



Digitally Signed and Certified Priority Documents and Extracts Under the Hague System

The International Bureau of the Hague System (“IB”) provides certified priority documents and extracts only in PDF form (i.e., not on paper), digitally signed and certified, (“digitally signed and certified PDF documents”). This guide aims to help Hague System users wishing to ascertain the authenticity of digitally signed and certified PDF documents, by answering the following questions.

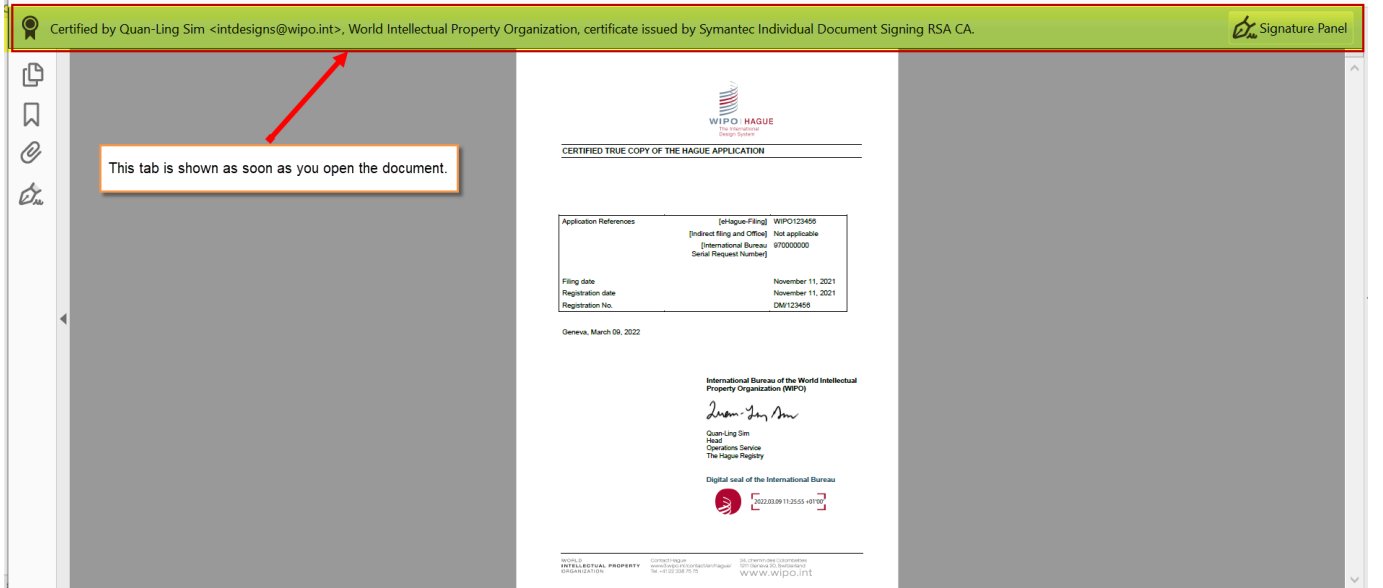
1. What do digitally signed and certified PDF documents look like?
2. Which elements may a user check in digitally signed and certified PDF documents?

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Sample priority document	Sample extract
 Certified copy _original_eSign_e_2l	 Hague_cover page Extracts_eSign_e_20l

