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Information Technology Act, 2000

Section 15 - Secure Electronic Signature

1**['15. Secure electronic signature.--**

An electronic signature shall be deemed to be a secure electronic signature if--

(i) the signature creation data, at the time of affixing signature, was under the exclusive control of signatory and no other person; and

(ii) the signature creation data was stored and affixed in such exclusive manner as may be prescribed.

Explanation.-- In case of digital signature, the "signature creation data" means the private key of the subscriber.]

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1. Substituted vide Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008 Prior to substitution text read as under :-

If, by application of a security procedure agreed to by the parties concerned, it can be verified that a digital signature, at the time it was affixed, was--

(a) unique to the subscriber affixing it;

(b) capable of identifying such subscriber;

(c) created in a manner or using a means under the exclusive control of the subscriber and is linked to the electronic record to which it relates in such a manner that if the electronic record was altered the digital signature would be invalidated.

then such digital signature shall he deemed to be a secure digital signature.

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