**Suspect Code:** Code that contains malicious functionality or serious vulnerabilities, including spyware, malware and other code that installs without the user’s consent and/or resists its own removal, code that compromises user security and/or code that can be exploited in ways not intended by its designers to compromise the trustworthiness of the Platforms on which it executes.

**CA Certificate Beneficiaries**: All Application Software Suppliers with whom the CA or its Root CA has entered into a contract for distribution of its Root Certificate in software distributed by such Application Software Suppliers.

**4.9.1.3 Revocation Based on Reported or Detected Key Compromise or Use in Suspect Code**

For all incidents that lead the CA to believe that the certificate private key is compromised or is being used for Suspect Code, CAs SHALL revoke the Code Signing Certificate in accordance with and within the following maximum timeframes. Nothing herein prohibits a CA from revoking a Code Signing Certificate prior to these timeframes.

1. The CA MUST contact the CA Certificate Beneficiaries and Subscriber within 24 hours after the CA is made aware of the incident.
   1. The CA MAY omit contacting the Subscriber if requested by at least one CA Certificate Beneficiary
2. The CA MUST request the Subscriber send an acknowledgement to the CA within 72 hours of receipt of the request.
   1. If the Subscriber responds within 72 hours, the CA and Subscriber MAY determine a “reasonable date” to revoke the certificate based on discussions with the CA. The revocation date MUST NOT be more than 7 days after the incident was discovered, except if requested by at least one CA Certificate Beneficiary.
   2. If CA does not receive a response, the CA MUST revoke the certificate within 24 hours

A CA revoking a Certificate because the Certificate was associated with signed Suspect Code or other fraudulent or illegal conduct SHOULD provide all relevant information and risk indicators to other CAs or industry groups. The CA SHOULD indicate whether its investigation found that the Suspect Code was a false positive or an inadvertent signing.