2. Which elements may a user check in digitally signed and certified PDF documents?

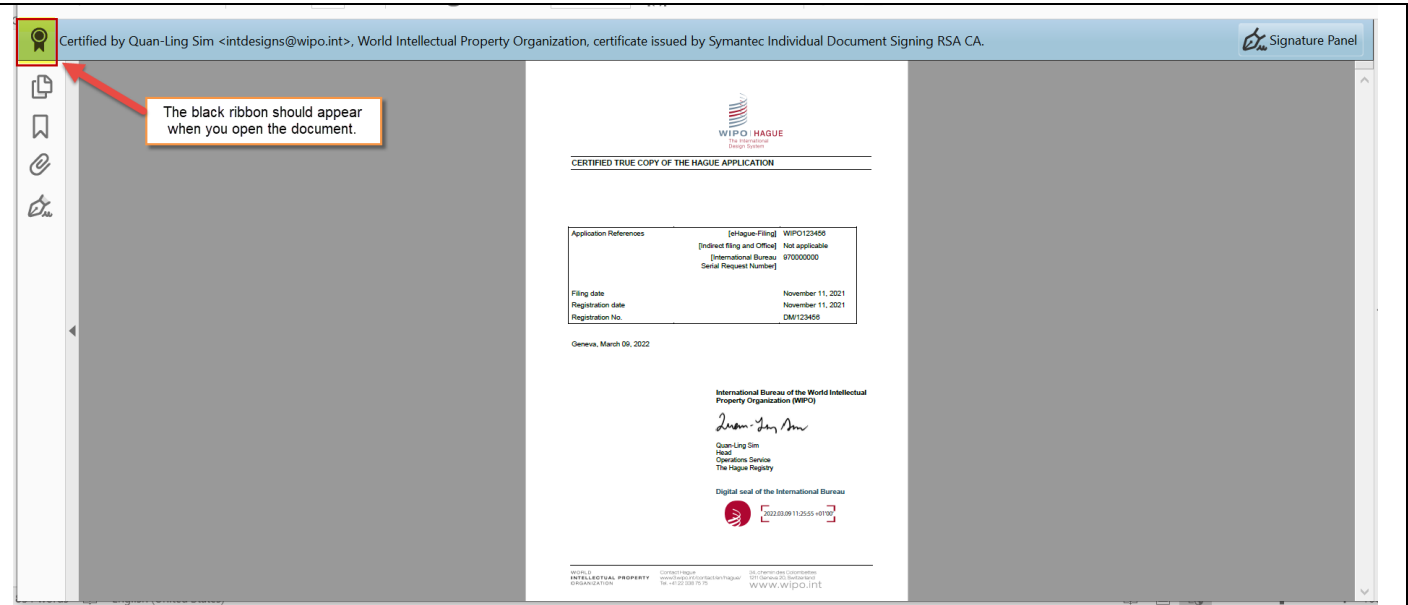
With illustrative images from the above samples, the following chart explains the elements specific to digitally signed and certified PDF documents.

#	Elements description	Illustration
1	<p>One of the first elements you will notice when you open a digitally signed and certified PDF document is the tab that appears directly above the document, as shown in yellow in the image on the right.</p>	 <p>The illustration shows a PDF viewer interface. At the top, a yellow tab reads: "Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>, World Intellectual Property Organization, certificate issued by Symantec Individual Document Signing RSA CA." To the right of the tab is a "Signature Panel" icon. Below the tab, a red arrow points to the yellow tab with a text box that says "This tab is shown as soon as you open the document." The main content of the PDF is a "CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE HAGUE APPLICATION" from the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). It includes application references, filing and registration dates (November 11, 2021), and a digital signature by Quan-Ling Sim, Head of Operations Service, The Hague Registry. A digital seal of the International Bureau is also present.</p>

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In order to ascertain the document's authenticity, please check first if there is a ribbon symbol.

If a black ribbon symbol appears in the upper left side, it means that a trusted signer has put the digital signature, that the signature is valid and that the document is certified.

