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# 1. Introduction

**Certification Policy of Certum's Certification Services** describes general rules and regulations applied by Certum for public key certification process, Time-Stamping Authority (TSA) and remaining non-repudiation services. The document defines the parties of this process, their responsibilities and obligations, types of certificates and applicability range. Detailed description of the above rules and the subscriber identity verification procedures is disclosed in Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services. The knowledge of nature, goal and role of the Certification Policy, as well as Certification Practice Statement is particularly important from the point of view of the subscriber and relying party.

## 2. Certificates

Certificate is a string of data (a message), containing at least a name and an identifier of the authority issuing the certificate, subscriber's identifier, their public key, validity period and the serial number and is signed by the intermediate certification authority subordinated to one of the root certification authorities: **Certum CA, Certum Trusted Network CA, Certum Trusted Network CA 2, Certum Elliptic Curve CA, Certum Trusted Root CA** oraz **Certum EC-384 CA, Certum TLS RSA Root CA, Certum S/MIME RSA Root CA, Certum Code Signing RSA Root CA, Certum Document Signing RSA Root CA, Certum TLS ECC Root CA, Certum S/MIME ECC Root CA, Certum Code Signing ECC Root CA, Certum Document Signing ECC Root CA**.

Each of Certification Authorities: **Certum CA, Certum Trusted Network CA, Certum Trusted Network CA 2, Certum Elliptic Curve CA, Certum Trusted Root CA** and **Certum EC-384 CA, Certum TLS RSA Root CA, Certum S/MIME RSA Root CA, Certum Code Signing RSA Root CA, Certum Document Signing RSA Root CA, Certum TLS ECC Root CA, Certum S/MIME ECC Root CA, Certum Code Signing ECC Root CA, Certum Document Signing ECC Root CA** upon indirectly issuing a certificate to the subscriber confirms their identity or the credibility of other data, such as email address. Authorities also confirm that the public key possessed by such subscriber is the property of this very subscriber. Thanks to this, the relying party, upon receiving the signed message, can identify the certificate holder who made the signature and, if necessary, hold them accountable for the actions they have taken or committed to.

Certum provides services in accordance with the *WebTrust™* (see <https://www.webtrust.org>) requirements for the certification authorities. Certification authority keys are protected with the hardware security module. The authority implemented physical and procedural controls of the system. Certum issues certificates in various classes with different levels of credibility. The credibility of a certificate depends on the procedure for verifying the subscriber's identity and the effort made by Certum to check the data submitted by the subscriber in the registration application. The more information that needs to be verified, and thus the more complex the procedure, the more credible the certificate.

The subscriber must state the credibility level of the certificate most appropriate for their needs. Types of the certificates and their credibility level are described in detail in the **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services**. The document is available through the web page <https://www.certum.eu> or via email addressed to: [info@certum.pl](mailto:info@certum.pl).

## 2.1. DV Certificates (Domain Validation)

DV certificates are issued for two separate groups: free test certificates for a shorter period of validity and standard certificate with full validity period. Certificates of the first group are issued by intermediate authorities **Certum Level I CA**, **Certum Class 1 CA** and **Certum Class 1 CA SHA2**. The second group of standard certificates are issued by **Certum Level II CA** and **Certum Domain Validation CA SHA2** authorities.

Test certificates are intended mainly for application or device test performance prior to purchasing the final certificate. DV certificates are issued for protecting data transmission based on SSL/TSL protocols.

Certum verifies all data provided by subscriber in the certification process. Detailed information on verification requirements is described in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

It is not recommended to unambiguously verify the identity of the subject of the certificate based on DV certificates.

End-users DV certificates contain the following policy identifiers:

Certificate Name	Policy Identifier
DV SSL – Test/Commercial	2.23.140.1.2.1 1.2.616.1.113527.2.101.1

Certum does not bear any financial liability, and no warranties apply to the test certificates (and their content) issued within the above policies. However, standard certificates issued within **Certum Level II CA** and **Certum Domain Validation CA SHA2** authorities have limited guarantees and liabilities.

## 2.2. OV Certificates (Organization Validation)

OV certificates are issued by intermediate authorities **Certum Level III CA**, **Certum Level VI CA** and **Certum Organization Validation CA SHA2**.

