





# General Introduction to the e-APP and Update on the e-APP for Europe Project

Second Regional Meeting of the e-APP for Europe project

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# Producing public documents abroad

# Without the Apostille Convention



### Public Document

(signatory unknown in State of production – need to *authenticate* origin of the document)



authority/officer/agency (e.g. state bureau of vital records)



2nd authentication
authority/officer/agency
(e.g. Ministry of Interior,
Education or Justice)





Embassy / Consulate of State of production based in State of execution

# THE LEGALISATION CHAIN

Long, cumbersome and costly



Document ready to be produced and used

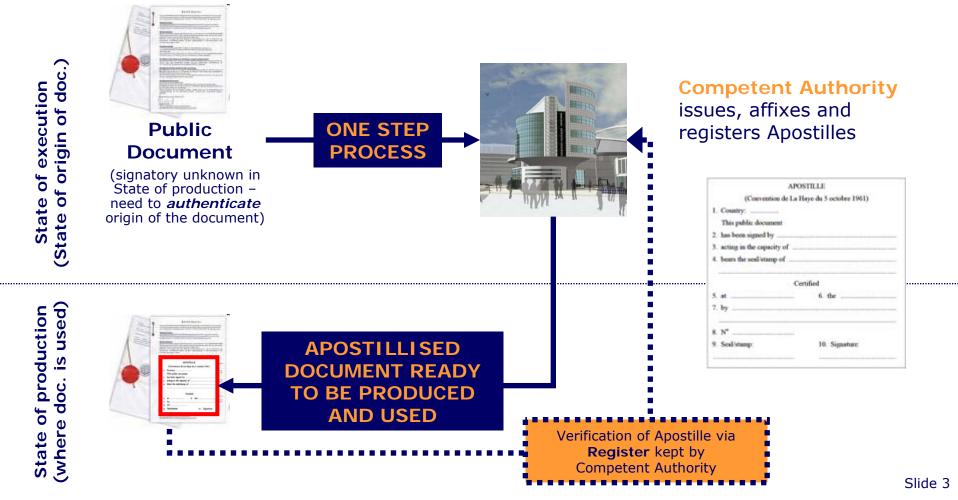


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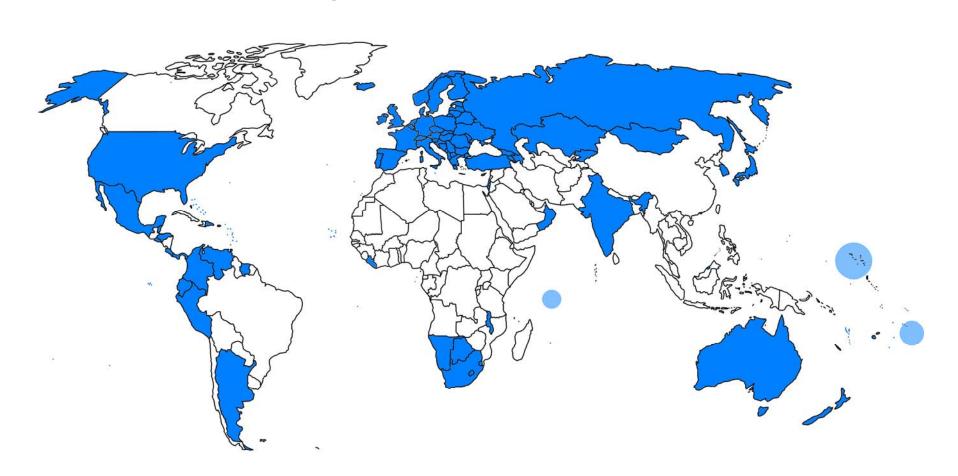
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# **101 Contracting States**





## Recent developments

Continues to be the most widely ratified and applied

Hague Convention

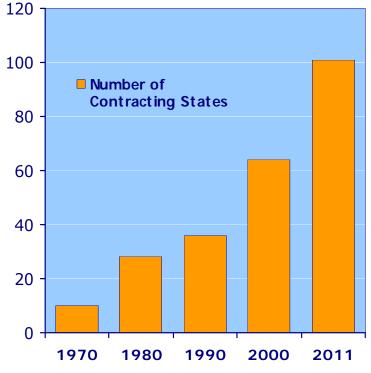
Over 30% of all Contracting
 States have joined the
 Convention in the last 10 years

 Since the 1st regional e-APP meeting in Helsinki:

Costa Rica has acceded EIF 14 December 2011

Oman has acceded (first State in the Persian Gulf to do so)

EIF 30 January 2012





## **Recent developments**

- The World Bank agrees that Apostille Convention establishes conditions that are more amenable to foreign investment:
  - In 2010, the World Bank released the first Investing
     Across Borders (IAB) report, which measures foreign
     direct investment based on a State's legal and regulatory
     framework
  - The Report finds that the Apostille Convention makes it easier for foreign companies to start up business in the host State by simplifying the process of authenticating foreign public documents
  - The World Bank has subsequently recommended to States to consider joining the Apostille Convention as part of reforms to improve performance in foreign investment



How the question is scored

Is your country a party to the Hague Apostille Convention?

