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In some Member States, national law provides for the issuance of electronic public documents, including the public documents falling within the scope of the Public Documents Regulation.

The Public Documents Regulation covers “electronic versions of public documents and multilingual standard forms suitable for electronic exchange. However, each Member State decides in accordance with its national law whether and under which conditions public documents and multilingual standard forms in electronic format may be presented”.

In that respect, the Public Documents Regulation does not prescribe any minimum standards or conditions for the acceptance of electronic public documents and only refers to national law. However, in a cross-border context, most public authorities and citizens do not know in advance whether, and under which conditions, an electronic document will be accepted in another Member State.

Please note that the information on national law published therefore on this page does not entirely fall within the scope of [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1191](#) but is relevant for public interest.

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