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# Beglaubigung ausländischer Urkunden bzw. Unterschriften im Verkehr mit dem Grundbuch und Handelsregister

## 1. Allgemein

Grundsätzlich sind auch auf im Ausland errichtete Urkunden, soweit diese für Grundbuch- oder Handelsregisterangelegenheiten in Liechtenstein verwendet werden, die liechtensteinischen Formvorschriften anwendbar. Bei im Ausland beglaubigten Unterschriften ist es naturgemäss häufig schwierig festzustellen, ob diese Unterschriftenbeglaubigung durch die im betreffenden Land zuständige Urkundsperson und in der vorgeschriebenen Weise durchgeführt worden ist. In diesen Fällen ist es somit erforderlich, eine sogenannte „Überbeglaubigung“ anzubringen.

## 2. Überbeglaubigung

Die Überbeglaubigung hat durch eine diplomatische oder konsularische Vertretung des Landes zu erfolgen, in dessen Hoheitsgebiet die Urkunde vorgelegt werden soll (⇒ liechtensteinische Vertretung). Dabei ist die Echtheit der Unterschrift, die Eigenschaft, in welcher der Unterzeichner der Urkunde (Amtsperson) gehandelt hat und gegebenenfalls die Echtheit des Siegels oder Stempels der Urkunde zu bestätigen.

## 3. Vorrang von Staatsverträgen

Für Urkunden ausländischer Staaten, die Vertragsstaat des „Haager Übereinkommens zur Befreiung ausländischer öffentlicher Urkunden von der Beglaubigung“ sind, gelten die diesbezüglichen Bestimmungen (LGBl. 1987 Nr. 60).

## 4. Haager Übereinkommen/Apostille

Gemäss Art. 3 i.V.m. Art. 4 des Haager Übereinkommens ist als einziges Formerfordernis die „Apostille“ zu verlangen. Die Apostille ist auf der Urkunde selbst oder einem Anhang anzubringen und muss dem im Anhang zum Haager Übereinkommen enthaltenen Muster entsprechen. Die Überschrift „Apostille“ (Convention de la Haye du 5 octobre 1961) muss in französischer Sprache abgefasst sein (vgl. S. 2 des Merkblatts). Die ordnungsgemäss ausgefüllte Apostille bestätigt die Echtheit der Unterschrift, die Eigenschaft, in welcher der Unterzeichnete der Urkunde gehandelt hat und gegebenenfalls die Echtheit des Siegels oder Stempels, mit dem die Urkunde versehen ist. Die Unterschrift und das Siegel oder der Stempel auf der Apostille selbst bedürfen keiner Bestätigung.

Die in den einzelnen Vertragsstaaten zur Ausstellung von Apostillen zuständigen Behörden sind im Anhang zum Haager Übereinkommen aufgeführt (siehe Anhang).

### Muster der Apostille

Die Apostille soll die Form eines Quadrats mit Seiten von mindestens neun Zentimetern haben:

APOSTILLE	
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)	
1. Land:.....	
Diese öffentliche Urkunde	
2. ist unterschrieben von .....	
3. in seiner Eigenschaft als.....	
4. sie ist versehen mit dem Siegel/Stempel des (der).....	
.....	
Bestätigt	
5. in.....	6. am .....
7. durch .....	
.....	
8. unter Nr.....	
9. Siegel/Stempel:	10. Unterschrift:
.....	.....

### Vertrag zwischen dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein und der Republik Österreich über Rechtshilfe, Beglaubigung, Urkunden und Vormundschaft (LGBl. 1956 Nr. 10; aml. Slg.: 0.274.910.21):

Gemäss Art. 11 bis 13 werden öffentliche Urkunden sowie amtliche Beglaubigungen von Unterschriften und Urkundenkopien gegenseitig, ohne dass eine weitere Beglaubigung erforderlich ist, anerkannt.

### Europäisches Übereinkommen zur Befreiung der von diplomatischen oder konsularischen Vertretern errichteten Urkunden von der Beglaubigung (LGBl. 1972 Nr. 64; aml. Slg.: 0.172.030.3):

Durch dieses Übereinkommen werden unter anderem Beglaubigungen von Unterschriften, welche von den diplomatischen oder konsularischen Vertretern der Vertragsparteien (⇒ Mitglieder des Europarates) vorgenommen werden, vom Erfordernis weiterer Beglaubigungen in Form der Überbeglaubigung oder der Apostille befreit.

