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If you are involved in a legal proceeding and you need to send and/or receive legal or extrajudicial documents, you can find national information on how to proceed here.

Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast) seeks to improve and expedite the transmission of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters for service between the Member States. The Regulation replaced Council Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 as of 1 July 2022.

However, the decentralised IT system as an obligatory means of communication to be used for the transmission and receipt of requests, forms and other communication will only start applying from 1 May 2025 (the first day of the month following the period of three years after the date of entry into force of the [implementing act](#) referred to in Article 25 (for further details see Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1784)).

The regulation provides a procedure for the service of documents via designated "transmitting agencies" and "receiving agencies" between EU Member States, including Denmark.

The regulation refers to, for example, judicial documents such as the summons notifying that proceedings have begun, appeals, statements of defence, injunctions or extrajudicial documents such as notarised acts which need to be served in an EU country other than the one in which you are resident.

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