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NB! Council Regulation (EC) No [1393/2007](#) has been replaced by Regulation (EU) [2020/1784](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as of 1 July 2022.

Notifications made under the new Regulation can be found [here!](#)

Article 2(1) – Transmitting agencies

Courts, bailiffs, public prosecutor's offices

Article 2(2) – Receiving agencies

Click on the below link to view all competent authorities related to this Article.

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Article 2(4)(c) – Means of receipt of documents

Means of receipt available:

- by a postal licence holder,
- fax,
- or by e-mail.

Article 2(4)(d) – Languages that may be used for the completion of the standard form set out in Annex I

The form may be completed in Czech, Slovak, or English.

Article 3 – Central body

Ministry of Justice, International Department (*Ministerstvo spravedlnosti, mezinárodní odbor*)

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128 10 Prague 2

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Article 4 – Transmission of documents

In addition to Czech, the Czech Republic also accepts the standard form completed in Slovak or English.

Articles 8(3) and 9(2) – Particular periods set by national law for serving documents

No such periods have been laid down for serving documents in the Czech Republic.

Article 10 – Certificate of service and copy of the document served

In addition to Czech, the Czech Republic also accepts certificates of service made out in Slovak or English.

Article 11 – Costs of service

Service in the Czech Republic is not subject to fees.

Article 13 – Service by diplomatic or consular agents

The Czech Republic declares that it is not against such service on its territory.

Article 15 – Direct service

The Czech Republic declares that Czech law does not permit such service on its territory.

Article 19 – Defendant not entering an appearance

Article 19(2)

Subject to Article 19(1), courts in the Czech Republic may give judgment even if no certificate of service or delivery has been received, if all the conditions in Article 19(2) are fulfilled.

Article 19(4)

There is no such time limit in the Czech Republic.

Article 20 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 20(2)

The Commission will be sent the texts of the following agreements:

- Treaty between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and Polish Peoples' Republic on Legal Aid and Settlement of Legal Relations in Civil, Family, Labour and Criminal Matters, signed at Warsaw on 21 December 1987, in force between the Czech Republic and Poland (*Smlouva mezi ČSSR a PLR o právní pomoci a úpravě právních vztahů ve věcech občanských, rodinných, pracovních a trestních podepsaná ve Varšavě dne 21. prosince 1987, platná mezi Českou republikou a Polskem*)
- Treaty between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and Hungarian Peoples' Republic on Legal Aid and Settlement of Legal Relations in Civil, Family, Labour and Criminal Matters, signed at Bratislava on 28 March 1989, in force between the Czech Republic and Hungary (*Smlouva mezi ČSSR a MLR o právní pomoci a úpravě právních vztahů ve věcech občanských, rodinných, pracovních a trestních podepsaná v Bratislavě dne 28. března 1989, platná mezi Českou republikou a Maďarskem*)
- Treaty between the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic on Legal Aid provided by Judicial Bodies and on Settlement of Certain Legal Relations in Civil and Criminal Matters, signed at Prague on 29 October 1992 (*Smlouva mezi ČR a SR o právní pomoci poskytované justičními orgány a o úpravě některých právních vztahů v občanských a trestních věcech podepsaná v Praze dne 29. října 1992*)
- Treaty between the Czech Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany on Further Facilitation of Legal Aid Provision based on the Hague Conventions of 1 March 1954 on Civil Procedure, of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, and of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (*Smlouva mezi ČR a SRN o dalším usnadnění styku při poskytování právní pomoci na základě Haagských úmluv ze dne 1.3.1954 o civilním řízení, ze dne 15. listopadu 1965 o doručování soudních a mimosoudních písemností v cizině ve věcech občanských nebo obchodních ze dne 18. března 1970 o provádění důkazů v cizině ve věcech občanských nebo obchodních*)

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