## 5. Vorgehensweise des Amtes für Justiz

Aufgrund der gesetzlichen Vorschriften haben daher sämtliche beim Amt für Justiz eingereichten ausländischen öffentlichen Urkunden und Beglaubigungen (von Unterschriften oder Urkundenkopien) entweder eine Überbeglaubigung oder eine Apostille aufzuweisen. Lediglich in Österreich erstellte öffentliche Urkunden oder Beglaubigungen bzw. Beglaubigungen von europäischen diplomatischen oder konsularischen Vertretern sind von diesem Erfordernis befreit. Bei in der Schweiz oder Deutschland erfolgten Beglaubigungen von Unterschriften wird ebenfalls auf eine

Überbeglaubigung oder eine Apostille verzichtet. Allerdings behält sich das Amt für Justiz für diese Fälle das Recht vor, bei Zweifelsfällen über die sachliche und örtliche Berechtigung der Urkundsperson eine Überbeglaubigung oder Apostille nachzufordern.

## 6. Verzeichnis der nach dem Übereinkommen zur Befreiung ausländischer öffentlicher Urkunden von der Beglaubigung für die Ausstellung der Apostille zuständigen ausländischen Behörden

### Aktuelles Verzeichnis Abrufbar unter:

<https://www.hcch.net/de/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41>

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### Albanien

Office of Authentication of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### Andorra

- a. El/la ministre/a d'Afers exteriors, (Minister of Foreign Affairs)
- b. El/la coordinator/a d'Afers Bilaterals i Consulars (The Coordinator of Bilateral and Consular Affairs)
- c. El/la director/a d'Afers Multilaterals i Cooperacio (The Director of Multilateral Affairs and Cooperation)
- d. El/la cap de l'Àrea d'Afers Generals i Jurfdics (The Head of Unit of General and Juridicial Affairs).

### Antigua und Barbuda

The Registrar of the High Court of Antigua and Barbuda.

### Argentinien

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto.

### Armenien

- a. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- b. The Ministry of Justice.

### Aserbaidshjan

- a. Ministry of Justice (for documents emanating from courts, public prosecutors and justice authorities, including documents certified in notarial order and state civil acts registration documents)
- b. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (for other Documents).

### Australien

The Secretary to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Commonwealth of Australia.

As From 1 July 2015, Australian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulate (except Consulates headed by an Honorary Consul) will be empowered to issue Apostilles on original Australian public documents.

### Bahamas

- a. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- b. Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- c. Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- d. Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- e. Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- f. First Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **Bahrain**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **Barbados**

- a. Solicitor-General
- b. Deputy Solicitor General
- c. Registrar of the Supreme Court
- d. Registrar of Corporate Affairs
- e. Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible fo Foreign Affairs
- f. Chief of Protocol.

### **Belgien**

Ministère des Affaires étrangères, du Commerce extérieur et de la Coopération au Développement.

### **Belize**

The Registrar General.

### **Bolivien**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **Bosnien und Herzegowina**

- a. Courts of First Instance of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- b. Municipal Courts of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- c. Basic Courts of Republika Srpska
- d. Basic Court of Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **Botswana**

- a. The persons for the time being exercising the functions of
  - i Permanent Secretary,
  - ii Registrar of High Court;
  - iii District Commissioner;
- b. Any person appointed or empowered to hold a subordinate court of the first class; and
- c. Such other persons as the President may appoint by notice in the Gazette.

### **Brasilien**

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention, the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil states that, according to the applicable Brazilian legislation, the Judiciary is responsible for supervising and regulating notarial activities in Brazil. Therefore, **legal, notarial and registration authorities** will have competence to issue certificates by the Brazilian Government.

### **Brunei Darussalam**

- a. Chief Registrar, Deputy Chief Registrar and Registrars of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam;
- b. Chief Magistrate, Magistrates and Registrars of Subordinate Courts of Brunei Darussalam

## Bulgarien

- a. The Ministry of Justice – in respect of the documents of the courts and notaries;
- b. The Ministry of Education and Science – in respect to educational and certifying documents, issued by higher education institutions, by institutions of the public education system and by the Ministry of Education and Science and its structures;
- c. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs – in respect of all other documents.

## Burundi

Directeur Général du Protocole et des Affaires Consulaires et Juridiques (The Director General of Protocol and of Consular and Judicial Affairs)

## Chile

- a. Subsecretario de Justicia (Under-Secretary of Justice)
- b. Secretarios Regionales Ministeriales de Justicia (Regional Ministerial Secretaries of Justice)
- c. Secretarios Regionales del Ministerio de Educación (Regional Secretaries of the Ministry of Education)
- d. Secretarios Regionales Ministeriales de Salud, Directores de Servicios de Salud, Intendente de Prestadores de Salud (Regional Ministerial Secretaries of Health, Health Service Directors, Intendent of Health Providers)
- e. Director Nacional, Directores Regionales del Servicio de Registro Civil e Identificación (National Director, Regional Directors of the Civil and Identification Registration Service)
- f. Dirección General de Asuntos Consulares y de Inmigración del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores (General Direction of Consular and Immigration Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

## China (Hong Kong)

The Registrar of the High Court

## China (Macao)

- a. Chief Executive
- b. Secretary of Administration and Justice
- c. Director of Justice Affairs Department.

