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NB! Council Regulation (EC) No [1206/2001](#) has been replaced by Regulation (EU) [2020/1783](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as of 1 July 2022.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 – Requested courts

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

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Article 3 – Central body

The central body responsible for the tasks provided for by Article 3(1) and (3) of the Regulation is the Federal Public Justice Service.

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Languages: French, Dutch, English.

Article 5 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The standard request form and supporting documents must be in the language of the judicial district of the court of first instance to which the request is sent.

Article 6 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

Means of transmission accepted in Belgium:

- mail;

- fax.

Article 17 – Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence

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Article 21 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 21(2)

Belgium declares that, in its relations with the other Member States, the Regulation prevails in matters within its scope over the following instruments:

- Convention of 21 June 1922 between Belgium and Great Britain on the transmission of judicial and extra-judicial documents and the collection of evidence;
- Convention of the Hague of 1 March 1954 on civil procedure;
- Convention of 1 March 1956 between Belgium and France on mutual judicial assistance in civil and commercial matters;
- Convention of New York of 20 June 1956 on the recovery abroad of maintenance;
- Agreement of 25 April 1959 between the Government of Belgium and the Government of the federal Republic of Germany to facilitate the application of the Convention of the Hague of 1 March 1954 on civil procedure;
- Convention of 23 October 1989 between Belgium and Austria on mutual judicial assistance and legal cooperation, additional to the Convention of the Hague of 1 March 1954 on civil procedure.

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