: MFI\_ATTEST\_PAT\_GET input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0xC4000408.</li> </ul>
uint64 <a href="#">Shared buffer</a> base address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit physical base address of the physically contiguous buffer for transmitting input and output parameters.</li> </ul>
uint64 Write offset	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offset (in bytes) from the base of <i>Shared buffer base address</i> at which the platform attestation token must be written by EL3 firmware.</li> </ul>
uint64 <a href="#">Shared buffer</a> size	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[13:0]: Value of this field is used to determine the size of the buffer as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Size of buffer (in KB) = (Shared   <a href="#">↪buffer size + 1</a>) * Minimum size of   <a href="#">↪a shared buffer</a> (in KB).</li> <li>The minimum size of a shared buffer is determined from the MIN_SH_BUF_SZ field in <a href="#">MFI feature register 2</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[63:14]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>
uint64 Platform challenge size	x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[31:0]: Size (in bytes) of the challenge populated at offset 0x0 from <i>Shared buffer base address</i>.</li> <li>Bits[63:32]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>

R<sub>0178</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_ATTEST\_PAT\_GET interface are listed in [Table 7.22](#).

**Table 7.22: MFI\_ATTEST\_PAT\_GET output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li> <li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li> <li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li> <li><a href="#">RETRY</a></li> <li><a href="#">ABORTED</a></li> </ul>
uint64 Written size	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If <i>Return status</i> is <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>, this is the size (in bytes) of the chunk of the platform attestation token starting from the <i>Write offset</i> input parameter.</li> <li>Otherwise, this register is Reserved (MBZ)</li> </ul>
uint64 Remaining size	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If <i>Return status</i> is <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>, this is the remaining size (in bytes) of the platform attestation token that could not be written to the buffer.</li> <li>Otherwise, this register is Reserved (MBZ)</li> </ul>



## 7.10 MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET

R<sub>0179</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET interface are listed in [Table 7.23](#).

**Table 7.23: MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0xC4000409.</li> </ul>
uint64 <a href="#">Shared buffer</a> base address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit physical base address of the physically contiguous buffer for transmitting input and output parameters.</li> </ul>
uint64 Write offset	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offset (in bytes) from the base of <i>Shared buffer base address</i> at which the Realm attestation key must be written by EL3 firmware.</li> </ul>
uint64 <a href="#">Shared buffer</a> size	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[13:0]: Value of this field is used to determine the size of the buffer as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Size of buffer (in KB) = (Shared  ↪buffer size + 1) * Minimum size of  ↪a shared buffer (in KB).</li> <li>The minimum size of a shared buffer is determined from the MIN_SH_BUF_SZ field in <a href="#">MFI feature register 2</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[63:14]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>
uint64 Input flags	x4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[0]: Request type. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: This is a request to initiate retrieval of the RAK.</li> <li>0b1: This is a request to continue retrieval of the RAK.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[1]: Retrieve the public key portion of the Realm attestation key. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: Do not retrieve the public key portion.</li> <li>0b1: Retrieve the public key portion.</li> <li>Reserved (MBZ) if the Request type field is 1.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[2]: Retrieve the private key portion of the Realm attestation key. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0b0: Do not retrieve the private key portion.</li> <li>0b1: Retrieve the private key portion.</li> <li>Reserved (MBZ) if the Request type field is 1.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bits[7:3]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> <li>Bits[15:8]: Type of elliptic curve.</li> <li>Bits[63:16]: Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>

R<sub>0180</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET interface are listed in [Table 7.24](#).

**Table 7.24: MFI\_ATTEST\_RAK\_GET output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">RETRY</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ABORTED</a></li> </ul>
uint64 Written size	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <i>Return status</i> is <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>, this is the size (in bytes) of the chunk of the Realm attestation key starting from the <i>Write offset</i> input parameter.</li> <li>• Otherwise, this register is Reserved (MBZ)</li> </ul>
uint64 Remaining size	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <i>Return status</i> is <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>, this is the remaining size (in bytes) of the Realm attestation key that could not be written to the buffer.</li> <li>• Otherwise, this register is Reserved (MBZ)</li> </ul>

## 7.11 MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN

R<sub>0181</sub> The input parameters of the MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN interface are listed in [Table 7.25](#).

**Table 7.25: MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN input parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
uint32 Function ID	w0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0xC400040A.</li></ul>
uint64 <a href="#">Shared buffer</a> base address	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>64-bit physical base address of the physically contiguous buffer for transmitting input and output parameters.</li></ul>
uint64 <a href="#">Shared buffer</a> size	x2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bits[13:0]: Value of this field is used to determine the size of the buffer as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Size of buffer (in KB)= (Shared  ↪buffer size + 1)* Minimum size of  ↪a shared buffer (in KB).</li><li>The minimum size of a shared buffer is determined from the MIN_SH_BUF_SZ field in <a href="#">MFI feature register 2</a>.</li></ul></li><li>Bits[63:14]: Reserved (MBZ).</li></ul>
uint64 Request attributes	x3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bits[0]: Request type.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0b0: This is a request to sign a Realm attestation token.</li><li>0b1: This is a request to retrieve the signature of a Realm attestation token.</li></ul></li><li>Bits[31:1]: Reserved (MBZ).</li><li>Bits[63:32]: Input Payload size.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If this is a request to sign a Realm attestation token, this is the size (in bytes) of the payload containing the Realm attestation token.</li><li>Otherwise, this register is Reserved (MBZ).</li></ul></li></ul>

R<sub>0182</sub> The output parameters of the MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN interface are listed in [Table 7.26](#).

**Table 7.26: MFI\_ATTEST\_RAT\_SIGN output parameters**

Parameter	Register	Value
int64 Return status	x0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">SUCCESS</a></li><li><a href="#">NOT_SUPPORTED</a></li><li><a href="#">INVALID_PARAMETERS</a></li><li><a href="#">RETRY</a></li></ul>

Parameter	Register	Value
uint64 Output payload size	x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If this was a request to retrieve the signature of a Realm attestation token, a value of 0 indicates there is no payload in the <a href="#">shared buffer</a>. Otherwise, one of the following is true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If <i>Return status</i> is <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>, this is the size (in bytes) of the payload containing the signature.</li> <li>If <i>Return status</i> is not <a href="#">SUCCESS</a>, and there is an additional response payload for the caller, this is the size (in bytes) of the payload.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Otherwise, this register is Reserved (MBZ).</li> </ul>

## Glossary

**ABI**

Application Binary Interface

**Host**

Software executing in Non-secure Security state which manages resources used by Realms

**MBP**

Must be preserved

**MBZ**

Must be zero

**MEC**

Memory Encryption Context

**MFI**

Monitor Firmware Interface

**MSD**

Monitor Security Domain

**OS**

Operating System

**PE**

Processing Element

**PGS**

Protected Granule Size

**RME**

Realm Management Extension

**RMI**

Realm Management Interface

**RMM**

Realm Management Monitor

**RMSD**

Realm Management Security Domain

**SBZ**

Should be zero

**SMC**

Secure Monitor Call

**SMCCC**

## *Glossary*

	SMC Calling Convention
<b>SMMU</b>	System Memory Management Unit
<b>SPM</b>	Secure Partition Manager
<b>TDI</b>	TEE Device Interface
<b>VM</b>	Virtual Machine