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Article 3(1) - Transmitting agencies

In the case of judicial documents, the transmitting agency is the court in whose proceedings the document to be served was generated; in the case of documents generated in a notarial procedure, the transmitting agency is the notary under whose procedure the document was generated; in the case of other extrajudicial documents, the transmitting agency is the Minister for Justice.

Article 3(2) - Receiving agencies

The receiving agency is the district court with jurisdiction according to the addressee's address as indicated in the request for legal assistance (in Budapest, the Pest Central District Court) and the Hungarian Association of Court Bailiffs.

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

Receiving agencies accept documents to be served by post, fax or electronically.

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

Hungarian, English, German and French are accepted.

Article 4 - Central body

In Hungary, the tasks of the central body are performed by the Minister for Justice:

Ministry of Justice

Department of Private International Law

Address: Nádor utca 22, 1051 Budapest

Postal address: Pf. 2., 1357 Budapest

Tel.: +36 1 795 5397, +36 1 795 4147

Email: nmfo@im.gov.hu.

Article 7 - Assistance in address enquiries

The assistance referred to in Article 7(1)(a) is provided by the Minister for Justice:

Ministry of Justice

Department of Private International Law

Address: Nádor utca 22, 1051 Budapest

Postal address: Pf. 2., 1357 Budapest

Tel.: +36 1 795 5397, 1 795 3188

Fax: +36 1 550 3946

Email: nmfo@im.gov.hu.

The information referred to in Article 7(1)(c) is available on the [European e-Justice Portal](#) (Service of documents: official transmission of legal documents) under section 4.2.

Article 8 – Transmission of documents

Hungarian, English, German and French are accepted.

Article 12 – Refusal to accept a document

Hungary has not prepared a translation of Form L in Annex I into any third-country language.

Article 13 – Date of service

Hungarian law does not specify any specified date within which the document must be served.

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

Hungarian, English, German and French are accepted.

Article 15 – Costs of service

The service of documents by the court is free of charge.

The fee for service by the bailiff is HUF 7 500, which must be transferred in advance to the following account number, and the application must be accompanied by documentary evidence of the transfer:

Account holder: The Hungarian Association of Court Bailiffs

Account bank: Budapest Bank Nyrt.

SWIFT (BIC) code: BUDAHUHB

IBAN: HU46 10103173-09701100-02004000

Please write in message field: *KU2* - reference number of request, name of addressee.

Article 17 – Service by diplomatic agents or consular officers

The method of service under Article 17 is only applicable within Hungary if the addressee is a citizen of the transmitting Member State.

Article 19 – Electronic service

Hungary does not lay down any additional conditions.

Article 20 – Direct service

In Hungary, the method of service under Article 20 may be applied in accordance with the legislation on service by bailiff.

Article 22 – Defendant not entering an appearance

Hungarian courts may give judgment in certain cases, provided that all the conditions set out in Article 22(2) are met.

In Hungary, the time limit under Article 22(4) for filing an application for relief is 1 year.

Article 29 – Relationship with agreements or arrangements between Member States

Hungary has no such agreement with another Member State.

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

Not applicable.

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