## Cookinseln

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration.

## Costa Rica

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto de Costa Rica, Departamento de Autenticaciones.

## Dänemark

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Deutschland

### 1. Bund

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| a. Urkunden aller Bundesbehörden und -gerichte (ausser den unter Bst. b erwähnten Urkunden) | Bundesverwaltungsamt in Köln        |
| b. Urkunden des Bundespatentgerichts und des deutschen Patentamtes                          | Präsident des deutschen Patentamtes |

### 2. Länder

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| a. Urkunden der Justizverwaltungsbehörden, | Ministerium (Senator) für Justiz |
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- |  |  |
|--|--|
| der ordentlichen Gerichte (Zivil- und Strafgerichte) und der Notare      | Land-, (Amts-)gerichtspräsident  |
| b. Urkunden aller Verwaltungsbehörden (ausser Justizverwaltungsbehörden) | Ministerium (Senator) für Inneres<br>Regierungspräsident (Präsident des Verwaltungsbezirks)  |
| c. Urkunden der anderen als der ordentlichen Gerichte (vgl. Bst. a)      | Ministerium (Senator) für Inneres<br>Regierungspräsident (Präsident des Verwaltungsbezirks)<br>Ministerium (Senator) für Justiz<br>Land-, (Amts-)gerichtspräsident |
3. für die Länder Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt und Thüringen (aufgrund der Wiedervereinigung am 3. Oktober 1990:
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| a. für Urkunden der Justizverwaltungsbehörden, der ordentlichen Gerichte (Zivil- und Strafgerichte) und der Notare | die Ministerien für Justiz sowie die Präsidenten der Landgerichte (Bezirksgerichte)  |
| b. für Urkunden aller Verwaltungsbehörden (ausser Justizverwaltungsbehörden)                                       | die Ministerien für Inneres sowie die Regierungspräsidenten (Bezirksregierungen) und das Landesverwaltungsamt (Thüringen)  |
| c. für Urkunden anderer Gerichte als der ordentlichen Gerichte   | die Ministerien für Inneres, die Regierungspräsidenten (Bezirksregierungen), die Ministerien für Justiz sowie die Präsidenten der Landgerichte (Bezirksgerichte) |
4. für das Land Baden-Württemberg
- The Ministry of Justice with regard to public documents issued by itself, an *Oberlandesgericht* (highest court of a *Land*) and public prosecutor's offices serving an *Oberlandesgericht*;
  - the President of a *Landesgericht* (district court of a *Land*) for the public documents issued in his district by the other normal courts and public prosecutor's offices, by the authorities to which tasks of the normal courts have been delegated, by notaries and district notaries, and for other documents issued in connection with the administration of justice;
  - the district council of Tübingen for public documents issued by the ministries, except for those issued by the Ministry of Justice
  - the district councils for the public documents issued in their districts by all other administrative bodies and by courts of all branches of the judicial system except for the normal courts.

### **Dominica**

- The Attorney General
- The Solicitor General
- The Registrar
- The Deputy Registrar.

### **Dominikanische Republik**

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y del Servicio Exterior de la República Dominicana. Dirección de Legalización de Documentos del Viceministerio para Asuntos Consulares y Migratorios.

### **Ecuador**

Director General de Legalizaciones, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

### **Ehemalige jugoslawische Republik Mazedonien**

The Ministry of Justice and, as per 11 August 1997, all 27 First Instance Courts in the Republic of Macedonia.

## El Salvador

- a. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Estland

Since 1st of January 2010 **Notaries**, under the supervision of Ministry of Justice will be the designated competent authority described in the Article 6 of the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents. Contact details of all 100 Notaries will be forwarded by the Ministry of Justice. Although the Ministry of Justice shall exercise supervision over the Notaries, the Ministry itself nor any other Ministry shall no longer issue apostilles. The register described in the Article 7 of the Convention shall be kept by the Chamber of Notaries in accordance with the decree provided by the Minister of Justice.

## Fidschi

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

## Finnland

Maistraatti

## Frankreich

Autorité centrale:

- Bureau du droit de l'Union, du droit international privé et de l'entraide civile, Direction des affaires civiles et du sceau, Ministère de la justice

Autorités compétentes pour émettre les apostilles:

- territoire métropolitain : les procureurs généraux près les cours d'appel
- Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique, La Réunion : les Procureurs généraux près les cours d'appel
- Mayotte : le magistrat du parquet près la chambre d'appel de la cour d'appel de Saint-Denis de La Réunion siégeant à Mamoudzou, délégué par le Procureur général près la cour d'appel de Saint-Denis de La Réunion
- Saint-Barthélemy et Saint-Martin : le procureur général près la cour d'appel de Basse-Terre
- Wallis-et-Futuna : le président du tribunal de première instance de Mata-Utu
- Terres australes et antarctiques françaises : le procureur général près la cour d'appel de Saint-Denis de la Réunion
- Nouvelle-Calédonie : le procureur général près la cour d'appel de Nouméa
- Polynésie française : le procureur général près la cour d'appel de Papeete
- Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon : le président du tribunal supérieur d'appel de Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon.