"Yes" = 1 "No" = 0

## Investing Across Borders 2010

Indicators of foreign direct investment regulation in 87 economies





## States assessed in 2010 IAB report

= not yet party to the Apostille Convention

Afghanistan	Croatia
Albania	Czech Republic
Angola	Ecuador
Argentina	Egypt, Arab Rep.
Armenia	Ethiopia
Austria	France
Azerbaijan	Georgia
Bangladesh	Ghana
Belarus	Greece
Bolivia	Guatemala
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Haiti
Brazil	Honduras
Bulgaria	India
Burkina Faso	Indonesia
Cambodia	Ireland
Cameroon	Japan
Canada	Kazakhstan
Chile	Kenya
China	Korea, Rep.
Colombia	Kosovo
Costa Rica	Kyrgyz Republic
Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia

Macedonia, FYR
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mali
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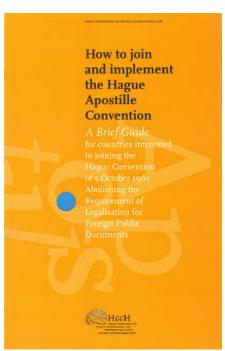
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## Recent developments

- In April 2011, the Permanent Bureau released a **Brief Guide** to assist authorities in new and potential Contracting States with implementing the Convention
- Complements the existing
   *ABCs of Apostilles* brochure,
   which is addressed to
   individuals and companies
   that use Apostilles in
   everyday life
- Work on a *Practical Handbook* (for Competent Authorities) continues







# Introducing the e-APP

## Why is there an e-APP?

- In numerous States, most of Apostille-related work is still done manually
- Origin of public document is not always verified adequately before Apostille is issued
- In some States:
  - Apostilles are stapled to the underlying document
  - Signatures are stamped on to Apostilles
- "Register? What Register?!" few requests for verifications...



# Introducing the e-APP

## **Background and purpose**

- In 2006, HCCH launched the electronic Apostille Pilot Program ("e-APP"), in cooperation with the National Notary Association of the USA
- Promote use of modern technology to
  - further improve effective operation of Apostille Convention
  - further increase secure operation of Apostille Convention
- Apostille Convention drafted in a functionally neutral way (so no need for amendments to the Convention or additional Protocol)



# Introducing the e-APP

### The e-APP in a nutshell

- Two components
  - Issuance and use of electronic Apostilles (e-Apostilles)
  - Creation and Operation of electronic Registers of Apostilles (e-Registers)
- The ultimate goal is for one day, most (all?) Apostilles to be issued electronically and all Competent Authorities to operate an electronic Register

### MORE INFORMATION ON THE "APOSTILLE SECTION" OF THE HAGUE **CONFERENCE WEBSITE**

www.hcch.net

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#### Welcome to the Apostille Section

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#### The ABCs of Apostilles

Brochure for users of the Apostille system with short answers to frequently asked questions, including when, where and how the Convention applies, who issues Apostilles and what the effects of an Apostille are. To order hard copies of the brochure, please use the order form (DOC or PDF).

#### **NEW** Brief Implementation Guide

Guide to assist authorities in new and potential Contracting States to implement the Convention and to put in place measures to ensure its effective operation. Includes practical tips on how to issue and register Apostilles.

Download here (the Guide is currently available in electronic form only).



- Text of the Convention Translations
- How to get an Apostille

- Updated list of Contracting States (status table)
  - How to read the status table
- Competent Authorities (contact details, practical information)

**Model Apostille Certificate** 

- Model Apostille Certificate
- Bilingual versions

#### Model Apostille Certificate

# MORE INFORMATION ON THE "APOSTILLE SECTION" OF THE HAGUE CONFERENCE WEBSITE

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- e-APP (electronic Apostille Pilot Program)



- Model Apostille Certificate
- o Bilingual versions
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- o Outline of the Convention
- o The ABCs of Apostilles (FAQs)
- o Brief Implementation Guide №₩
- o Explanatory Report 1960
- La légalisation des actes officiels étrangers by Georges A.L. Droz (Prel. Doc. No 1 of March 1959)
- o 2009 Special Commission
  - Conclusions & Recommendations
  - Apostilles & Diplomas
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#### OR ON THE SPECIFICALLY-**DESIGNED e-APP WEBSITE AT** www.e-APP.info



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#### welcome to the e-APP Web Site

Under the electronic Apostille Pilot Program (e-APP), the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the National Notary Association of the United States (NNA) are, together with any interested State (or any of its internal jurisdictions), developing, promoting and assisting in the implementation of low-cost, operational and secure software technology for

- the issuance of and use of electronic Apostilles (e-Apostilles), and
- the creation and operation of electronic Registers of Apostilles (e-Registers).

#### **Educational Material**

Click the hyperlinks below to view the relevant educational material

#### The e-APP in General

- View the brief e-APP informational brochure (March 2006)
- . Closer and Closer to Reality: the e-Apostille Pilot Program of the HCCH and the NNA (Prel. Doc. No 10 of March 2006 for the attention of the Special Commission of April 2006 on general affairs and policy of the Conference)
- A comprehensive and updated <u>online description</u> of the e-APP (May 2007)

#### e-Apostilles

- Memorandum on some of the technical aspects underlying the suggested model for the issuance of e-Apostilles (Prel. Doc. No 18 of March 2007 for the attention of the Council of April 2007 on General Affairs and Policy)
- · View the PDF template of an e-Apostille as suggested under the e-APP
- · Read the step-by-step instructions for issuing an e-Apostille using the suggested PDF template
- View the pages of the online description relating to e-Apostilles

#### e-Registers

- Download <u>e-Register Software</u>
- Access the comprehensive e-Register Installation Guide
- Access the comprehensive e-Register User's Guide
- View the pages of the online description relating to e-Registers
- View a list of operational e-Registers

