

Statement

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The platform 'Signhost.com' can be used to electronically sign documents. This process takes place with an advanced electronic signature, guaranteeing the authenticity of the document. There are various means of verifying identity to achieve authentication. The level of identification differs per user group and varies from personal identification to online verification tools.

Since an electronic signature has the same legal effect as a handwritten signature, an electronically signed document is legally equivalent to a document signed by hand. The probative value of a signed document depends on the chosen authentication means or combination of multiple layered authentication means.

According to Section 3:15a of the Dutch Civil Code and the eIDAS Regulation, an electronic signature has the same legal effect as a handwritten signature. Consequently, an electronically signed document is legally equivalent to a document signed by hand. In addition, it complies with the statutory requirements imposed on electronic private instruments (see Section 156a of the Dutch Code of Civil Procedure (*Wetboek van Burgerlijke Rechtsvordering*)), which means that an electronically signed document has the same probative value as a private instrument in paper form.

Sincerely,

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