



Electronic Communications Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 7

PART II

FACILITATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE, DATA STORAGE, ETC.

[^{F1}7A Electronic seals and related certificates

- (1) In any legal proceedings—
 - (a) an electronic seal incorporated into or logically associated with a particular electronic communication or particular electronic data, and
 - (b) the certification by any person of such a seal,shall each be admissible in evidence in relation to any question as to the authenticity of the communication or data, the integrity of the communication or data, or both.
- (2) For the purposes of this section an electronic seal is so much of anything in electronic form as—
 - (a) is incorporated into or otherwise logically associated with electronic communication or electronic data; and
 - (b) purports to ensure the origin and integrity of the communication or data.
- (3) For the purposes of this section an electronic seal 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 seal,
 - (b) a means of producing, communicating or verifying the seal, or
 - (c) a procedure applied to the seal,is (either alone or in combination with other factors) a valid means of ensuring the origin of the communication or data, the integrity of the communication or data, or both.]

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Electronic Communications Act 2000, Section 7A. (See end of Document for details)*

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 7A-7D inserted (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(4)**

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