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**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2019 3:20 AM  
**To:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov  
**Cc:** Danilo Gligoroski; sadegh sadeghi; Majid Mahmoudzadeh Niknam  
**Subject:** [lwc-forum] Official comment:GAGE AEAD

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**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2019 5:58 PM  
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**Cc:** sadegh sadeghi; Majid Mahmoudzadeh Niknam  
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On 06/05/2019 03:19, nasoor bagheri wrote:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 2:46 AM  
**To:** Danilo Gligoroski  
**Cc:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov; sadegh sadeghi; Majid Mahmoudzadeh Niknam  
**Subject:** [lwc-forum] Re: Official comment:GAGE AEAD

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On Tue, May 7, 2019 at 2:27 AM Danilo Gligoroski <[danilog@ntnu.no](mailto:danilog@ntnu.no)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** [lwc-forum@list.nist.gov](mailto:lwc-forum@list.nist.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: [lwc-forum] Re: Official comment:GAGE AEAD

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**To:** Danilo Gligoroski  
**Cc:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov; sadegh sadeghi; Majid Mahmoudzadeh Niknam  
**Subject:** Re: [lwc-forum] Re: Official comment:GAGE AEAD

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 7:48 PM  
**To:** lightweight-crypto  
**Cc:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL COMMENT: GAGE and InGAGE

Dear all,

We have updated Table 1.4 and Table 2.1 in the document for GAGE and InGAGE and made some redacting changes.

The updated document can be taken from the newly register web page <http://gageingage.org/> i. e. from <http://gageingage.org/upload/GAGEandInGAGEv1.01.pdf>

Algorithm specifications have not been changed.

Change log is also included in the document.

We thank Nasour Bagheri, Sadegh Sadeghi and Majid Niknam for their valuable input.

Best regards,

GAGE and InGAGE team

P.S. NIST people can now add a link for our website: <http://gageingage.org/>