

Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic  
transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC

CHAPTER III  
**TRUST SERVICES**

*SECTION 6*  
***Electronic time stamps***

*Article 42*

**Requirements for qualified electronic time stamps**

- 1 A qualified electronic time stamp shall meet the following requirements:
  - a it binds the date and time to data in such a manner as to reasonably preclude the possibility of the data being changed undetectably;
  - b it is based on an accurate time source linked to Coordinated Universal Time; and
  - c it is signed using an advanced electronic signature or sealed with an advanced electronic seal of the qualified trust service provider, or by some equivalent method.
- 2 The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, establish reference numbers of standards for the binding of date and time to data and for accurate time sources. Compliance with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 shall be presumed where the binding of date and time to data and the accurate time source meets those standards. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 48(2).