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Introduction

The present document is aiming to meet the general requirements of the international community to provide trust and confidence in electronic transactions including, amongst others, applicable requirements from Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.3].

Time-stamping is critical for digital signatures in order to know whether the digital signature was affixed during the validity period of the certificate. One method of assuring the signing time is to affix a time-stamp bound to the signature as defined in IETF RFC 3161 [1].

IETF RFC 3161 [1] defines a time-stamp protocol and a time-stamp token format. The present document limits the number of options by placing some additional constraints.