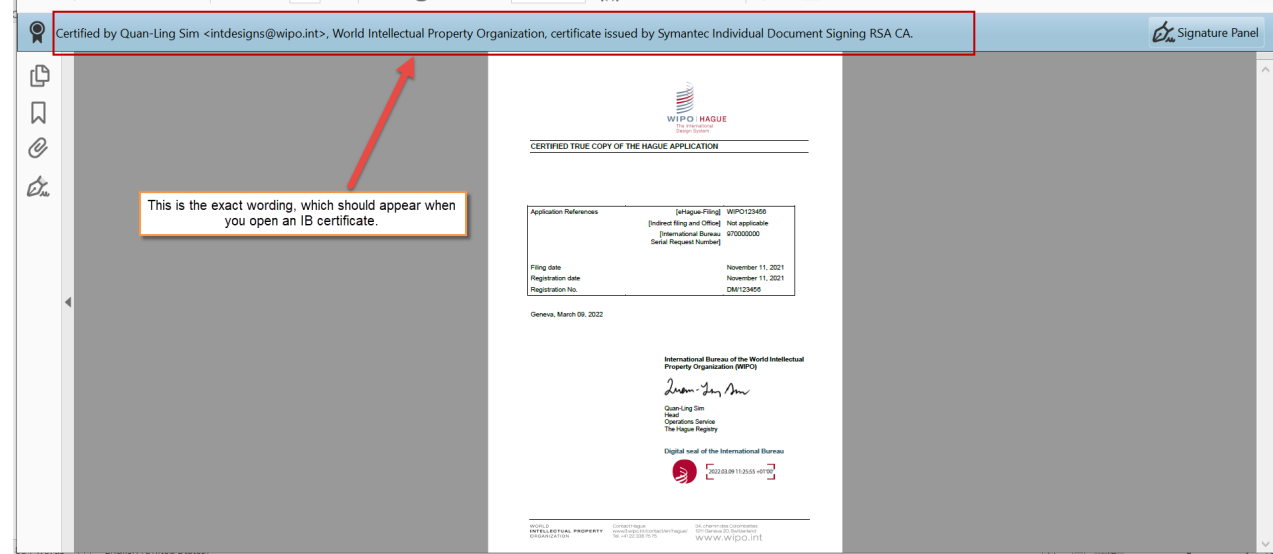


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The next element you could check is the exact wording, featured within the tab.

The wording should read as follows: *Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int> (or an individual with e-mail domain @wipo.int), World Intellectual Property Organization, certificate issued by Symantec Individual Document Signing RSA CA.*

Please note that the Hague System uses DigiCert (owned by Symantec) as a Trust Service Provider of digital signatures and certificates.



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To view more information on the signature validity and authenticity, please click on Signature Panel on the right corner of the tab as shown in the image.

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Signature Panel

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	[International Bureau]	07000000
	[Serial Request Number]	

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Registration No.: DM123456

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You can open the signature details by clicking on Signature Panel.

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Once you open the Signature Panel, you will see information about the digital signature.

In the image on the right, the digital signature (of Quan-Ling Sim) has an icon (the black ribbon) which identifies its verification status as valid.

The screenshot displays a digital signature verification interface. At the top, a blue header bar reads "Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>, World Intellectual Property Organization, certificate issued by Symantec Individual Document Signing RSA CA." and includes a "Signature Panel" icon.

On the left, a "Signatures" panel is open, showing a list of signatures. One signature, "Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>", is highlighted with a red box and features a black ribbon icon.

The main content area displays the following information:

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If you click on the expand button, you can also check the verification details, listed beneath the digital signature.

The Signature panel also provides information about the specific time the document has been signed and the signature details.

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Signature Panel

Signatures

Validate All

Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigs@wipo.int>

No changes are allowed

Valid certified document:

Source of Trust obtained from Adobe Approved Trust List (AATL).

Document has not been modified since it was certified

Signed by the current user

Signing time is from the clock on the signer's computer.

Signature is LTV enabled

> Signature Details

Last Checked: 2022.03.21 10:36:13 +01'00'

Field: Signature2 on page 1

Click on the expand button to display the signature details.

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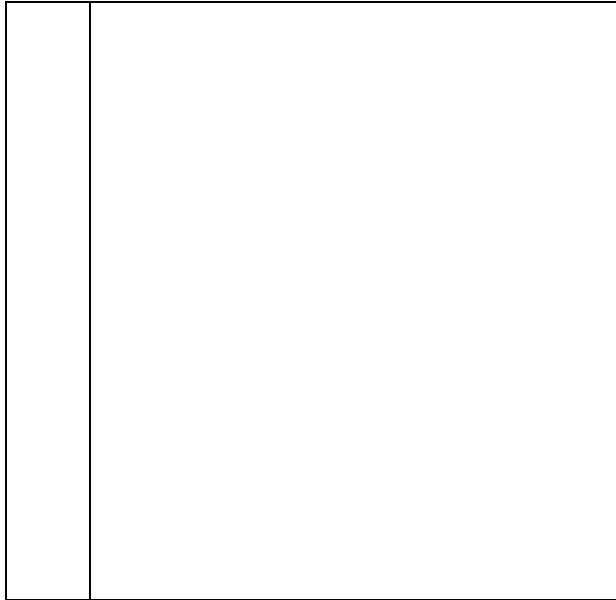
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Signatures

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- Signed by the current user
- Signing time is from the clock on the signer's computer.
- Signature is LTV enabled
- > Signature Details
- Last Checked: 2022.03.21 10:36:13 +01'00'
- Field: Signature2 on page 1

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7 If you wish to check further signature details, you can simply right click on the Signature as shown in the image on the right.

