



CR Art. 15

Falsification of the Great Seal and State Instruments

TITLE 03 — OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE AND PUBLIC ORDER · CHAPTER 01 — OFFENCES AGAINST SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY AND STATE INSTRUMENTS

- 1** Pursuant to [Article 40\(4\)](#) of the Fundamental Laws, the falsification of the Great Seal and other instruments of State authentication constitutes a grave offence under this Article.
 - 2** Any person who counterfeits, falsifies, or without authorisation reproduces or uses the Great Seal, the Lesser Seal, or any other instrument of State authentication commits an offence.
 - a. This includes the digital forgery of electronic seals, authentication tokens, cryptographic keys, or digital signatures issued by the State or its organs.
 - b. This includes the creation, distribution, or deployment of any tool, software, or process designed or adapted primarily for the purpose of committing an offence under this paragraph.
 - 3** Any person who uses or possesses a falsified or counterfeited instrument referred to in paragraph 2, knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe it to be false, commits an offence.
 - 4** Any person who, without authorisation, transfers, publishes, or makes available to another person any genuine instrument of State authentication for a purpose inconsistent with its lawful use commits an offence.
 - 5** **Classification.** An offence under this Article is a **grave** offence.
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- 6 Sanctions.** A person found guilty of an offence under this Article is liable to the following sanctions:
- a. A fine of \$50,000 to \$500,000, in accordance with [Article 12](#).
 - b. Public censure in accordance with [Article 10](#).
 - c. Forfeiture of any falsified instrument, and of any tool, software, or material used in the commission of the offence.
 - d. Revocation of any State-granted recognition, licence, or credential held by the offender where such recognition, licence, or credential was obtained or facilitated by the offence.

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