

# Electronic publication of the Official Journal of the EU: authentication by electronic seal

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**PURPOSE:** to update the procedure for authenticating the electronic version of the Official Journal of the European Union by an electronic seal.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Regulation (EU) 2018/2056 amending Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 on the electronic publication of the Official Journal of the European Union.

**CONTENT:** Council Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 provides that the electronic edition of the Official Journal shall bear an advanced electronic signature based on a qualified certificate and created with a secure-signature-creation device, in accordance with Directive 1999/93/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

This Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 provides that the electronic edition of the Official Journal shall bear a qualified electronic signature or a qualified electronic stamp defined in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) No 910/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Qualified certificates for electronic signature or for electronic seal and renewals thereof shall be published on the EUR-Lex website to allow the public to verify the qualified electronic signature or qualified electronic seal and the authenticity of the electronic edition of the Official Journal.

Authentication by electronic seal offers comparable guarantees as those provided by electronic signature. The use of an electronic seal to authenticate the Official Journal would accelerate the procedure for the publication of the Official Journal on the EUR-Lex website.

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