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Sweden

Council Directive 2003/8/EC of 27 January 2003 to improve access to justice in cross-border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes.

This constitutes communication pursuant to Articles 14(4) and 21(1) of the above legal act.

The act has been transposed through the following [national provisions](#)  (1693 Kb) [SV](#).

See the correlation table in Annex 1 and the legislative text in Annexes 2 and 3. The provisions entered into force on 1 November 2004.

In addition, Sweden fulfils its obligations under the Directive by means of the provisions of the Legal Aid Act (*rättshjälpslagen*, 1996:1619, Annex 4) and the Legal Aid Ordinance (*rättshjälpsförordningen*, 1997:404, Annex 5); Chapter 5 Sections 6 and 8, Chapter 33 Section 9 and Chapter 36 Section 24 of the Code of Judicial Procedure (*rättegångsbalken*, Annex 6); Sections 26, 50 and 52 of the Administrative Judicial Procedure Act (*förvaltningsprocesslagen*, 1971:291, Annex 7); Section 8 of the Administrative Procedure Act (*förvaltningslagen*, 1986:223, Annex 8); and Section 48 of the Act on Court Matters (*lagen om domstolsärenden*, 1996:242, Annex 9).

Article 14(2), first indent - Names and addresses of the competent receiving or transmitting authorities

- Ministry of Justice (*Justitiedepartementet*)

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Country: Sweden

Instrument: Legal aid

Competence type: Receiving authorities

Justitiedepartementet

Enheten för brottmålsärenden och internationellt rättsligt samarbete Centralmyndigheten

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Article 14(2), second indent - Receiving and transmitting authorities' geographical areas of jurisdiction

Not applicable.

Article 14(2), third indent - Available methods of receiving applications

The Ministry of Justice can accept an application for legal aid submitted by post, courier or fax, or, following agreement in an individual case, by any agreed means.

Article 14(2), fourth indent - Languages that may be used for completion of the application

The application may be made in Swedish or English (see Sections 11c-d of the Legal Aid Ordinance).

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