

## CHAPTER I

### Scope and definitions

#### Article 1

##### Scope.

This regulation applies to the information to be included in qualified certificates, requirements of certification service providers who issue qualified certificates, requirements for secure signature creation devices, the mechanism for the registration, notifications and disclosures of certification service providers and the mechanisms of regulation of certification service providers issuing qualified certificates. An electronic signature made using a qualified certificate does not constitute confirmation of the time of signature creation.

#### Article 2

##### Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in this Regulation:

Certificate policy: A set of rules that indicates the applicability of a certificate to a particular class of

application and/or technical solutions where security requirements are comparable. A certificate policy shall also reveal the proposed mechanism for the issue and handling of electronic certificates. A certificate policy also includes rules on the requirements for security and supervision.

Certification service provider: An entity that issues certificates, or a third party that engages in the issue of qualified certificates on such entity's behalf , as provided in Article 17 of Act No. 28/2001 on electronic signatures, or provides other services related to electronic signatures  
In all other respects, definitions of terms are subject to the provisions of Act No. 28/2008.

## CHAPTER II

### Content of qualified certificates

#### Article 3

#### Content and information in a qualified certificate

It is permitted to specify that a certificate is qualified if the certificate meets the conditions of Article 7 of Act No. 28/2001 and is issued by a certification service provider who meets the provisions of Chapter V of the Act and the

conditions of rules established on the basis of the Act. A qualified certificate shall include the word fullgilt in a legible form. It should also be noted that the certificate meets the provisions of law and rules that apply to the issue of qualified certificates.

Certificates are regarded as meeting the requirements of this Article if they meet the conditions of standards and other normative documents listed in Annex I to this Regulation.

#### Article 4

##### ID number and name of signatory

A qualified certificate issued in Iceland shall, in a separate name field of the certificate, specify the full name of the signatory from the National Register or a pseudonym.

A qualified certificate issued in Iceland shall, in a separate number field of the certificate, specify the ID number of the signatory. If the signatory is not domiciled in Iceland, a similar unique number issued by the National Register pursuant to the rules applicable to such issuance at any time shall be specified.

In the event of the signatory using a pseudonym in a qualified certificate, the pseudonym shall be clearly identified as such in the certificate. The certification service provider shall verify the identity of a signatory using a pseudonym and his connection with the pseudonym, as further specified in Article 14 of this Regulation.

## Article 5

### Additional information

A qualified certificate may provide further information on the signatory than the information specified in Article 4, such as information to the effect that the certificate is also a professional certificate, in which case the apparent authority of the signatory shall be further specified, or a further description of the type of signature permitted with the certificate in question. The validity of signatures pursuant to this Article is subject to general rules on apparent authority and its revocation.

## Article 6

### Verification of a qualified electronic signature

A qualified certificate shall include verification data

corresponding to the signature data under the control of the signatory and which is used to verify his electronic signature.

#### Article 7

Period of validity of certificates and their revocation

A qualified certificate shall indicate the beginning and end of the period of validity of the certificate. The revocation service of the certification service provider is subject to the provisions of Chapter III of this Regulation.

#### Article 8

Identity code of certificates

A qualified certificate shall have a unique number which constitutes the identity code of the certificate, so that the certificate can always be identified.

#### Article 9

Information on certification service providers

In order to make it possible to verify that a qualified certificate originates from a certification service provider, the certificate shall include the advanced electronic signature of its issuer.