#### Latest Developments

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# The e-Register component

### **Basic features**

- Recipient is able to verify the origin of an Apostille:
  - Online URL of e-Register should be indicated on Apostille, but outside the box with 10 standard items
  - Using number and date of Apostille no "fishing expeditions" possible (avoid consequential numbering of Apostilles)
  - Obtaining an automatic response ranging from a simple "yes" or "no", to providing the user with an image of the Apostille and/or underlying document
- e-Registers work for both e-Apostilles and paper Apostilles



# The e-Register component

## Operating an e-Register

- Where there are several Competent Authorities in a Contracting State, consider having ONE central e-Register for all Competent Authorities
- Open source e-Register software available for free on e-APP website
- e-Register encourages greater use of Apostille verification procedure as a public convenience and a deterrent to forgery and fraud



# The e-Register component

## **Categories of e-Registers**

- E-Registers can be categorised by the types of information they display in their response to the user:
  - Category 1 "yes" / "no"
  - Category 2 "yes" / "no" + basic information about the underlying document
  - Category 3 "yes" / "no" + basic information about + actual image of the underlying document
  - Category 4 "yes" / "no" + image of Apostille + verification of digital signature
  - Category 5 "yes" / "no" + image of Apostille + image of underlying document
  - Category 6 "yes" / "no" + image of Apostille + image of underlying document + verification of digital signature



#### Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Institutional Relations Verification of apostilles



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#### Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Institutional Relations Results of the search



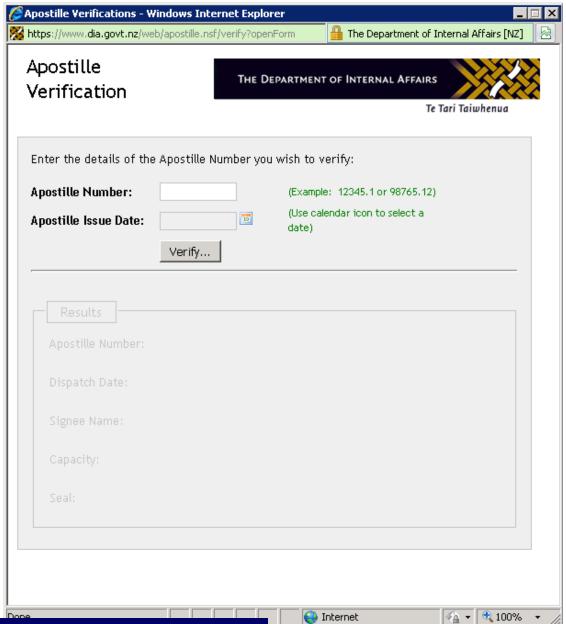


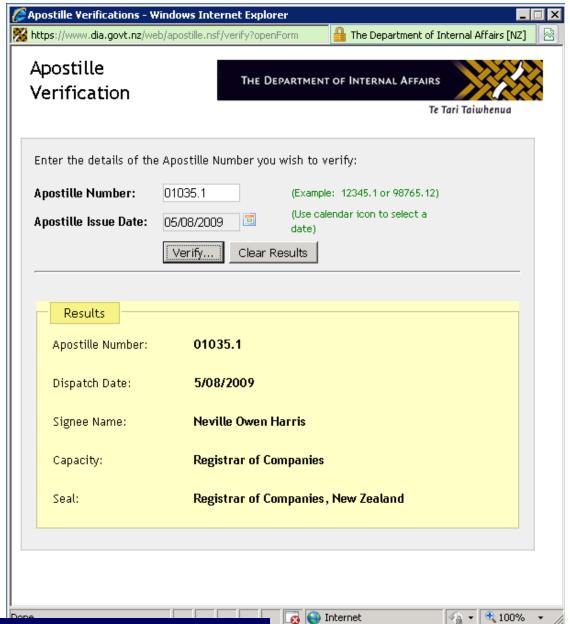
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Category 3 – Georgia

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- 4. Who is authorized to legalise/certify by Apostille a document?
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- 1. How the documents issued in Georgia should be produced in foreign countries?
- 2. Which countries accept the documents issued in Georgia without legalisation/certification by Apostille?

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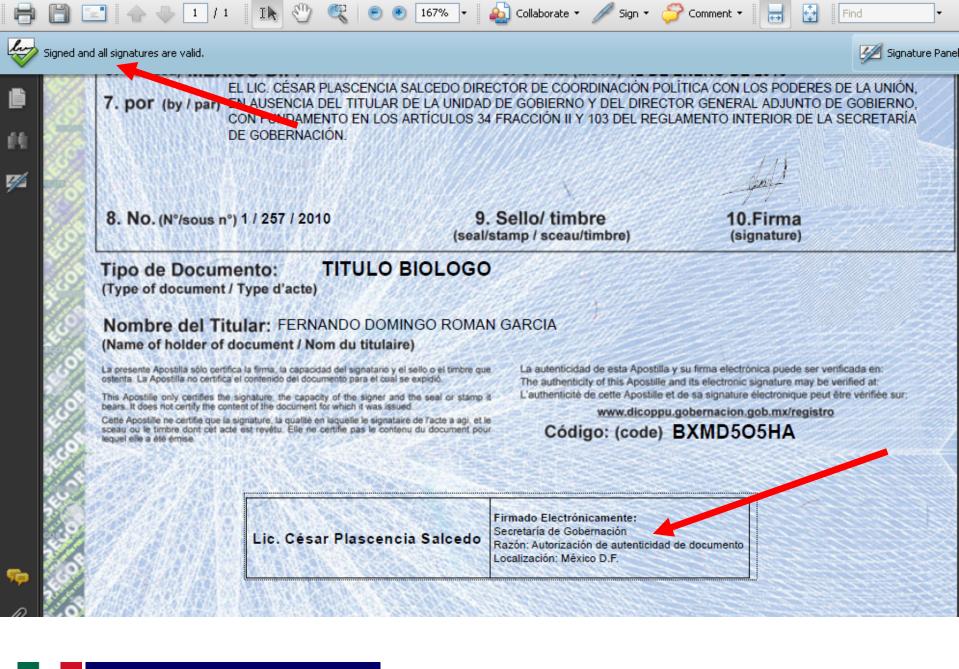