These certificates are intended mainly for securing electronic correspondence and protecting data transmission based on SSL/TSL protocols. These certificates are intended also for the certification authorities, non-repudiation authorities and global network-based electronic transaction systems.

Certum operates a procedure for verifying the identity of the subscriber that meets the *Baseline Requirements Certificate Policy for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted Certificates* (<https://www.cabforum.org/>)

Certum verifies all data provided by the requesters during the certification process. Detailed information on identity verification requirements is described in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

It is possible to unambiguously verify the identity of subject, the authenticity of organization or the credibility of external certification authority based on **OV** certificates.

End-users **OV** certificates contain the following policy identifiers:

<b>Certificate Name</b>	<b>Policy Identifier</b>
OV SSL - Trusted	2.23.140.1.2.2 1.2.616.1.113527.2.101.2

Financial responsibility of Certum for the data in the certificates issued within above policies is presented in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>. Certificates issued within these policies have full guarantees and liabilities.

## 2.3. EV Certificates (Extended Validation)

Certificates issued by **Certum Extended Validation CA**, **Certum Extended Validation CA SHA2** and **Certum Extended Validation Code Signing CA SHA2** provide the highest level of confidence in the identity of the subscriber. The validation process requires to follow by the current version of the *Guidelines for the issuance and Management of Extended Validation Certificates* and the *Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly Trusted Code Signing Certificates*, requirements available at <https://www.cabforum.org/>.

**EV SSL** certificates are issued only to legal entities and intended for protecting data transmission based on SSL/TSL protocols.

**EV Code Signing** certificates are issued only to legal entities and intended for protecting an application/ software code. Additionally, subscribers' private keys must be generated and protected on external devices.

Certum verifies all data provided by the requesters during the certification process. Detailed information on identity verification requirements is described in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

It is possible to unambiguously verify the identity of the subject and the authenticity of organization on the basis of **EV** certificates.

End-users **EV** certificates contain the following policy identifiers:

Certificate Name	Policy Identifier
EV SSL - Premium	2.23.140.1.1
	1.2.616.1.113527.2.101.3

Financial responsibility of Certum for the data in the certificates issued within above policies is presented in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>. Certificates issued within this policy have full guarantees and liabilities.

## 2.4. Code Signing Certificates

Code Signing Certificates are issued by **Certum Code Signing CA**.

The usage of the code signing certificates is limited to code signing only. Additionally, subscribers' private keys must be generated and protected on external devices.

Certum operates a procedure for verifying the identity of the subscriber that meets the *Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly Trusted Code Signing Certificates*, (<https://www.cabforum.org/>).

Certum verifies all data provided by the requesters during the certification process. Detailed information on identity verification requirements are described in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

It is possible to unambiguously verify the identity of subject, the authenticity of organization or the credibility of external certification authority on the basis of **OV** certificates:

End-users **Code Signing** certificates contain the following policy identifiers:

<b>Certificate Name</b>	<b>Policy Identifier</b>
Open Source Code Signing	1.2.616.1.113527.2.102.1.1
Standard Code Signing	1.2.616.1.113527.2.102.2.1
EV Code Signing	1.2.616.1.113527.2.102.3.1

Financial responsibility of Certum for the data in the certificates issued within above policy is presented in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>. Certificates issued within this policy have full guarantees and liabilities.



## 2.5. S/MIME Certificates

S/MIME certificates of the first group are issued by intermediate authorities **CERTUM SMIME RSA CA**, and **CERTUM SMIME ECC CA**.

**S/MIME** certificates are issued to securing electronic correspondence.

Certum verifies all data provided by the requesters during the certification process. Detailed information on identity verification requirements is described in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

End-users S/MIME certificates contain the following policy identifiers:

<b>Certificate Name</b>	<b>Policy Identifier</b>
<b>S/MIME Individual</b>	1.2.616.1.113527.2.100.1.1
<b>S/MIME Mailbox/Test</b>	1.2.616.1.113527.2.100.2.1
<b>S/MIME Organization</b>	1.2.616.1.113527.2.100.3.1
<b>S/MIME Sponsor</b>	1.2.616.1.113527.2.100.4.1

Certum does not bear any financial liability, and no warranties apply to the test certificates (and their content) issued within the above policies. However, standard certificates issued within **Certum Level II CA** and **Certum Domain Validation CA SHA2** authorities have limited guarantees and liabilities.