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Signatures

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- No changes are allowed
- Valid certified document:
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- Document has not been modified since it was certified
- Signed by the current user
- Signing time is from the clock on the signer's computer.
- Signature is LTV enabled
- > Signature Details
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Right click on the signature and you will see a menu with the different elements.

- Go to Signature Field
- Clear Signature
- Validate Signature
- View Signed Version
- Compare Signed Version to Current Version
- Show Signature Properties...
- Legal Notice...

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If you select “Validate Signature”, Adobe will display the Signature Validation Status in details for you. It will inform you if the certification is valid, as well as if the document has been modified since it has been certified.

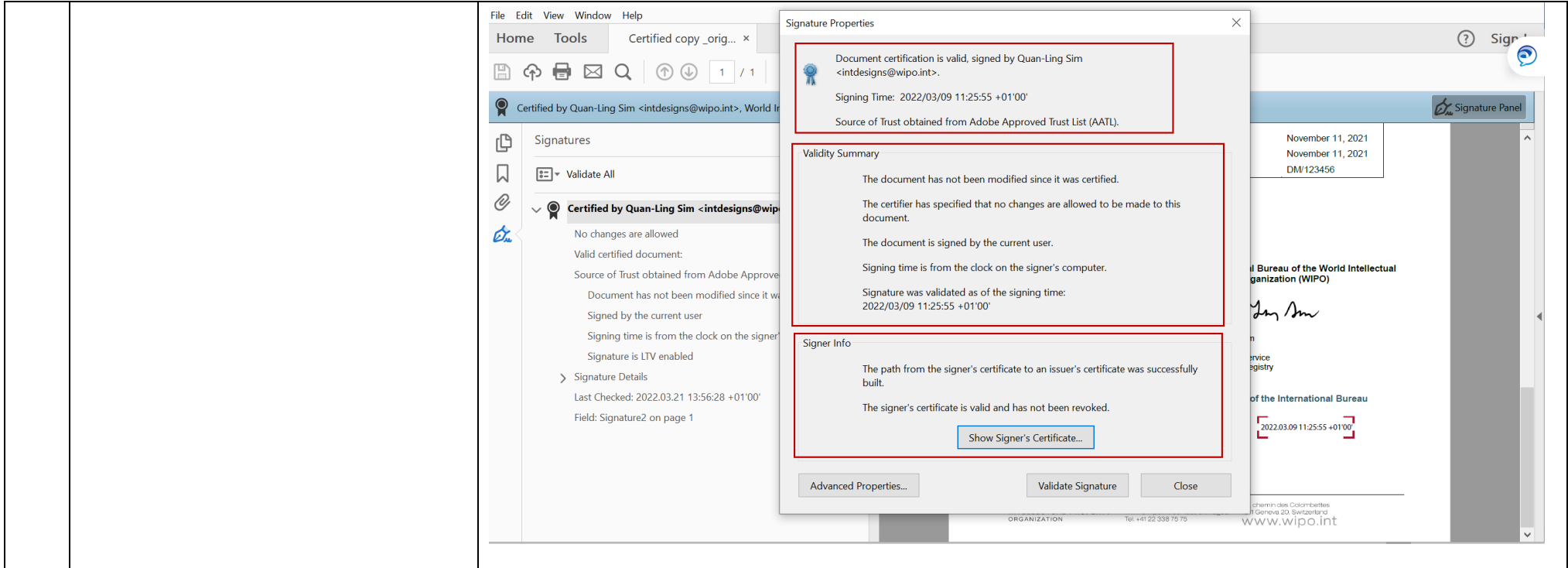
The image displays two sequential screenshots of the Adobe Acrobat Signature Panel interface. The top screenshot shows a document titled "Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>, World Intellectual Property Organization, certificate issued by Symantec Individual Document Signing RSA CA." The "Signatures" panel is open, and the "Validate All" button is selected. A context menu is displayed over the signature, with "Validate Signature" highlighted. A red box and arrow point to this option, with the text "Select Validate Signature" above it. The bottom screenshot shows the same document, but the "Signature Validation Status" dialog box is open. The dialog contains the following text: "Document certification is valid, signed by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>." followed by two bullet points: "- The Document has not been modified since it was certified." and "- The document is signed by the current user." Below the text are "Signature Properties..." and "Close" buttons. A red box highlights the text area. In the bottom right corner of the screenshot, a black box with a white progress bar and the text "Verifying all signatures" is visible.