## Georgien

- a. Civil Service Development Agency, Ministry of Justice of Georgia (all public documents except diplomas, other education documents and documents issued by Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia)
- b. National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (diplomas and other educational documents)
- c. Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia (documents issued by Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia – as of 1 August 2010).

## Grenada

- a. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- b. The Permanent Secretary and the Senior Administrative Officer.

## Griechenland

- The Regions for all documents issued by the services/ offices of the Regional Self Government;
- The Decentralized Administrations , for all documents issued by:
  1. The public civil services of the Regions that do not fall under the competence of the Regional Self Government;
  2. Legal Entities of Public Law;
  3. First degree Local Government Organizations;
  4. The Registry Offices.
- For judicial documents, the First Instance Court of the region where the issuing authority is seated.

## Guatemala

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala, Department of Authentication of the Directorate of Legal Affairs of the General Directorate of Legal Affairs, International Treaties and Translations.

## Honduras

Minister of Foreign Affairs (Secretaria de Estado en el Despacho de Relaciones Exteriores).

## Indien

Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India.

## Irland

The Department of Foreign Affairs.

## Island

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Utanríkisráðuneytið).

## Israel

- a. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel
- b. Registrars of Magistrates' Courts and Civil Servants appointed by the Minister of Justice under Notaries Law, 1976

## Italien

- 1) In the case of judicial documents, civil status documents and notarial acts: *the public prosecutor at the courts in the jurisdiction in which the documents were issued;*
- 2) in the case of all other administrative documents provided for in the Convention: *the prefect with territorial competence, for the Valle d'Aosta the President of the Region, and for the provinces of Trente and Bolzano the Government Commissioner.*

## Japan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo.



## **Kap Verde**

Direcção-Geral dos Registos e Notariado of the Ministry of Justice and the Direcção-Geral dos Assuntos Consulares e Comunidades of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **Kasachstan**

1. The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
2. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
3. The Ministry of Culture and sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
4. The Department for the provision of courts' activity under the Supreme Court of Republic of Kazakhstan;
5. The Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
6. General Prosecutor's office of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
7. The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
8. The designated bodies are entitled to delegate the authority to their territorial bodies to issue the apostille.

## **Kirgisistan**

- Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- State Service on National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- General Prosecutor Office of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Court Department of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- State service of financial police of the Kyrgyz Republic

## **Kolumbien**

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Area de Legalizaciones

## **Kosovo**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department for Consular Affairs)
- Ministry of Internal Affairs (Civil Registration Agency)

## **Kroatien**

Municipal courts or the Ministry of Justice and Administration

## **Lesotho**

- a. The Attorney-General;
- b. The Permanent Secretary of a Ministry or Department;
- c. The Registrar of the High Court;
- d. A Resident Magistrate;
- e. A Magistrate of the First Class;
- f. Such other person as the Minister may appoint and whose appointment notice has been published in the Gazette.

## **Lettland**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## **Liberia**

1. the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputies and Assistant Ministers;
2. the Minister of Justice, the Deputies and Assistant Ministers;
3. the Clerk and Deputy Clerk(s) of the Supreme and Circuit Court(s);
4. the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Corporations; and

5. the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Maritime Affairs or Special Agents thereof.

### **Liechtenstein**

Regierungskanzlei der Fürstlichen Regierung.

### **Litauen**

1. Notaries. Lithuania has decentralised the issuance of Apostilles and designated **all notaries as competent authorities**
2. The Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Luxemburg**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **Malawi**

- a. The Attorney General or the Solicitor General;
- b. The Permanent Secretary of a Government Ministry;
- c. The Registrar of the High Court;
- d. The Registrar General;
- e. A Government Agent;
- f. A notary public;
- g. A Resident Magistrate.

### **Malta**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **Marokko**

In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Kingdom of Morocco designates **officials of the courts of first instance, courts of appeal (ordinary and specialised) as well as the court of cassation connected with the Ministry of Justice and Liberties** as the authorities who by reference to their official function are competent to issue the certificate referred to in Article 3, first paragraph, with regard to the documents referred to in Article 1, paragraph a, on the documents emanating from an authority or an official connected with the courts or tribunals of the State, including those emanating from a public prosecutor, a clerk of a court or a process-server.

In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Kingdom of Morocco designates the **local authorities in the provinces and prefectures connected to the Ministry of the Interior** as the authorities who by reference to their official function are competent to issue the certificate referred to in Article 1, paragraphs b, c and d, of the Convention.

