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Bulgaria does not have a translator and interpreter database.

There is currently no electronic database of court translators.

Under § 6(4) of the Final Provisions of the Act amending the Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 403 of the Judicial System Act has been amended to include a new paragraph 2 providing for the Minister for Justice, in agreement with the Supreme Judicial Council, to issue a regulation laying down: the procedures and time-limits for proposals for inclusion and changes to the lists of specialists certified as translators; the conditions to be met; and the conditions and the procedure for establishing their remuneration. Regulation No N-1 of 16 May 2014 on court translators (SG No 43 of 23 May 2014) was issued under that statutory empowerment. Every provincial or administrative court, and the Specialised Criminal Court, has a register listing professionals certified as court translators. Proposals for inclusion in the lists of court translators can be submitted by ministries, agencies, institutions, municipalities, professional and other organisations and academic institutes, as well as by prospective court translators. Proposals for inclusion in the lists are submitted to the president of the relevant provincial or administrative court, or to the president of the Specialised Criminal Court.

Questions of legal recognition and translation of documents are covered by the Rules on legal recognition, certification and translation of documents and other texts, adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No 184 of 1958.

Regulation No 1 of 16 January 2008 on the registration, qualifications and fees of expert witnesses has been repealed by the Supreme Administrative Court. A new regulation has been prepared and a draft published for public consultation on the Ministry of Justice website, in accordance with Article 26(2) of the Legislative Instruments Act. The draft has been sent for approval to the Supreme Judicial Council and the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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