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 Council Regulation (EC) No [1393/2007](#) has been replaced by Regulation (EU) [2020/1784](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as of 1 July 2022.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

The transmitting agencies are the district courts (*käräjäoikeudet*), the Market Court (*markkinaoikeus*), the courts of appeal (*hovioikeudet*), the Supreme Court (*korkein oikeus*), the National Enforcement Authority (*ulosottolaitos*) and the Ministry of Justice [*oikeusministeriö*].

Article 2(2) - Receiving agencies

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

Means of receipt of documents available to them: documents may be delivered by post, fax or e-mail.

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

Languages that may be used for completion of the standard form: Finnish, Swedish and English.

Article 3 - Central body

The central body is the Ministry of Justice.

Oikeusministeriö [Ministry of Justice]

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FIN-00023 Valtioneuvosto [Government]

Tel. (358-9) 16 06 76 28

Fax: (358-9) 16 06 75 24

E-mail: central.authority@om.fi

Documents may be delivered by post, fax or e-mail.

Languages: Finnish, Swedish, English.

Article 4 – Transmission of documents

The application form may be completed in Finnish, Swedish or English.

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

Pursuant to Article 9(3), Finland informs the Commission that it will not apply the provisions of Article 9(1) and (2). In their current form the provisions of the article have no conceivable significance from the point of view of the country's legal system and therefore cannot be applied in Finland in practice.

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

The certificate form may be completed in Finnish, Swedish or English.

Article 11 – Costs of service

No charge is made to the foreign transmitting agency for the service of documents.

Article 13 – Service by diplomatic or consular agents

Finland does not object to this means of service.

Article 15 – Direct service

Finland does not object to this means of service.

Article 19 – Defendant not entering an appearance

As Finland does not give the notification referred to in Article 19(2), the Finnish courts may not give judgments in cases pursuant to Article 19(2). Consequently, there is no need for the notification referred to in Article 19(4).

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