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Under Article 1, letter "a" of the Convention, acts of the court are the documents issued by an authority or an official connected with the courts or tribunals of the State. The same should be submitted in original form or as a certified transcript and should contain the following attributes: date of issuance, first name and surname, signature of a chairperson or a judge and a secretary and seal of the court which has issued it.

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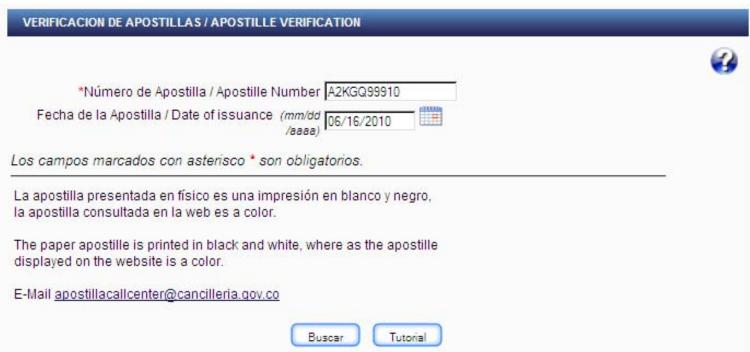
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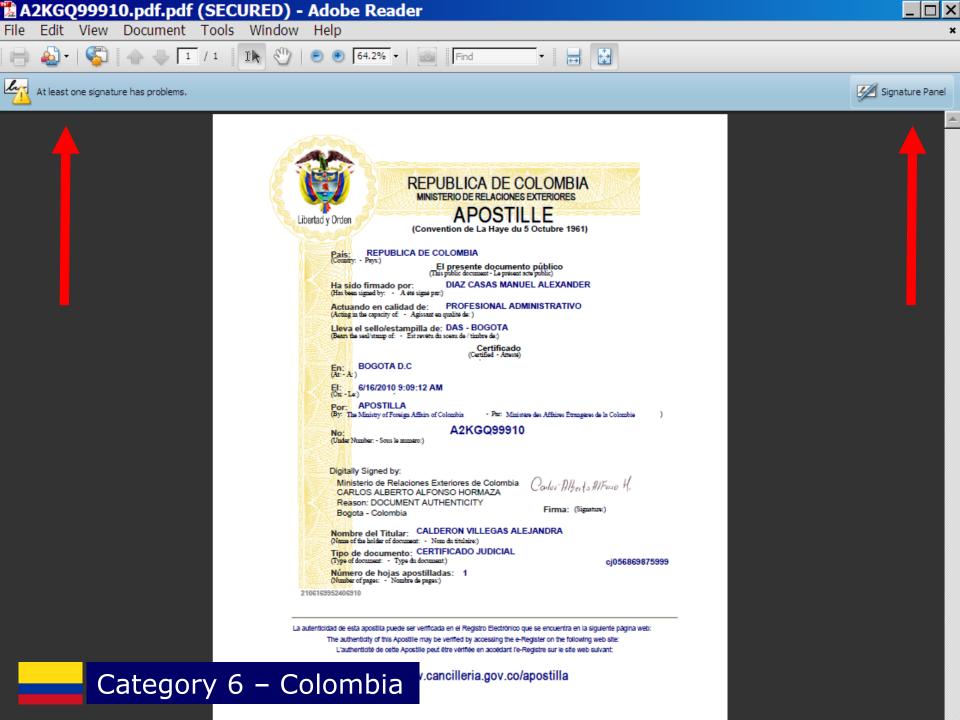


