



Regulation

ON OBLIGATION OF IDENTIFICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CERTIFICATION AUTHORITIES PROVIDING QUALIFIED CERTIFICATES TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOTIFICATIONS TO FICORA

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The Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority (FICORA) has, under sections 10(4), 32(1) and 42(2) of the Act on strong electronic identification and electronic signatures of 7 August 2009 (617/2009), prescribed as follows:

Section 1

Scope of application

This regulation applies to identification service providers and certification authorities providing qualified certificates related to electronic signatures to the public.

Section 2

Identification service provider's declaration of starting a business

Prior to starting operations, an identification service provider must submit a notification to FICORA.

This notification must contain the name and contact information of the identification service provider and other relevant information to identify the service provider.

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The identification service provider must provide FICORA with the information on the basis of which FICORA can assess the reliability of the identification service provider. This information includes principles of identification, information on personnel and on persons used in providing the identification service, information security principles, description of the procedures concerning the storage of information related to the identification event and authentication device, and other information relevant to the reliability of a service provider's operations.

The identification service provider must submit necessary information to assess the information security of the identification method. This information must comprise issues affecting the information security of systems needed to implement the authentication device and identification event. If an identification method is based on a certificate, the identification service provider must also provide FICORA with information on the structure of the certificate's data content.

Section 3

Declaration of starting a business by a certification authority providing qualified certificates

A certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must, before starting operations, submit a notification to FICORA.

This notification must contain the name and contact information of the certification authority and other relevant information to identify the certification authority.

The certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must provide FICORA with information on the provided services that are related to qualified certificates and information that can be used to assess the reliability of the certification authority's operations. This information comprises information on the personnel and the persons utilised in the provision of qualified certificates, information security principles, description of the procedures concerning the storage of information related to the certificate register, and other relevant information.

The certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must submit information that is necessary for assessing the information security of the certification service. The certification authority must also provide FICORA with information on the structure of the data content of the qualified certificates.

Section 4

Declaration of operational changes

An identification service provider and a certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must report any substantial changes in the information provided under sections 2 or 3, to FICORA. Changes to the information in the public register maintained by FICORA must be reported a month before they enter into effect.

Section 5

Annual report

An identification service provider and a certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must provide FICORA with an annual report detailing the extent of the provider's previous year's operations. The annual report must be delivered within two months of the end of the calendar year.

Section 6

Declaration of termination/transfer of operations

An identification service provider and a certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must inform FICORA, without delay, of the termination of identification operations or the transfer of these operations to another service provider.

Section 7

Other notifications

An identification service provider or a certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must inform FICORA, without unwarranted delay, of any significant threats or disruptions concerning the information security of the service as well as of the measures performed in order to rectify these.

The certification authority providing qualified certificates to the public must notify FICORA if they confirm that the certificates of a certification authority not based in the EEA in accordance with section 31(1)(3) of the Act are qualified certificates.

Section 8

Transitional provisions and entry into force

This regulation enters into force on 1 September 2009 and will remain in force until further notice. The regulation repeals FICORA's regulation 7 A/2008 M of 28 January 2008 on certification authorities' obligation to notify FICORA.

Section 9

Information and publication

This Regulation is included in the Series of Regulations issued by the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority and it can be obtained from the FICORA Customer Service Office:

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