



Electronic Communications Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 7

PART II

FACILITATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE, DATA STORAGE, ETC.

7 Electronic signatures and related certificates.

- (1) In any legal proceedings—
- (a) an electronic signature incorporated into or logically associated with a particular electronic communication or particular electronic data, and
 - (b) the certification by any person of such a signature,
- shall each be admissible in evidence in relation to any question as to the authenticity of the communication or data or as to the integrity of the communication or data.
- (2) For the purposes of this section an electronic signature is so much of anything in electronic form as—
- (a) is incorporated into or otherwise logically associated with any electronic communication or electronic data; and
 - [^{F1}(b) purports to be used by the individual creating it to sign.]
- (3) For the purposes of this section an electronic signature incorporated into or associated with a particular electronic communication or particular electronic data is certified by any person if that person (whether before or after the making of the communication) has made a statement confirming that—
- (a) the signature,
 - (b) a means of producing, communicating or verifying the signature, or
 - (c) a procedure applied to the signature,
- is (either alone or in combination with other factors) a valid means of [^{F2}signing].

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 7(2)(b) substituted (22.7.2016) by [The Electronic Identification and Trust Services for Electronic Transactions Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/696\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(2\)](#)

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