### **Marshallinseln**

1. Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Marshall Islands,
2. Attorney General and Acting Attorney General,
3. Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the High Court,
4. Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Corporations,
5. Maritime Administrator and Special Agents thereof, and
6. Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Maritime Affairs or Special Agents thereof.

### **Mauritius**

Apostille Section, Home Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Office.

### **Mexiko**

Dirección de Coordinación Política con los Poderes de la Union, Subdirección de Formalización y Control

### **Monaco**

Direction des Services Judiciaires

### **Mongolei**

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia

### **Montenegro**

The courts of first instance of Montenegro:

Basic Court of Bar

Basic Court of Berane

Basic Court of Bijelo Polje

Basic Court of Danilovgrad

Basic Court of Žabljak

Basic Court of Kolašin

Basic Court of Kotor

Basic Court of Nikšić

Basic Court of Plav

Basic Court of Pljevlja

Basic Court of Podgorica

Basic Court of Rožaje

Basic Court of Ulcinj

Basic Court of Herceg Novi

Basic Court of Cetinje

President of the Court is authorized to certify the authenticity of the documents or the person who is authorized by the President of the Court with the seal "Apostille".

The Ministry of Justice may also issue Apostilles for the public documents issued by the authorities in the district of every Court of First Instance in Montenegro if the necessary conditions are fulfilled, i.e. when the Ministry's database has a sample of the signature and stamp which the public document bears.

### **Namibia**

1. Registrar of the High and Supreme Court of Namibia.
2. Ministry of Justice (The Permanent Secretary).

### **Neuseeland**

Department of Internal Affairs, Authentication Unit

### **Nicaragua**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua

### **Niederlande**

Das europäische Königreich:

Rechtbank Amsterdam, Rechtbank Den Haag, Rechtbank Gelderland, Rechtbank Limburg, Rechtbank Midden-Nederland, Rechtbank Noord-Holland, Rechtbank Noord-Nederland, Rechtbank Oost-Brabant, Rechtbank Overijssel, Rechtbank Rotterdam, Rechtbank Zeeland-West-Brabant;

Curaçao:	Head Civil Status Register Division Ministry of Public Administration, Planning and Services Head Information Systems and Quality Management Head Documents & Information Ministry of Public Administration, Planning and Services Head of Data Processing Ministry of Public Administration, Planning and Services
Aruba:	Director of the Legislation and Legal Affairs Department
Sint-Maarten:	Prime Minister- Minister of General Affairs Head Civil Status Register Division of the Ministry of General Affairs
Caribbean part of the Netherlands	Bonaire: 1. Gezaghebber en Waarnemend Gezaghebber (Lieutenant Governor and Acting Lieutenant Governor of Bonaire) 2. Hoofd en Waarnemend Hoofd Burgerzaken Bonaire (Head and Acting Head of the Bonaire Population) Saba: Gezaghebber e/o Waarnemend Gezaghebber Sint Eustatius: Gezaghebber e/o Waarnemend Gezaghebber

## Niue

- (a) the Attorney General
- (b) the Financial Secretary
- (c) Crown Counsel
- (d) the Registrar International Business Companies
- (e) Deputy Registrar International Business Companies
- (f) the Registrar, High Court of Niue
- (g) Secretary to Government

## Norwegen

The County Governors  
Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Österreich

1. Das Bundesministerium für Europa, Integration und Äusseres für alle Urkunden, die
  - a. vom Bundespräsidenten oder von der Präsidentschaftskanzlei,
  - b. vom Präsidenten des Nationalrates,  
vom Vorsitzenden des Bundesrates oder von der Parlamentsdirektion,
  - c. von der Bundesregierung,
  - d. von einem Bundesministerium,
  - e. vom Verfassungsgerichtshof oder  
vom Verwaltungsgerichtshof,
  - f. vom Obersten Gerichtshof,  
vom Kartellobergericht beim Obersten Gerichtshof,  
von der Obersten Rückstellungskommission beim Obersten Gerichtshof oder  
von der Obersten Rückgabekommission beim Obersten Gerichtshof oder
  - g. vom Rechnungshof ausgestellt worden sind.

As from 1 April 2017, the power of the Austrian Embassies and Consulates (except for Honorary-General-Consulates) to issue documents from public registers has been extended. These documents are retrieved or transmitted in electronic form from the Austrian civil registry containing civil documents and citizenship documents, as well as the criminal records register.

The following documents can be issued by Austrian Embassies and Consulates (except for Honorary-General-Consulates) and provided with an Apostille:

- Civil status documents and register extracts
- Certificates of no impediment
- Certificates of the ability to establish a registered partnership
- proof of citizenship (Staatsbürgerschaftsnachweis)
- certificate of exit from the State (Bestätigung über das Ausscheiden aus dem Staatsverband)
- criminal records

The Apostille on the above-mentioned documents will be affixed in label form on the document itself or on an inseparably connected second page.

