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eRecognition gives you access to a large number of digital services provided by government organisations. For instance, when you submit an objection or apply for planning permission or an integrated environmental permit. eRecognition ensures that data exchange between businesses and government bodies takes place securely and easily. Moreover, eRecognition ensures that businesses are 'recognised', so that a government organisation knows which business it is dealing with and also whether a staff member is authorised to act on behalf of that business.

Further information:
www.eherkenning.nl

Assurance levels

When they are obtaining services provided by government organisations, businesses make use of so-called eRecognition tokens. They can choose from four assurance levels, ranging from 'basic' to 'very high'. An assurance level indicates the degree of security that may be derived from the use of the eRecognition token. The degree of security is determined by two factors: 1) the issuing and monitoring process of the token and the corresponding authorisation, and 2) the technical qualities of the eRecognition token (user name, password, text message, PKI certificate etc.).

Before you purchase an eRecognition token, you'll do well to inquire which assurance level is being used for the government service you need. Make sure that the eRecognition token you apply for has at least the same assurance level as the one required for the service. Thus, eRecognition tokens can always be used for services that require the same or a lower assurance level.

Continuity

eRecognition is a public-private cooperation. On the one hand, the government initiates, directs and supervises, which ensures government organisations that eRecognition is safe to use. On the other hand, there is a free market system: the accredited providers each have their own propositions with regard to businesses (eRecognition tokens) and government bodies (eRecognition broker). Thanks to this approach, it is possible to reuse existing tokens, so that businesses (users) are not lumbered up with a multiple set of digital keys and government bodies do not have to administer tokens and authorisations themselves.

eRecognition Agreements Scheme

The eRecognition providers meet the requirements set down in the so-called eRecognition Agreements Scheme. The Agreements Scheme is administered by a governance organisation that was initiated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and innovation. Within the network, four roles are distinguished:

1. eRecognition broker: connects a government organisation to eRecognition;
2. Token issuer: issues the eRecognition tokens to businesses that wish to arrange their affairs with government organisations electronically;
3. Authentication service: makes the issued eRecognition tokens electronically available within the network;
4. Mandate register: registers the authorisations that were set down by businesses to enable their staff members to arrange their affairs electronically with government organisations.

Thus, businesses only need to make arrangements with the token issuer and the mandate register.

eRecognition in three steps

Once they are registered with the Chamber of Commerce, businesses can use eRecognition. In choosing eRecognition, please pay attention to the following three steps:

1. Purchase an eRecognition token from one of the accredited providers;
2. Set down in a mandate register who is allowed to represent your business in relation to a govern-

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ment organisation. This usually takes place with the provider that supplies the eRecognition token;

3. After you receive an eRecognition token you can log on to one or more government organisations.

Benefits

The benefits of eRecognition are:

- Easy to use for businesses
- Wide choice from a range of eRecognition tokens
- Redundancy (optional back-up facility) in the network thanks to multiple providers
- Standardisation through the eRecognition Agreements Scheme

Contact

If you have any further questions regarding the use of eRecognition or wish to purchase an eRecognition token, please contact an accredited provider. They can be found on the website through:

www.eherkenning.nl/bedrijven/aanvragen/aanbieders

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