## 2.6. External authority's certificates

Certificates for external CAs are issued by intermediate certification authorities **Certum GlobalServices CA** and **Certum Global Services CA SHA2**. Entities, whom such certificates are issued to, are subjected to thorough verification, carried out by Asseco Data Systems S.A. operators. Certificates issued by **Certum Global Services CA** and **Certum Global Services CA SHA2** authorities are valid for 10 years and require hardware protection of private keys. Financial responsibility of Certum for the data in the certificates issued within above policy is specified in dedicated **agreements**.

## 3. Non-repudiation services

Non-repudiation token is a string of data (message) provided by the client to one of the non-repudiation authority, containing at least the following information: cryptographic hash, serial number of certificate, number of request, etc. and is signed electronically by that authority. Non-repudiation authorities, providing services for their clients are affiliated by the **Certum CA** and **Certum Trusted Network CA**.

Non-repudiation authority, upon token issuance, confirms the occurrence of an event in the past or in that very moment. It might be submission of the electronic document, participation in data exchange, date of signature creation, etc. Based on received data relying party accepts the certificate and verifies the correctness of the signature relying on the credibility of **Certum CA**, **Certum Trusted Network CA** and **Certum Trusted Network CA 2**

### 3.1. Time-Stamps

Time-stamps are issued by the intermediate authority **Certum EV TSA SHA2**. Time-stamps, as the confirmation of non-repudiation, are issued to private and commercial customers. Time stamps may be incorporated in the process of electronic signature creation, acceptance of electronic transactions, archive of the data, notary of electronic documents, etc. The regulations concerning the operation of Time-Stamping Authority and additional information associated with the system are described in separate document (see **Certum Time-Stamping Authority Policy**).

Time stamp token contain identifier of the policy governing the issuance of the token. Financial responsibility of Certum for the date, time and additional information included in the timestamps issued within above policy is presented in **Time-Stamping Authority Policy**, **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>. **Certum EV TSA SHA2** gives full guarantees for issued timestamps. Information concerning fees for timestamps is presented on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

## 3.2. OCSP confirmation response

OCSP (*Online Certificate Status Protocol*) tokens are issued by the intermediate authority **Certum Validation Service**. Each Certum certification authority has its own dedicated certificate status validation authority. Tokens, as confirmations of certificate status, are issued to private and commercial customers. OCSP may be incorporated mainly in the process of verification of certificate status. These services are available to the public and are the alternative for the Certificate Revocation List (CRL). Information on OCSP authority operation and additional information concerning provided services are presented in **Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services** and on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

## 4. Certum guarantees

Depending on type of issued certificate, Certum guarantees, that it uses reasonable efforts to verify information included in the certificates (see Certification Practice Statement – Chapter 9.6.1). This verification is particularly important from the point of view of the relying party, who is the addressee of subscriber's messages, confirmed with the certificates issued by Certum. Due to above, Certum is financially responsible for every damages resulting from Certum fault or negligence. Range of the liability and liability cap depends on the level of subscriber's certificate and might include not only the subscriber but the relying party as well.

Certum guarantees might be limited with many restrictions. Knowledge of these limitations is confirmed by the subscriber in an appropriate statement (see Certificate Acceptance). Certum guarantees uniqueness of electronic signatures of its subscriber's.

## 5. Certificate Acceptance

Certum liabilities and guarantees are applicable from the moment of acceptance of the issued certificate by the subscriber. General provision and method of certificate acceptance are described in Certification Practice Statement of Certum's Certification Services, whereas detailed – in the subscriber's statement.

## 6. Certification Services

Certum, within its infrastructure, provides four basic certification services:

- registration and issuance of a certificate,
- renewal of the certificate,
- revocation of the certificate and,
- verification of certificate status.

