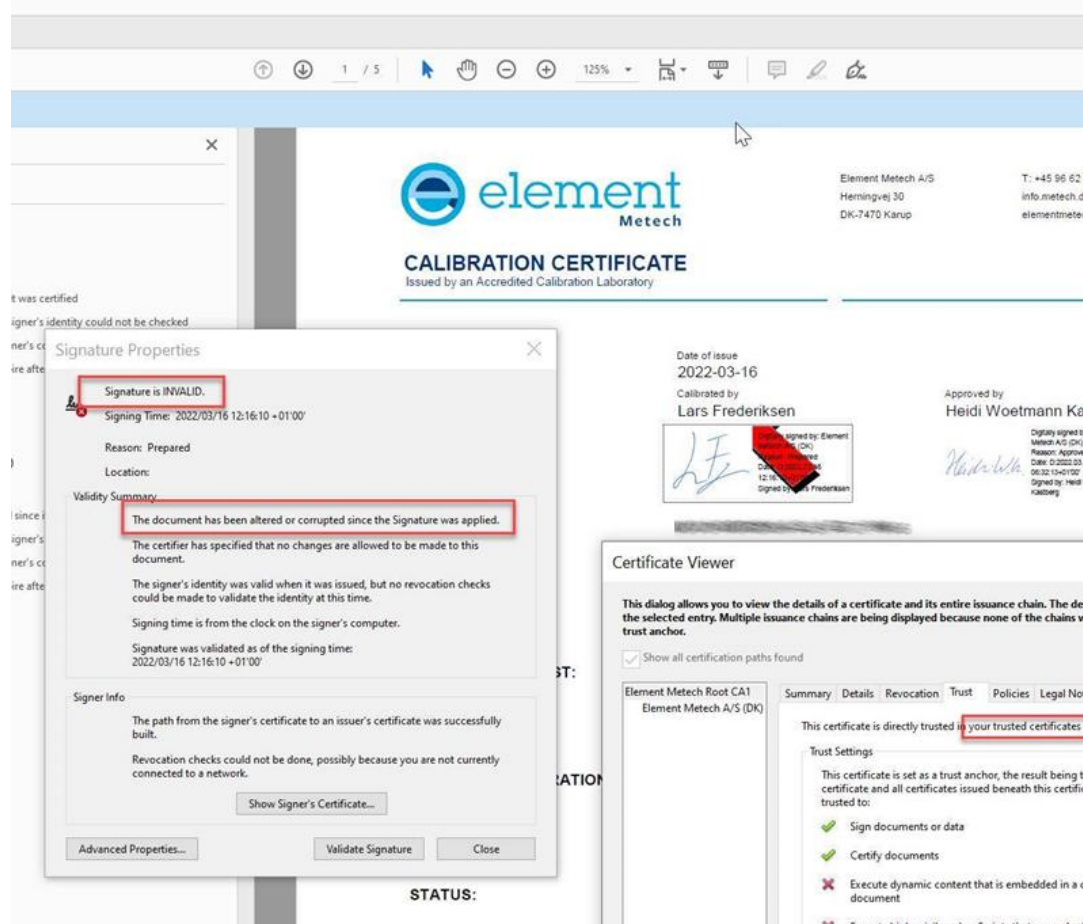


Verification of digital signatures

Our calibration certificates have since June 26, 2017 been equipped with digital signatures in order to make it possible for a PDF reader to verify that the contents of the document has not been altered after the signature was added.

We have added a signature for the executing person and then a certifying signature for the approving person, and all PDF readers have been able to verify our signatures without problems.

However, per. March 7, 2022 a new release of perhaps the most widely used PDF reader, Adobe Acrobat Reader DC (version 2022.001.20085) was issued. From this version and probably onwards, this reader shows that there is a problem with one signature on the certificate.



A red arrow indicates there is a problem, and in the reader's signature panel it is indicated that the document has been altered or corrupted after the addition of the "Calibrated by" signature.

This is due to the fact that Adobe Reader DC no longer accepts that the certifying signature is not the first signature added.

To counter this, we have chosen to change the way our signatures are added to certificates. From April 22, 2022 it will be the first signature that is a certifying signature, and from this point the documents are no longer locked for additions – it is possible to add further signatures without invalidating our digital signatures.

It is not possible to change the signatures on the certificates issued before this change was made. Depending on the PDF reader used, it will be possible that the reader will show that one signature is damaged on certificates issued before April 22, 2022.

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