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If you would like to display more details, you will need to go to Signature Properties. For this, please click on “Show Signature Properties”.

The Signature Properties provide details on the exact Signing time, the source of trust and the signer’s info.

The screenshot shows a PDF viewer interface with a digital signature. The signature is from Quan-Ling Sim, dated March 09, 2022, in Geneva. A context menu is open over the signature, listing options such as 'Go to Signature Field', 'Clear Signature', 'Validate Signature', 'View Signed Version', 'Compare Signed Version to Current Version', 'Show Signature Properties...', and 'Legal Notice...'. The 'Show Signature Properties...' option is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from a callout box that says 'Click on Show Signature Properties'. The background shows the signature details, including the filing and registration dates (November 11, 2021) and the registration number (DM/123456). The document is certified by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).



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You can also check Advanced Signature Properties, where you can see the Signature Algorithm, which was used.

The screenshot shows the Adobe Acrobat interface with a document titled "Certified copy_orig...". A "Signature Properties" dialog box is open, displaying the following information:

- Document certification is valid, signed by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>.
- Signing Time: 2022/03/09 11:25:55 +01'00'
- Source of Trust obtained from Adobe Approved Trust List (AATL).
- Validity Summary:
 - The document has not been modified since it was certified.
 - The certifier has specified that no changes are allowed to be made to this document.
 - The document is signed by the current user.
 - Signing time is from the clock on the signer's computer.
 - Signature was validated as of the signing time: 2022/03/09 11:25:55 +01'00'
- Signer Info:
 - The path from the signer's certificate to an issuer's certificate was successfully
 - The signer's certificate is valid and has not been revoked.

Annotations in the image include:

- An orange box around the text "Click on Advanced Properties" with a red arrow pointing to the "Advanced Properties..." button at the bottom of the dialog.
- A red box around the "Advanced Properties..." button.
- A blue box around the "Show Signer's Certificate..." button.

The background shows the "Signature Panel" with a signature and a date stamp: "November 11, 2021" and "DM/123456". The footer of the document includes "www.wipo.int" and "Tel: +41 22 338 75 75".

The image shows a screenshot of a PDF document with a signature and a 'Signature Properties' dialog box open. The document is titled 'Certified copy_orig...' and is signed by 'Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>'. The signature is dated 'November 11, 2021' with a time of '11:25:55 +01:00'. The document is certified, and the source of trust is from the Adobe Approved Trust List (AATL). The signature is LTV enabled and was created using Adobe Acrobat Pro 2017. The signature details are: Hash Algorithm: SHA256, Signature Algorithm: RSA with PKCS#1 v.1.5. The signer's certificate is valid and has not been revoked. The document is from the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Organization (WIPO).

Signature Properties

Document certification is valid, signed by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>.

Signing Time: 2022/03/09 11:25:55 +01'00'

Source of Trust obtained from Adobe Approved Trust List (AATL).

Advanced Signature Properties

Signature Details

Signature was created using Adobe Acrobat Pro 2017 2017.011.30207.

Hash Algorithm: SHA256

Signature Algorithm: RSA with PKCS#1 v.1.5

The signer's certificate is valid and has not been revoked.

Advanced Properties... Validate Signature Close

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If you click on "Show Signer's Certificate", you will be able to view until when the certificate is valid, who issued it etc.

The screenshot shows a PDF viewer interface with a signature and its properties. The 'Signature Properties' dialog is open, displaying the following information:

- Document certification is valid, signed by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>.
- Signing Time: 2022/03/09 11:25:55 +01'00'
- Source of Trust obtained from Adobe Approved Trust List (AATL).
- Validity Summary:
 - The document has not been modified since it was certified.
 - The certifier has specified that no changes are allowed to be made to this document.
 - The document is signed by the current user.
 - Signing time is from the clock on the signer's computer.
 - Signature was validated as of the signing time: 2022/03/09 11:25:55 +01'00'
- Signer Info:
 - The path from the s... was successfully built.
 - The signer's certificate is valid and has not been revoked.

