

Article 2(1) – Authorities that can be considered as courts

Courts.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

Requests for the taking of evidence should be sent to the district court (*rayonen sad*) in whose jurisdiction evidence is to be taken.

Article 4 – Central body

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Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Requests from another Member State for the taking of evidence and statements should be drawn up in Bulgarian.

Article 7 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

District courts accept requests for the taking of evidence and other communications received by post.

Article 19 – Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence

The authority competent to authorise the direct taking of evidence in the Republic of Bulgaria, and to provide practical assistance in that process, is the provincial court (*okrazhen sad*) in whose jurisdiction it is to take place.

Article 29 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 29(2)

The Republic of Bulgaria does not implement and has not concluded any international agreements or arrangements with other EU Member States which aim to further facilitate the taking of evidence.

The Regulation takes precedence over agreements concluded by the Republic of Bulgaria with other Member States as regards the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters.

Article 31(4) – Notification on the early use of the decentralised IT-system

To date, Bulgaria does not intend to take advantage of the possibility of early use of the decentralised IT system.

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