2. Die Präsidenten der mit Zivilrechtssachen befassten Gerichtshöfe erster Instanz oder ihre zur Ausstellung der Unterzeichnungsbestätigung (Apostille) bestimmten Stellvertreter, mit Ausnahme des Handelsgerichtes Wien und des Jugendgerichtshofes Wien, für alle Urkunden, die von einem anderen Gericht als den in Ziff. 1 Bst. e und f genannten, von einer staatsanwaltschaftlichen Behörde, von einem Notar, von einer Notariatskammer oder von einer Rechtsanwaltskammer - insoweit diese Kammern dabei in Vollziehung behördlicher Aufgaben des Bundes tätig werden - im Sprengel des betreffenden Gerichtshofes ausgestellt sind;
3. für alle anderen Urkunden
  - a. die Landeshauptmänner, soweit es sich um Urkunden handelt, die in ihrem Bundesland in Vollziehung behördlicher Aufgaben des Bundes und
  - b. die Landesregierungen, soweit es sich um Urkunden handelt, die in ihrem Bundesland in Vollziehung behördlicher Aufgaben des Landes ausgestellt worden sind.

## Oman

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Department)

## Panama

Concerning the documents authorized by competent court authorities or officials, **the Secretary of the Supreme Court or his legal substitutes.**

Concerning deeds drawn up by a notary or private documents authenticated by a notary, **the officials of the department of administrative service of the Ministry of Justice.**

Regarding other documents issued by any central government bodies, any autonomous or semi-autonomous bodies, municipal or police authorities or a Public Ministry, **the officials of the consular and legalisation department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

Regarding all other public documents, any of the three preceding procedures are allowed.

## Paraguay

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Directorate-General of Consular Affairs

## Peru

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

## Polen

1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Legalisation Section
  
2. Ministry of Culture and National Heritage  
The Department of Art and Culture Education  
The following documents are subject to its competence:  
- certificates, diplomas, indexes or authentications issued by art schools
  
3. National Agency for Academic Exchange  
The following documents are subject to its competence:
  - 1) diplomas of graduation with supplements,
  - 2) copies of diplomas of graduation,
  - 3) certificates of diplomas and post-graduate certificates,
  - 4) duplicates of diplomas and post-graduate certificates,
  - 5) certificates of graduation
  - 6) doctoral and postdoctoral diplomas, as well as their duplicates and copies - in the case of doctoral and postdoctoral degrees awarded by the authorized organizational units of the university.

## Portugal

The Attorney General of the Republic; The Attorneys General on behalf of ... Porto, Coimbra and Évora and the Assistant Attorneys General with the Representatives of the Republic of the Autonomic Regions of Madeira and Açores

## Republik Korea

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (administrative documents)

Ministry of Justice (1) documents emanating from an authority or an official connected with the courts or tribunals of the State, including those emanating from a public prosecutor, a clerk of a court or a process-server ("huissier de justice"), 2) notarial acts, 3) official certificates which are placed on documents signed by persons in their private capacity, such as official certificates recording the registration of a document or the fact that it was in existence on a certain date and official and notarial authentications of signatures.)

National Court Administration

## Republik Moldau

For administrative documents: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration

For all other public documents: The Ministry of Justice

## Rumänien

"(...) **Tribunals** are competent authorities for the official documents referred to in article 1 letters a) and d) of the Convention;

**Chambers of Notaries Public** are competent authorities for the official documents referred to in article 1 letter c) of the Convention;

**Offices of the Prefect** are competent authorities for the official documents referred to in article 1 letter b) of the Convention.

The aforementioned changes were operated by Law no. 202/2010 for accelerating judicial proceedings (article V), published in the Official Journal no. 178/26 October 2010 (...)"

## Russische Föderation

- a. The Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation:  
Categories of public documents for which Apostilles can be issued:  
documents of federal bodies of executive power, natural and juridical persons, which were notarial evidence;  
documents of territorial bodies of federal bodies of executive power, bodies of executive power of the subjects of the Russian Federation, notaries, bodies of local government;
- b. The General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation;
- c. The Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation;
- d. The Register Offices of the executive bodies in subjects of the Russian Federation;
- e. The Federal Archives Agency and the authorised bodies for archives of the executive power in subjects of the Russian Federation;
- f. Executive bodies of constituent entities ("federal subjects") of the Russian Federation;
- g. The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation on official archive documents on military service (employment) in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, the Armed Forces of the USSR and the Joint Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), issued in the Russian Federation.

## Samoa

The Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. (In the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, the Acting Chief Executive Officer will sign the certificate)

## San Marino

The Minister of Foreign Affairs (Segretario di Stato per gli Affari Esteri).

