



STATE OF NEW YORK  
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April 1, 2010

**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
RELATING TO APOSTILLES**

To Whom It May Concern:

In an effort to reduce operating costs without fee increases, the New York State Department of State will be revising the method in which it produces apostilles.

Please be advised that the following revisions will pertain to all apostilles issued by the New York State Department of State on and after April 15, 2010.

1. *Revised Seal* - Effective April 15, 2010, the New York State Department of State Seal will be used for the apostille. The Great Seal of the State of New York will no longer be used on any apostilles.
2. *Revised Method for Affixing Seal* - Effective April 15, 2010, apostilles will be produced with a black and white laser printed facsimile of the New York State Department of State Seal. The Great Seal of the State of New York will no longer be embossed either directly on any apostille or on a gold foil wafer placed on an apostille.

I have enclosed a sample of the revised apostille reflecting the new laser printed seal.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Department of State, Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code, State Records Bureau, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231. The telephone number is (518) 473-6306.

Sincerely,

Sandra J. Tallman  
Special Deputy Secretary of State

SJT/bf/Enc.

# Apostille

(Convention de La Haye du 5 Octobre 1961)

1. Country: United States of America

This public document

2. has been signed by **Wanda Murtagh**

3. acting in the capacity of **County Clerk**

4. bears the seal/stamp of the county of **Franklin**

**SAMPLE**  
Certified

5. At Albany, New York

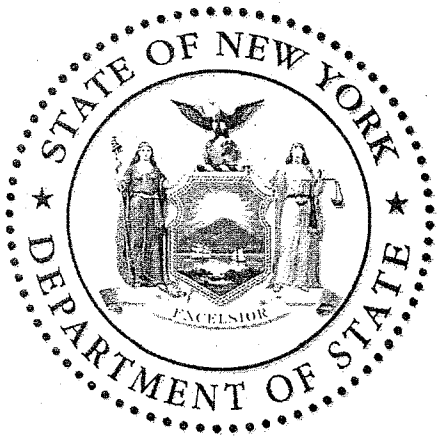
6. the 08th day of March 2010

7. by Secretary of State, State of New York

8. No. A-115362A

9. Seal/Stamp

10. Signature



*Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez*

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Secretary of State