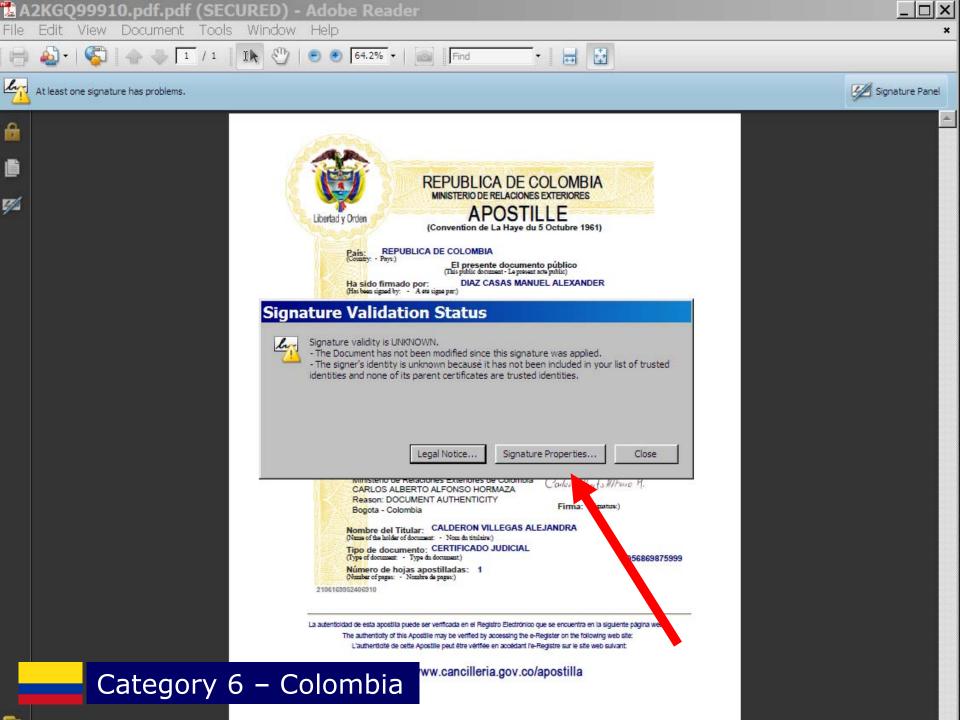


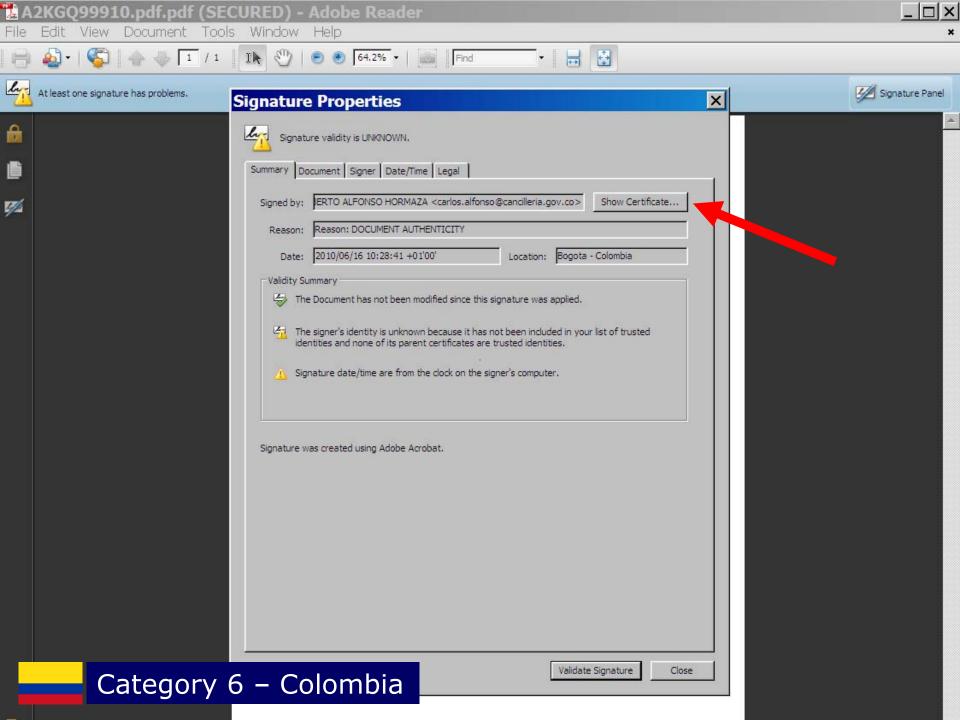
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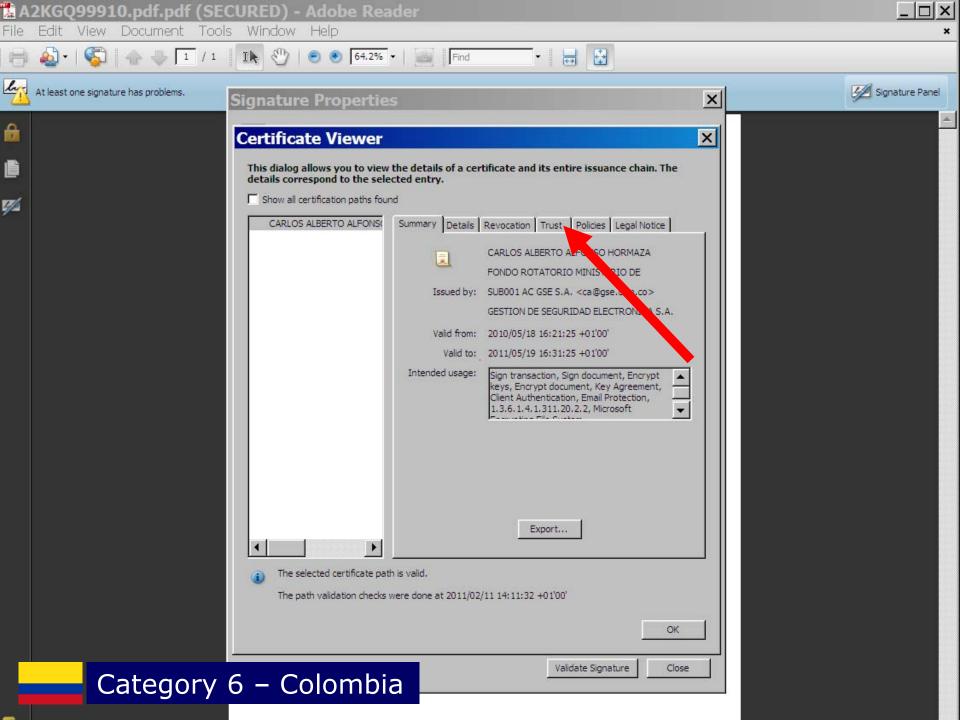