## São Tomé und Príncipe

The Minister's Office and the Consular Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities are the competent authorities for the purposes of the Convention.

## Schweden

Since 1 January 2005, the Judicial Office at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs no longer issues Apostilles. Sweden has decentralised the issuance of Apostilles and designated **all notaries public** as Competent Authorities. There are approximately 250 notaries public in Sweden. They are appointed by the local County Administrative Board (Länsstyrelsen).

There is no centralised register of all notaries public. A comprehensive list is, however, published annually in the "Sveriges Statskalender", which can be ordered from: Fritzes kundservice, SE-106 47 Stockholm; Tel: +46 (8) 690-9190; Fax: +46 (8) 690-9191; e-mail: order.fritzes@liber.se; website: www.fritzes.se. The Statskalender contains the full addresses of the Swedish administration, down to the level of individuals. The cost of a Statskalender is approximately €140. The publication is not available in electronic form.

## Schweiz

Bundeskanzlei  
kantonale Staatskanzleien

## Serbien

1. Courts of first instance
2. Ministry responsible for the administration of justice

## Seychellen

- a. the Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs, or any person designated and officially authorized by him/her;
- b. the Attorney General, or any person designated and officially authorized by him/her;
- c. the Secretary to the Cabinet;
- d. the Registrar of the Supreme Court

## Slowakei

- a. All Regional Courts ("Krajský súd") for: a) public documents issued or certified by District Courts, notaries or huissiers de justice within their territorial jurisdiction; b) translations executed by official (court appointed) translators or opinions issued by official experts;
- b. The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic ("Ministerstvo spravodlivosti Slovenskej republiky") for all documents emanating from judicial authorities other than the documents specified in point 1 above (i.e. documents emanating from courts other than District Courts.).
- c. The Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic („Ministerstvo vnútra Slovenskej republiky“) for public documents emanating from authorities within its jurisdiction with the exception of documents specified in point 7 lit. a/ below;
- d. The Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic („Ministerstvo školstva Slovenskej republiky“) for public documents emanating from authorities within its jurisdiction;
- e. The Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic (Ministerstvo zdravotníctva Slovenskej republiky), for public documents issued by authorities falling under its jurisdiction;
- f. The Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic („Ministerstvo obrany Slovenskej republiky“) for public documents emanating from authorities within its jurisdiction;
- g. The District Office (obvodný úrad) for:
  - 1) extracts from registers of births, deaths and marriages (matrika), except for decisions concerning civil status;
  - 2) documents issued by autonomous local authorities.
- h. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic („Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí Slovenskej republiky“) for any other public document issued in the Slovak Republic not specified above.

## Slowenien

1. The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia (for certification of the authenticity of the signatures and seals of notaries, district judges, and court interpreters on public documents);
2. District Courts in Slovenia (for certification of the authenticity of the signatures and seals of notaries, notary candidates, judges (except district judges), state institutions, organisations and individuals, executing public powers of attorney and legal persons on public documents-applicable for all district courts in Slovenia).

## Spanien

"[...] the competent officers and authorities designated for the purposes of the Apostille include:

- 1) For the Apostille of administrative documents, the following are designated:
  - a) Governance Secretaries of the High Courts of Justice (Secretarios de Gobierno de los Tribunales Superiores de Justicia) and the cities of Ceuta and Melilla, or their legal deputies, as well as the officers in whom the latter may delegate, within the respective Governance Secretariat;
  - b) The Head of the Unit of the Ministry of Justice in whom, at any particular time, the powers in the field of informing and attending citizens have been vested or whoever may substitute him legally, as well as those persons in whom these may delegate;



- c) The Territorial Managers of the Territorial Management Bureaux (Gerencias Territoriales) that the Ministry of Justice has throughout Spain or their legal deputies, or those persons in whom the former may delegate, within the aforesaid Bureaux;
- d) The Deans of the Notarial Colleges or those acting in lieu thereof pursuant to the regulations or other Public Notaries in whom the former may delegate.

The authorities and offices mentioned in this Section may carry out, without distinction, the single legislation or Apostille of the documents mentioned in Article 1.2 of the [...] Royal Decree [1497/2011, dated 24 October, designating the competent officers and authorities to carry out the single legislation or Apostille (Official State Gazette No. 276, dated 16 November 2011)], regardless of where in Spain such documents were issued.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Royal Decree, the following are deemed "public documents":

