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General information

Regulation (EU) [2020/1784](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast) seeks to improve and expedite the transmission of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters for service between the Member States. The Regulation replaced Council Regulation (EC) No [1393/2007](#) as of 1 July 2022.

The decentralised IT system as an obligatory means of communication to be used for the transmission and receipt of requests, forms and other communication started applying from 1 May 2025 (the first day of the month following the period of three years after the date of entry into force of the [implementing act](#) referred to in Article 25 (for further details see Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1784)).

For more information see:

- the status of Member States deployment of the decentralised IT system see [here](#);
- the User Manuals of the reference implementation software developed by the European Commission can be found [here](#).

Where communication through the decentralised IT system is not possible due to the disruption of that IT system or due to exceptional circumstances, the transmission shall be carried out by the swiftest, most appropriate alternative means, taking into account the need to ensure reliability and security. Where there is a disruption of the decentralised IT system, then the European e-Justice Portal provides a user-friendly tool for filling in the [forms](#).

The Regulation applies between all Member States of the European Union including Denmark, which confirmed its intention to implement the content of the Regulation by means of a [declaration](#) based on a parallel agreement concluded with the European Community.

The Regulation provides for different ways of transmitting and serving documents: transmission through transmitting and receiving agencies, transmission by consular or diplomatic channels, service by postal services, electronic service and direct service.

Transmitting Agencies are competent for the transmission of judicial or extrajudicial documents to be served in another Member State. Receiving Agencies are competent for the receipt of judicial or extrajudicial documents from another Member State. The Central Body is responsible for supplying information to the transmitting agencies and seeking solutions to any difficulties which may arise during transmission of documents for service.

The Regulation provides for twelve forms.

For additional information, please see:

- user-friendly tool for filling in the [forms](#);

- Information about Member States legislation on [Service of documents: official transmission of legal documents](#)

The European e-Justice Portal provides you with information concerning the application of the Regulation.

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[Regulation \(EC\) No 1393/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters \(service of documents\), and repealing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1348/2000](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on the service of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters](#)

[ARCHIVED Member States notifications under Regulation \(EC\) 1393/2007](#)

[The Hague Convention of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters](#)

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