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Article 3(1) - Transmitting agencies

The transmitting agencies are the courts (*tuomioistuimet*), the enforcement authority (*ulosottoviranomainen*) and the Ministry of Justice (*oikeusministeriö*).

Article 3(2) - Receiving agencies

The receiving agencies are the district courts.

Article 3(4)(c) - Means of receipt of documents

Documents may be submitted by post, fax or email.

Article 3(4)(d) - Languages that may be used for the completion of the standard form set out in Annex I

Finnish, Swedish and English.

Article 4 - Central body

The central body is the Ministry of Justice.

Oikeusministeriö [Ministry of Justice]

PL 25

FIN-00023 Valtioneuvosto [Government]

Tel.: (358-9) 16 06 76 28

Fax: (358-9) 16 06 75 24

Email: central.authority.om(c)gov.fi (replace (c) with the @ sign)

Documents may be submitted by post, fax or email.

Languages: Finnish, Swedish, English

Article 7 – Assistance in address enquiries

Article 7(1)(c): in Finland requests to find the address of a person to be served with a document can be made to the Digital and Population Services Agency (*Digi- ja väestötietovirasto*). Extracts from the Finnish Population Information System can be ordered from the Digital and Population Services Agency for authorised purposes. There is a fee for extracts.

Further details on how to order extracts, information on the fees and the contact details of the Digital and Population Services Agency are available:

in Finnish: <https://dvv.fi/muut-todistukset#>

in Swedish: <https://dvv.fi/sv/ovriga-intyg>

in English: <https://dvv.fi/en/other-certificates>

Article 7(2)(c): In Finland, district court bailiffs have access to the Population Information System, which they can use to check for the current address details if the address indicated in the request for service is not correct.

Article 8 – Transmission of documents

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

Article 12 – Refusal to accept a document

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Article 13 – Date of service

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Article 14 – Certificate of service and copy of the document served

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

Article 15 – Costs of service

Foreign transmitting agencies are not charged a fee for service of documents.

Article 17 – Service by diplomatic agents or consular officers

Finland is not opposed to this means of service.

Article 19 – Electronic service

Finland has not imposed any additional conditions.

Article 20 – Direct service

Finland is not opposed to this means of service. District court bailiffs are the competent authorities for this.

Article 22 – Defendant not entering an appearance

Finland has no communications to make under Article 22(2) or (4).

Article 29 – Relationship with agreements or arrangements between Member States

Nordic Convention of 26 April 1974 on mutual legal assistance in service of documents and taking of evidence.

Article 33(2) - Notification on the early use of the decentralised IT-system

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