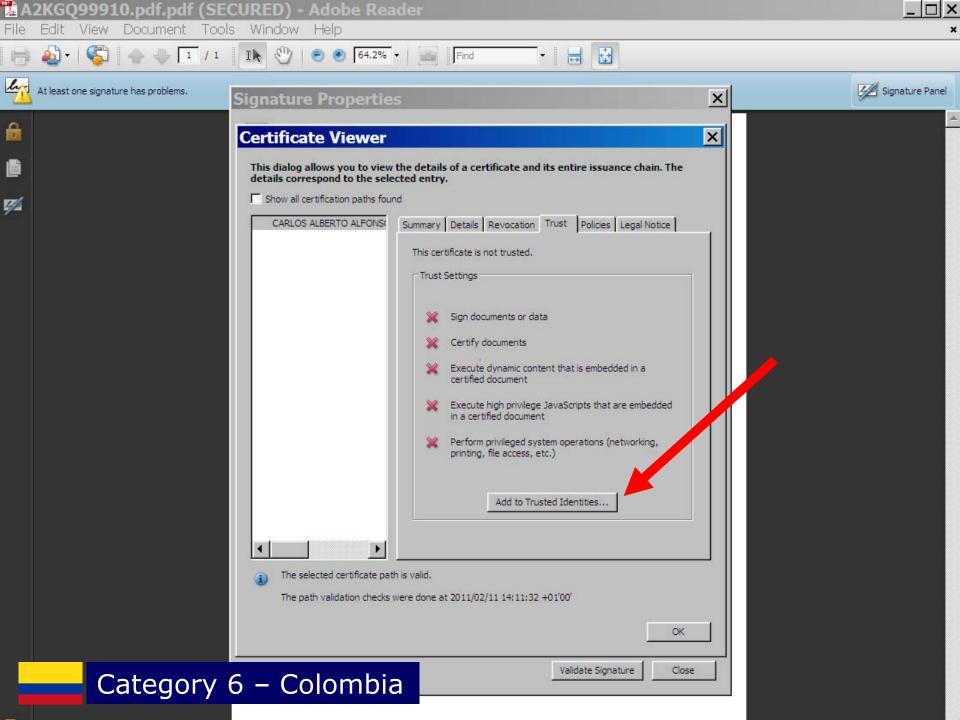


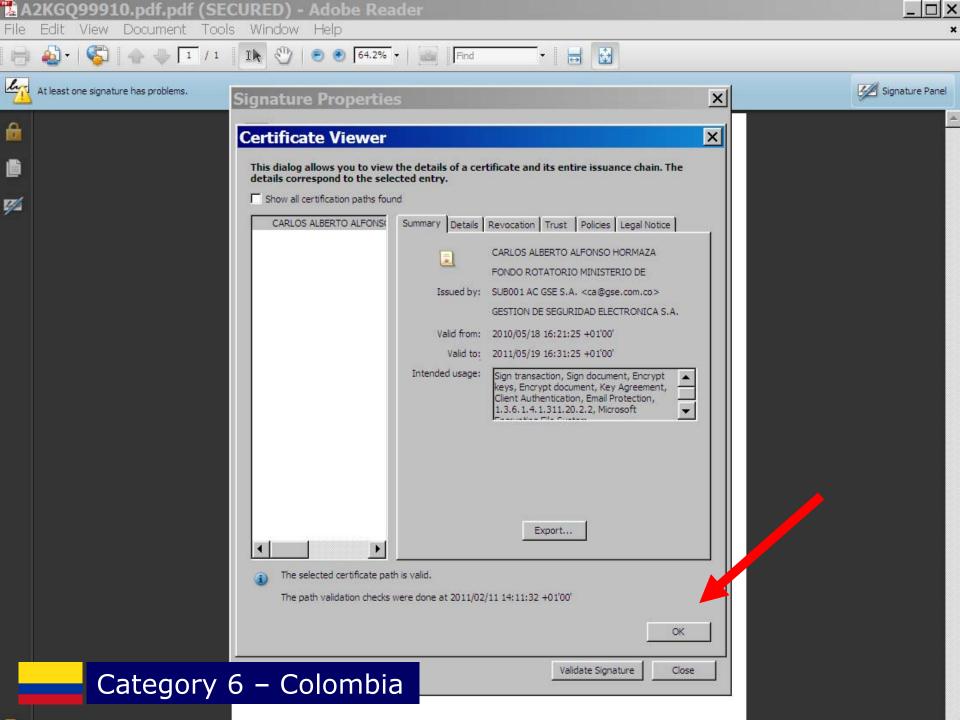


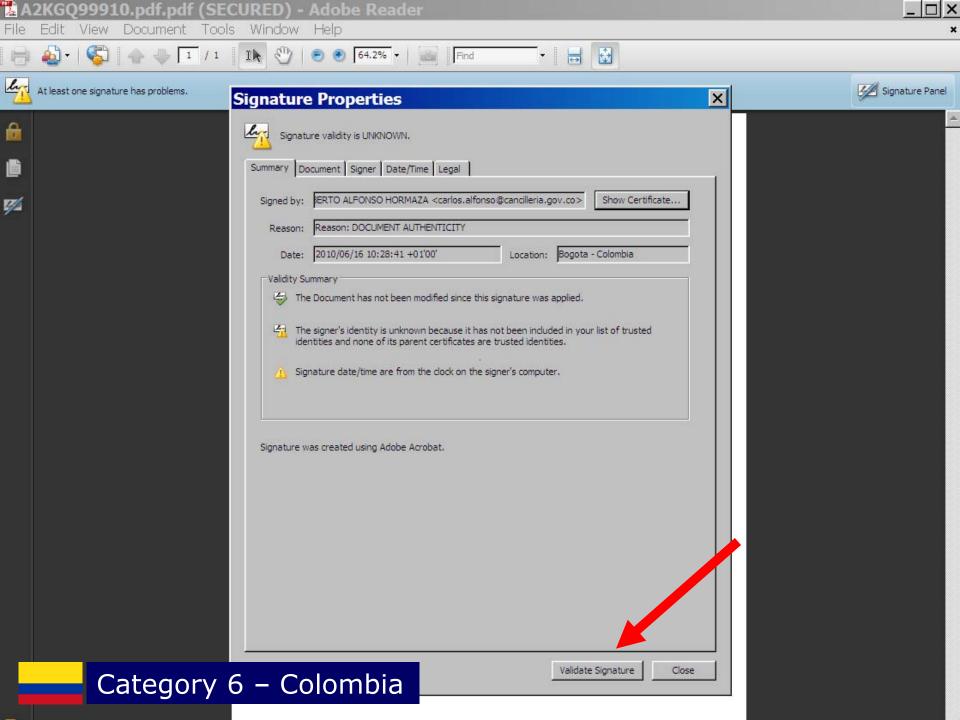


















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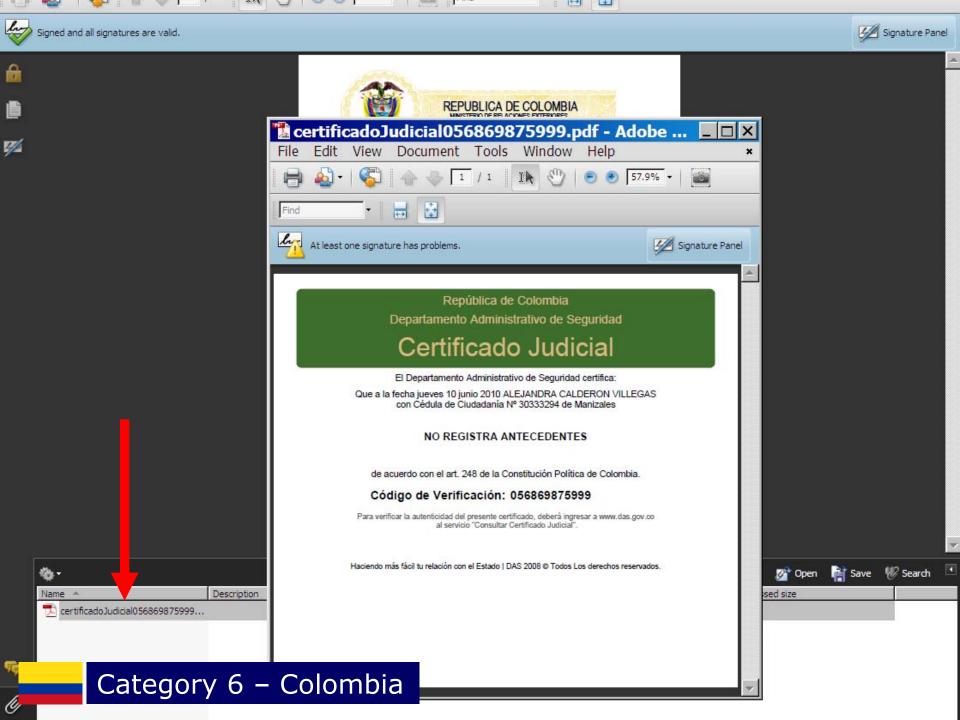
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#### **Overview**

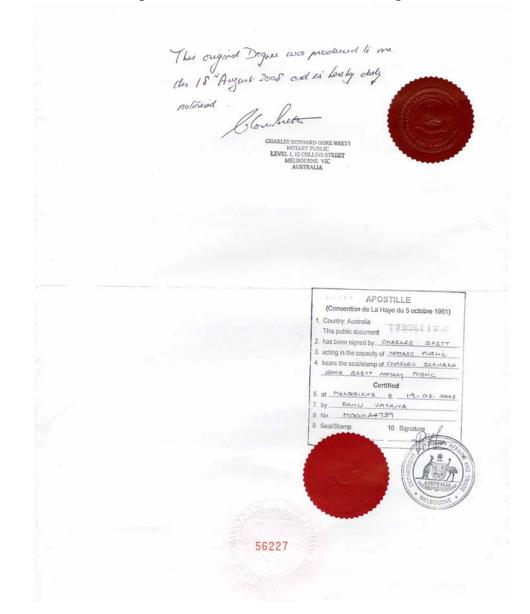
- Encourages Competent Authorities to issue secure e-Apostilles
- By using, for example, Adobe® Acrobat® out-of-thebox PDF technology (prof. ed.), enables CA to issue e-Apostilles in PDF and to sign these e-Apostilles by using a digital certificate
  - Origin of e-Apostille can easily be verified by recipient by checking origin and status of digital signature
- Implementation is ideally (but not necessarily) combined with implementation of electronic means to verify origin of underlying public document (comparing hash value)





Move from this...





