

Ford Interest Advantage

MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE STAMP REQUIREMENT

WHAT IS A MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE STAMP?

A Medallion Signature Guarantee Stamp is also known as a STAMP imprint. STAMP (Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program) is the financial industry's official signature guarantee program. Under STAMP, the guarantor institution uses self-inking hand stamps or stamping equipment to place a distinctive imprint on securities and other documents used to affect a transfer. The easily recognized stamped imprint signifies participation in STAMP as a signature guarantor and assures that transfer agents will accept the guarantees. The Medallion Signature Guarantee is not to be confused with a Notary Public.

WHY DO I NEED A MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE STAMP?

Signature guarantees serve a vital function and are essential to the transfer of registered-form securities. Like an endorsement on a check, the signature guarantee enables transfer agents and processing agents to accept instructions from an investor/security holder with the confidence that the instructions have been properly authorized. The signature guarantee warrants that the original signature was genuine, that the signer was the appropriate party to endorse the document, and that the signer had legal capacity to sign. As a result, this signature guarantee helps to protect you, the security holder, against fraudulent transfers.

WHERE CAN I GET A MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE STAMP?

You can obtain a signature guarantee from a financial institution such as a commercial bank, savings bank, credit union, or broker dealer that participates in the Medallion signature guarantee program. Many financial institutions will not guarantee your signature if you are not a customer, so the best source for a Medallion Guarantee is a financial institution with which you do business.

CAN I GET A MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.?

An investor located outside of North America may have difficulty obtaining the services of a signature guarantor, especially if the investor has no business relationship with a North American financial institution. This means that you may be unable to affect the transfer of securities, so it is recommended that you establish an electronic funds transfer prior to moving or traveling abroad.