

**Home>Gerechtelijke stappen>Europese justitiële atlas voor burgerlijke zaken>Betekening en kennisgeving van stukken**

Op civielrechtelijk vlak blijven lopende procedures en procedures die voor het eind van de overgangperiode zijn ingeleid, onder het EU-recht vallen. Zoals overeengekomen met het VK, wordt alle informatie op dat gebied in verband met het Verenigd Koninkrijk tot eind 2024 op het e-justitieportaal bijgehouden.

**Serving documents****Schotland****Article 2(1) – Transmitting agencies**

The receiving agencies are the messengers-at-arms. For a list of messengers-at-arms please see the website of the Society for Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers (SMASO): [SMASO](#)

**Article 2(2) – Receiving agencies**

The receiving agencies are the messengers-at-arms. For a list of messengers-at-arms please see the website of the Society for Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers (SMASO): [SMASO](#)

**Article 2(4)(c) – Means of receipt of documents**

Documents will be transmitted by fax and post.

**Article 2(4)(d) – Languages that may be used for the completion of the standard form set out in Annex I**

English.

**Article 3 – Central body**

Scottish Government

Central Authority & International Law Team

St Andrew's House (GW15)

Edinburgh

EH1 3DG

Tel.: +44 131 244 4829

Fax: +44 131 244 4848

E-mail: [Finbarr.Lee@gov.scot](mailto:Finbarr.Lee@gov.scot)

**Article 4 – Transmission of documents**

Forms should be transmitted in English.

**Articles 8(3) and 9(2) – Particular periods set by national law for serving documents**

The United Kingdom intends to derogate from these provisions on the basis that the complexities of its law on time-limits and limitation periods would only be exacerbated by this Article. It is important that the date of service can be identified with certainty as it determines the time from which a party may enter a default judgment. The UK does not consider that the precise meaning of this provision, and its intended operation in practice, is sufficiently clear; it could therefore increase the potential for confusion. Accordingly it believes that this matter is best left to national law, at least until it has had an opportunity to assess how it works in practice in the other Member States following implementation of the Regulation.

**Article 10 – Certificate of service and copy of the document served**

Apart from English, the United Kingdom will accept certificates completed in French.

**Article 11 – Costs of service**

Costs of service by Messengers-at-Arms: (i) £142.51 for personal service; and (ii) £45.40 for postal service. For clarification, this cost for postal service does not apply to postal service under Article 14. VAT will also be added to these costs.

**Article 13 – Service by diplomatic or consular agents**

Scotland does not oppose the exercise in its territory of the right conferred by Article 13(1).

**Article 15 – Direct service**

Scotland does not oppose the possibility of direct service provided for by Article 15(1).

**Article 19 – Defendant not entering an appearance**

In accordance with the existing provision of the Hague Convention, courts in Scotland, notwithstanding paragraph 1, may give judgment if all the conditions of paragraph 2 have been met.

Period of time after the judgment has been given within which an application for relief provided for by paragraph 4 may be entertained:

No later than the expiry of one year from the date of decree - this would be in line with the Hague Convention and is the period incorporated in Scotland's court rules.

Last update: 14/06/2021

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.