... or this...



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Esta Apostilla no cartifica al contanido del documento para al cual sa expidió.

No es válido el uso de esta Apostilla en España

Esta Apostilla se puede verificar en la dirección siguiente:

Código de verificación de la Apostilla: cav\_prueba

El documento público se puede verificar en la dirección siguiente: https://sede.mjusticia.gob.

Código de verificación del documento público: JP:uA8u-7hZo-T992-G67V

This Apostille only certifies the authenticity of the signature and the capacity of the person who has signed the publi document, and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which the public document bears.

This Apostille does not certify the content of the document for which it was issued.

This Apostille is not valid for use anywhere within Spain

To verify the issuance of this Apostille, see http://www2.mjusticia.es/apostille/verificacionapostille

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L'utilisation de cette Apostille n'est pas valable en / au Espagne

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Code de vérification de l'Apoetille: cav prueba

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... and eventually...



## Recapping the e-APP

#### So to recap...

 Both e-APP components (e-Apostilles and e-Registers) are addressed to / used by:

#### Competent Authorities in State of origin

- to issue e-Apostilles
- to register paper or e-Apostilles in e-Register

#### **Recipient in State of destination**

- to verify origin of e-Apostilles via digital Certificate
- to verify origin of paper or e-Apostilles via e-Registers
- Software is a suggestion only other technologies possible



## Recapping the e-APP

#### So to recap...

- Two components are independent one can be implemented before the other (typically e-Register is implemented first)
- As no need for a new or modified Convention, all Contracting States are on board



#### Implementation chart (1/2)

States	Competent Authority(ies)	e-Apostilles	e-Register	Notes
Andorra	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		July 2009	
Belgium	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		October 2007	
Bulgaria	Ministry of Justice		November 2008	
Colombia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	October 2007	October 2007	Colombia provides print-outs of e-Apostilles.
Georgia	Ministry of Justice (including 7 Regional Offices)		July 2009	
Mexico	Ministry of Interior		February 2010	The e-Register additionally allows for the verification of the e-signature on the Apostille stored in the e-Register.
New Zealand	Department of Internal Affairs	May 2009	April 2010	
Republic of Moldova	Ministry of Justice		January 2009	



#### Implementation chart (2/2)

States	Competent Authority(ies)	e-Apostilles	e-Register	Notes
Spain	All 30 judicial and administrative  Competent Authorities under the purview of the Ministry of Justice	May 2011	May 2011	Murcia had already implemented the e-Apostille component in November 2008.  A nationwide implementation of the e-Apostille component was completed in May 2011.  Central e-Register used by all Competent Authorities under the purview of the Ministry of Justice.
	California - Secretary of State		December 2010	The implementation of the e-Register is not yet fully e-APP compatible.
	Colorado - Secretary of State		April 2011	
	Kansas - Secretary of State	February 2007		
USA	North Carolina - Secretary of State		June 2010	The implementation of the e-Register is not yet fully e-APP compatible.
	Rhode Island - Secretary of State		February 2007	
	Texas - Secretary of State		November 2008	The e-Register only records Apostilles issued by the Corporations Section of the Secretary of State.
	West Virginia - Secretary of State		February 2011	The implementation of the e-Register is not yet fully e-APP compatible.



#### **Preventing fishing expeditions**

- Some of these e-Registers are not yet fully compliant with the e-APP so far as they do not prevent fishing expeditions
- Recall "best practices" established by 6<sup>th</sup> e-APP Forum require entry of unique information associated with an Apostille received:
  - number Apostilles non-sequentially (or otherwise randomly)
  - request recipient to enter unique identifier, ideally together with date of issuance
- In some e-Registers, however, interested persons may browse and view all Apostilles issued on a certain date, or Apostilles issued for a certain customer



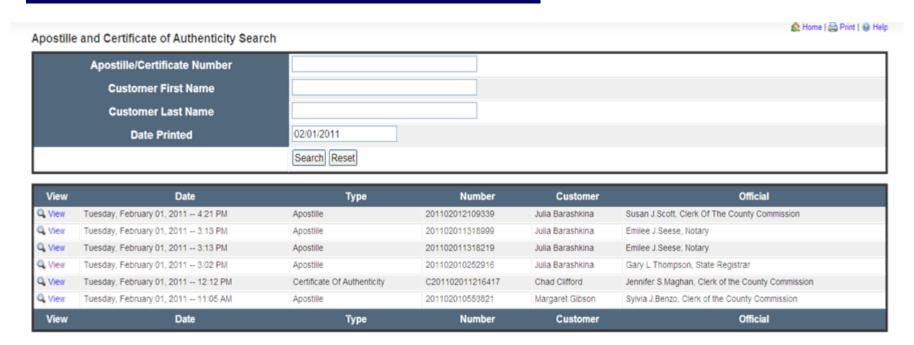
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So far so good



#### But enter in just the issue date...





#### ... or just a person's given name

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# The *e-APP for Europe* project

#### **Project description**

- Project duration: 18 months (May 2010 Nov 2011)
- Close cooperation with Spain (partner), Czech Republic,
   Finland and France (associated partners)
- 6<sup>th</sup> International Forum (Madrid, June 2010), and 3 Regional Meetings (Helsinki, 14 February 2011; Prague, 27 May 2011; France, tbc)
- Project manager engaged by the HCCH and Ministry of Justice of Spain:
  - Ms Lucía PRIETO RIOS
- Overall project coordinated within the judicial and administrative co-operation section of the HCCH



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