Remaining non-repudiation services may be provided irrespectively of Certum services:

- Time-Stamping Authority (TSA),
- Notary Authority (DVCS),
- Electronic Vault,
- Delivery Authority,
- Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP).

Registration is intended for confirming identity of a subscriber and precedes issuance of a certificate (see Certification Practice Statement, Chapter 4.1 and Chapter 4.3).

Renewal of a certificate is used when registered subscriber wishes to obtain certificate of a new public key or modify any of the data contained within the certificate, e.g. email box address (see Certification Practice Statement, Chapter 4.7 and Chapter 4.8).

Revocation of certificates is used when a private key associated with a public key contained within the certificate or a media used for the private key storage is or is suspected to be revealed (see Certification Practice Statement, Chapter 4.9).

Verification of certificate status applies Certum confirmation of validity of certificate issued by Certum and check against placement on CRL and certificate's validity period. Verification of certificate status may be also carried out by OCSP (see Certification Practice Statement, Chapter 4.9.9)

Certum requires every pair of keys (private and public) to be generated by the subscriber. Certum may recommend devices which allow key pair generation.

## 7. Relying Party

The relying party is obligated to appropriately verify every electronic signature created on the document (including the certificate), he/she/it receives. During verification process, the relying party should incorporate procedures and resources available to the public in Certum. It

applies, among others, to the requirement of verification of CRL published by Certum and verification of certification paths (see Certification Practice Statement, Chapter 9.6.4).

Every document containing deficiency in an electronic signature or resulting from this deficiency doubt should be rejected or, optionally, subjected to other means or procedures of validity verification, e.g. notary verification.

## 8. Subscriber

The subscriber is obligated to securely store their private key, preventing it from being revealed to any third party. In case of the private key revelation or suspicion of such revelation, the subscriber must immediately notify the authority which issued their certificate. Information about the revelation must be delivered in a manner that does not arise doubts about the identity of the subscriber.

## 9. Certification Policy Update

Certum Certification Policy may be subjected to periodical modifications. These modifications will be available to all the subscribers and their final content will be accepted by the Director of Trust Services Division. Subscribers who don't accept implemented modifications must submit an appropriate statement to Certum and resign from services provided by Certum.

## 10. Fees

Certification services provided by Certum are commercial. The amount of fees depends on the level of the certificate and the type of certification service requested, and is available in the price list on the website <https://www.certum.eu>.

## Document's history

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V 2.1	1 <sup>st</sup> of February, 2005	Extending the policy with services provided by intermediate authority of Certum Partners.
V 2.2	9 <sup>th</sup> of May, 2005	Editorial changes. Change to the company legal form and name (Unizeto Sp. z o.o. changed to Unizeto Technologies S.A.)
V 2.3	26 <sup>th</sup> of October, 2005	Change of service name and logo from Unizeto CERTUM – Centrum Certyfikacji to CERTUM – Powszechne Centrum Certyfikacji.
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V 3.4	01 June 2015	Added the new intermediate CAs.
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V 3.6	01 April, 2016	Transfer of ownership of Unizeto Technologies S.A. Asseco Data System S.A. Adding the information on obligation to maintain certification certificate issued by Unizeto Technologies S.A. Asseco Data System S.A.
V 3.7	22 August 2016	Added information about new time-stamping authority Certum EV TSA SHA2
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V 4.1	23 March 2018	Changed root name from Certum Trusted Network CA EC to Certum Elliptic Curve CA and added new root: Certum Trusted Root CA
V 4.2	26 March 2018	Added new root: Certum EC-384 CA
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V 4.9	09 February 2023	Added new rootCA: Certum CA, Certum Trusted Network CA, Certum Trusted Network CA 2, Certum Elliptic Curve CA, Certum Trusted Root CA oraz Certum EC-384 CA, Certum TLS RSA Root CA 2022, Certum S/MIME RSA Root CA 2022, Certum Code Signing RSA Root CA 2022, Certum Document Signing RSA Root CA 2022, Certum TLS ECC Root CA 2022, Certum S/MIME ECC Root CA 2022, Certum Code Signing ECC Root CA 2022, Certum Document Signing ECC Root CA 2022, update point 9 Certification Policy Update
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