A red box highlights the 'Show Signer's Certificate...' button in the 'Signer Info' section. A red arrow points to this button from a text box that says 'Click on Show Signer's Certificate'. The background shows the PDF document with a signature and a date stamp: 'November 11, 2021 DM/123456'. The footer of the document includes 'www.wipo.int'.

Home Tools Certified copy _orig...>

Signatures

Validate All

Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>

- No changes are allowed
- Valid certified document:
- Source of Trust obtained from Adobe A
- Document has not been modified si
- Signed by the current user
- Signing time is from the clock on the
- Signature is LTV enabled

> Signature Details

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Field: Signature2 on page 1

This dialog allows you to view the details of a certificate and its entire issuance chain. The details correspond to the selected entry.

Show all certification paths found

Summary Details Revocation Trust Policies Legal Notice

Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>

World Intellectual Property Organization

Issued by: Symantec Individual Document Signing RSA CA
Symantec Corporation

Valid from: 2021/04/26 01:00:00 +01'00'

Valid to: 2023/04/27 00:59:59 +01'00'

Intended usage: Digital Signature, Non-Repudiation, Acrobat Authentic Documents

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Signature Panel

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When the IB signs and certifies a document, a signed version of the PDF at that time is saved with the PDF.

This means that the original cannot be modified and that each latter version will be saved as append-only.

The screenshot displays a PDF viewer interface. At the top, a status bar indicates the document is certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>, World Intellectual Property Organization, with a certificate issued by Symantec Individual Document Signing RSA CA. Below this, a 'Signatures' panel is open, showing a list of signatures. The first signature, 'Certified by Quan-Ling Sim <intdesigns@wipo.int>', is selected. A context menu is open over this signature, with the 'View Signed Version' option highlighted in blue. A red arrow points to this option, and a callout box above the arrow contains the text 'Click on View Signed Version'. The context menu also includes options like 'Go to Signature Field', 'Clear Signature', 'Validate Signature', 'Compare Signed Version to Current Version', 'Show Signature Properties...', and 'Legal Notice...'. The background shows the PDF content, including a table with the following data:

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Below the table, the name 'Quan-Ling Sim' is written in a cursive font. To the right, the text reads: 'International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)', 'Quan-Ling Sim, Head, Operations Service, The Hague Registry'. At the bottom right, there is a digital seal of the International Bureau, consisting of a red circular logo and a timestamp: '2022.03.09 11:25:55 +01'00'.

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Now let us proceed to the body of our electronically certified priority documents and extracts.

You will notice that when you open a certified document or extract, there is a Digital seal field.

This is a new element to our templates.

The details of this field are as follows: the text title is in blue color, the new logo is in red, and accompanied by a red rectangle where the digital signature and time stamp are placed.

Organization, certificate issued by Symantec Individual Document Signing I



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This is where IB places its digital signature and time stamp

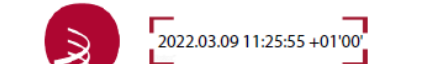
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Digital Signature and time stamp

Digital seal of the International Bureau

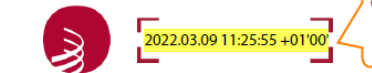


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You will find the exact time-stamp of the digital signature in the red rectangle.

The two final important elements to note are: sending date (concerns both extracts and certified priority documents) and box information, featured in certified priority documents.

1. **Sending date** corresponds to the date the document is sent to clients. You can see it in both image examples on the right.
2. **The box information (certified priority documents)** has four fields (**Application No.**, **Filing date**, **Registration date**, **Registration No.**). Each field is explained below, as well as in the image on the right under certified priority document example.
 - a. **Application References** feature any application reference(s) the IB has on file (eHague-Filing reference, National Office reference if available); **the IB Serial Request Number** is always featured as part of the Application No. as it is used for all types of applications: eHague, paper or indirect filings
 - b. **Filing date**- date on which application was filed
 - c. **Registration date** – featured, if case has been registered and available
 - d. **Registration no.** – featured, if case has been registered and available

Extract example

EXTRACT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) hereby certifies that the particulars given below correspond to the recordings made in the International Register of Industrial Designs, as of the date of the establishment of this extract, under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.

Geneva February 02, 2022

The date, featured in our extracts, corresponds to the date on which we sent the request to our users.

Certified priority document example

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Geneva, March 09, 2022

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