

For Greater Distinction: Certificate of Authenticity Exclusive to CRAC

Presently, the Corporations Directorate of Industry Canada issues certificates in black & white only.

The problem: How to tell if it is an original?

Is the concept of "original documents" on its way out? This is the premise upon which the Corporations Directorate has based, at least in part, its decision to issue "original" certificates in black and white only, comparable to photocopy quality. It is therefore practically impossible for clients (and financial institutions) to distinguish an original from a photocopy. And yet, many firms still require documents that establish authenticity of corporate documents.

Another consideration is one of perception: specifically, that the "product" does not reflect sufficient value for the price paid. This is not surprising since most business environments, and society as a whole, put great emphasis on the "look".

Point of View of the Federal Authorities

The federal authorities did not expect this reaction. Their decision not to issue certificates in colour is part of a long-term plan of developing and implementing a broad range of electronic filing services. In this context, the "original" document will become obsolete. And yet, there seems to be a need for visually distinctive certificates.



Solution: Certificate of Authenticity

To address this situation, CRAC has created a "certificate of authenticity" printed in colour. It serves to authenticate the certificate we

receive from the Corporations Directorate and is joined to each certificate that we deliver to our clients. This service is exclusive to CRAC (copyright).

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A word of thought...

"The purpose of life is to discover your gifts. The meaning of life is to give your gifts away."

*David Viscott
(Psychiatrist and writer)*

To find out the current turnaround times for corporate services, consult our web site's "what's new" section

www.crac.com

Turnaround schedule for Corporate Services as of February 1st, 2000

SERVICES	PROVINCIAL	FEDERAL
TaxExpress™ (GST / QST / QDAS)	5 to 10 days	
Name Search Report and Reservation	* 2 to 4 days	24 hours
Certificate of Incorporation	*2 to 3 days	2 days
Certificate of Amendment	*2 to 3 days	2 days
Certificate of Continuation, of Continuance or of Amalgamation	*1 to 2 weeks	3 to 6 days
Certificate of Dissolution	9 to 10 weeks	2 to 3 days
Notice of Change (Federal) or Amending Declaration (Quebec)	6 to 7 weeks	2 days
Letters Patent for Non-Profit Corporations	*3 to 4 weeks	20 days
Attestation / Certificate of Good Standing or of Compliance	*24 hours	48 hours
Revival		3 to 6 days
Initial Declaration	*5 to 6 weeks	
Declaration of Registration	*5 to 6 weeks	
Annual Declaratio	*7 to 8 weeks	
Revocation of Striking-Off (s. 54 Legal Publicity Act)	*1 to 2 weeks	

The turnaround times may vary slightly according to each file () = Priority service available.*

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This service allows you to meet a crucial requirement for your client at the time of incorporating a new company.

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Service fee: \$ 47 (including taxes).

For more information, please contact Ms. Franca Sucapane (ext. 328).

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Advantages:

Though our certificate of authenticity may answer an aesthetic need, more important is its evidentiary function. Here are some advantages it provides:

- it is "personalized" as to eliminate any doubt that it belongs with the certificate it accompanies. Therefore, we recommend you keep both attached together;
- elegant presentation and printed in 4 colours on quality "watermark" paper, therefore, no risk of falsification;
- like the original certificates, it is bilingual except in cases of information provided in one language only;
- it can serve to authenticate certificates issued in paper form or electronically;
- it is free of charge if CRAC files the articles.

Positive Reaction from our Clients

We have received many positive and encouraging comments from our clients who confirm the relevance of this undertaking. In some instances, our certificate of authenticity is a time-saver since it is no longer necessary to mark the "original" certificate for future reference. Most clients have also commented on our certificate's professional appearance.

We are open to any comments or suggestions that can help us improve our service. Please contact Richard Gareau at extension 338 or write to rsgareau@crac.com.

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Notice to Users of Strategis™

We have lately encountered problems when using this data base. It would appear that when searching for a corporation that has undergone a name change, there is no automatic link to the new name. This forces us to conduct an additional search on another database to compare results. Given the foregoing, we invite our clients to be prudent when using this data base. For more information, please contact Mr. Pierre-Yves Marchand, at extension 355 or at pymarchand@crac.com.

Christmas Party for the Children at CRAC

On December 19th, 1999, we held our annual Christmas Party for all our children. A total of 21 children took part, along with their parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents. Thanks to CRAC's many contacts in high places, important guests were present as appears from the enclosed pictures. A magician/clown sculpted a variety of shapes with balloons, such as flowers, bicycles, Roger Rabbit, Tinky Winky, etc. Our sincere thanks go out to the organizers of this event who brought much joy to our children (from age 0 to 77!).

Picture 1 ▼



Picture 2 ►



Picture 3 ►



PICTURE 1 : (from left to right) the Star Fairy (Isabelle Ladouceur), "Jujube la Lune" (Julie Paquette - Rapidos), the real Santa Claus and "Pimpon le Gailuron" (France Baraby - Trade-marks).

PICTURE 2 : a few of the many participants, impressed by the arrival of Santa Claus.

PICTURE 3 : the youngest participant in Santa's arms, Cédric Benoît, born on September 14, 1999, son of Nadine Auclair (Rapidos - Incoplus) and her spouse Paul Benoît.