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Bulgaria

#### Article 2(1) – Transmitting agencies

The transmitting agency for the service of writs and summonses abroad is the court before which the case is pending.

The transmitting agency for the service of extrajudicial documents abroad is the district court (rayonen sad) with jurisdiction over the current or permanent address, or registered office, of the person or entity requesting service; and for documents certified by a notary, it is the district court (rayonen sad) with jurisdiction over the district in which the notary practises.

#### Article 2(2) – Receiving agencies

The receiving agency in the case of the Republic of Bulgaria is the district court (rayonen sad) in whose jurisdiction the documents are to be served.

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Country: Bulgaria

Instrument: Serving documents

Competence type: Receiving agencies

More than one court/authority has been found which is competent for this legal instrument based on the information you provided. Below is the list:

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**Raionen sad Asenovgrad**

**Raionen sad Aytos**

**Raionen sad Balchik**

**Raionen sad Belogradchik**

**Raionen sad Berkovitsa**

**Raionen sad Blagoevgrad**

**Raionen sad Botevgrad**

**Raionen sad Breznik**

**Raionen sad Burgas**

**Raionen sad Byala**

**Raionen sad Byala Slatina**

**Raionen sad Chepelare**

**Raionen sad Cherven Bryag**

**Raionen sad Chirpan**

**Raionen sad Devin**

**Raionen sad Devnia**

**Raionen sad Dimitrovgrad**

**Raionen sad Dobrich**

**Raionen sad Dryanovo**

**Raionen sad Dulovo**

**Raionen sad Dupnitsa**

**Raionen sad Elena**

**Raionen sad Elhovo**

**Raionen sad Elin Pelin**

**Raionen sad Etropole**

**Raionen sad Gabrovo**

**Raionen sad Galabovo**

**Raionen sad General Toshevo**

**Raionen sad Gorna Oryahovitsa**

**Raionen sad Gotse Delchev**

**Raionen sad Harmanli**

**Raionen sad Haskovo**

**Raionen sad Ihtiman**

**Raionen sad Isperrh**

**Raionen sad Ivailovgrad**

**Raionen sad Kardzhali**

**Raionen sad Karlovo**

**Raionen sad Karnobat**

**Raionen sad Kavarna**

**Raionen sad Kazanlak**

**Raionen sad Knezha**

**Raionen sad Kostinbrod**

**Raionen sad Kotel**

**Raionen sad Kozlodui**

Raionen sad Krumovgrad  
Raionen sad Kubrat  
Raionen sad Kula  
Raionen sad Kustendil  
Raionen sad Levski  
Raionen sad Lom  
Raionen sad Lovech  
Raionen sad Lukovit  
Raionen sad Madan  
Raionen sad Malko Tarnovo  
Raionen sad Mezdra  
Raionen sad Momchilgrad  
Raionen sad Montana  
Raionen sad Nesebar  
Raionen sad Nikopol  
Raionen sad Nova Zagora  
Raionen sad Novi Pazar  
Raionen sad Omurtag  
Raionen sad Oryahovo  
Raionen sad Panagyurishte  
Raionen sad Parvomar  
Raionen sad Pavlikeni  
Raionen sad Pazardzhik  
Raionen sad Pernik  
Raionen sad Peshtera  
Raionen sad Petrich  
Raionen sad Pirdop  
Raionen sad Pleven  
Raionen sad Plovdiv  
Raionen sad Pomorie  
Raionen sad Popovo  
Raionen sad Provadia  
Raionen sad Radnevo  
Raionen sad Radomir  
Raionen sad Razgrad  
Raionen sad Razlog  
Raionen sad Ruse  
Raionen sad Samokov  
Raionen sad Sandanski  
Raionen sad Sevlievo  
Raionen sad Shumen  
Raionen sad Silistra  
Raionen sad Sliven  
Raionen sad Slivnitsa  
Raionen sad Smolyan  
Raionen sad Sredets  
Raionen sad Stara Zagora  
Raionen sad Svilengrad  
Raionen sad Svishtov  
Raionen sad Svoge  
Raionen sad Targovishte  
Raionen sad Tervel  
Raionen sad Teteven  
Raionen sad Topolovgrad  
Raionen sad Tran  
Raionen sad Troyan  
Raionen sad Tryavna  
Raionen sad Tsarevo  
Raionen sad Tutrakan  
Raionen sad Varna  
Raionen sad Veliki Preslav  
Raionen sad Veliko Tarnovo  
Raionen sad Velingrad  
Raionen sad Vidin  
Raionen sad Vratsa  
Raionen sad Yambol  
Raionen sad Zlatograd  
Sofiiski raionen sad

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

The district courts accept the delivery by post of requests for service and the attached documents to be served.

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

The district courts accept standard forms completed in Bulgarian, English or French.

#### **Article 3 – Central body**

The central authority is the Ministry of Justice

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#### **Article 4 – Transmission of documents**

The standard application form for transmission of documents can be completed in Bulgarian, English or French.

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

Bulgarian legislation does not specify a time limit for the service of documents.

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

The Republic of Bulgaria allows the certificate of service and a copy of the document served to be drawn up in Bulgarian, English or French.

#### **Article 11 – Costs of service**

Bulgarian legislation does not stipulate a fee for the service of documents in the normal way. A fee fixed in accordance with the Schedule of Fees and Costs under the Private Bailiffs Act is charged for the service of documents by a particular method.

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

In accordance with Article 13(2), the Republic of Bulgaria states that it permits the service of documents under Article 13(1) to be carried out in its territory only if the addressee is a national of the Member State in which the document originates (Article 608 of the Code of Civil Procedure).

#### **Article 15 – Direct service**

Direct service under Article 15 is not permitted under Bulgarian legislation (Article 613 of the Code of Civil Procedure).

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

The Republic of Bulgaria hereby states that it will not make use of the possibility provided for under Article 19(2).

An application under Article 19(4) may be filed within one year of judgment being handed down by the court.

#### **Article 20 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 20(2)**

The Republic of Bulgaria does not maintain and has not concluded any agreements, compatible with the Regulation, to additionally expedite or simplify the transmission of documents.

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