- 2) Apostille of judicial documents: The power to carry out the single legislation or Apostille on judicial documents, regardless of the place of issuance in Spain of such documents, is vested in the following authorities (except as provided in Paragraph 4 hereof):
  - a) Governance Secretaries of the High Courts of Justice (Secretarios de Gobierno de los Tribunales Superiores de Justicia) and of the Cities of Ceuta and Melilla, or their legal deputies, as well as the officers in whom the latter may delegate, within the respective Governance Secretariat;
  - b) The Head of the Unit of the Ministry of Justice in whom, at any particular time, the powers in the field of informing and assisting citizens have been vested or whoever may substitute him legally, as well as those persons in whom the former may delegate.
  - c) The Territorial Managers of the Territorial Management Bureaux (Gerencias Territoriales) that the Ministry of Justice has throughout Spain or their legal deputies, or those persons in whom the former may delegate, within the aforesaid Bureaux.
- 3) Apostille of notarial documents: The power is vested in the Deans of the Notarial Colleges or those acting in lieu thereof, pursuant to the regulations, or in those Public Notaries in whom the former may delegate, regardless of where in Spain such documents were issued.
- 4) Apostille of documents issued by judicial authorities or officers of the Supreme Court and the National High Court: Only the Governance Secretary (Secretario de Gobierno) of the relevant Court for documents issued by the Court in question or their legal deputies as well as the officers in whom the latter may delegate are competent.
- 5) Apostille of other public documents: the remaining public documents may be the object of the single legalisation or Apostille, at the citizen's choice and both on paper or electronically, by any of the authorities mentioned in Section 1 above.

Likewise, the aforesaid Royal Decree establishes and regulates in Chapter II, the form and register of the Apostille, whether on paper or in electronic format.

The Sole Transitional Provision of the aforesaid Royal Decree establishes that the Apostille of the documents issued by the Civil Register shall be regulated pursuant to the provisions contained in Article 2 thereof (Apostille of Judicial Documents) until the entry into force of Act 20/2011, dated 21 July, on the Civil register, and shall be regulated thereafter by Article 1 of the Royal Decree (Apostille of Administrative Documents)."

### **St. Kitts und Nevis**

For Saint Kitts and Nevis or the Island of Saint Kitts:

The Attorney General and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For the Island of Nevis:

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in the Island of Nevis or the Legal Adviser in the Legal Department.

**St. Lucia**

- a. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- b. The Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- c. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- d. The Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- e. The Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property
- f. The Registrar of the Supreme Court
- g. The Solicitor General

**St. Vincent und die Grenadinen**

- a. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- b. The Registrar, High Court
- c. The Senior Crown Counsel, Ministry of Legal Affairs
- d. The Executive Director, International Financial Services Authority
- e. The Deputy Director, International Financial Services Authority
- f. The Manager, Administration, International Financial Services Authority

**Südafrika**

- a. Any magistrate or additional magistrate
- b. Any registrar or assistant registrar of the Supreme Court of South Africa
- c. Any person designated by the Director-General: Justice
- d. Director-General: International Relations and Cooperation

**Surinam**

The Registrar of the Court of Justice of Suriname.

**Swasiland**

- a. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Tadschikistan**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Justice

**Tonga**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration & Citizenship, including certain Diplomatic Missions of the Government of Tonga

**Trinidad und Tobago**

1. the Registrar General (in Port of Spain)
2. the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education
3. the Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Enterprise Development, Foreign Affairs and Tourism

Each Competent Authority may delegate his function to a deputy or deputies as circumstances warrant.

**Tschechische Republik**

- a. The Ministry of Justice (judicial documents including documents issued or certified by notaries);
- b. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (other than judicial documents).

**Türkei**

1. Verwaltungsurkunden;

- a) In Provinzen: Gouverneur, stellvertretender Gouverneur, Leiter der juristischen Angelegenheiten.
  - b) In Städten: Vize-Gouverneur.
2. Gerichtsurkunden;  
Wo Oberstraferichte bestehen: Präsidien der Gerichtskommissionen.

### **Ukraine**

- a. Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
- b. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- c. Ministry of Justice of Ukraine
- d. the State Registration Service of Ukraine was authorized to put an "Apostille" stamp on the official documents issued by its divisions all over the territory of Ukraine.

### **Ungarn**

- a. The Ministry of Public Administration and Justice of the Republic of Hungary, Department of Private International Law, in respect of public documents and legalizations executed by judicial authorities, with the exception of public documents issued and legalized by civil law notaries;
- b. Hungarian Chamber of Civil Law Notaries in respect of public documents and legalizations executed by civil law notaries;
- c. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary in respect of public documents and legalizations executed by other authorities.

### **Uruguay**

Dirección General para Asuntos Consulares

### **Usbekistan**

- Ministry of Justice - on official documents emanating from courts and justice authorities;
- Prosecutor general's Office - on official documents emanating from the prosecution, investigation and inquiry authorities;
- State Testing Center under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan - on official documents emanating from education and science authorities;
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs - on all other official documents.

### **Vanuatu**

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs;
2. The Vanuatu Financial Services Commission for public documents falling under its jurisdiction

### **Venezuela**

Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs

### **Vereinigtes Königreich**

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
The Legalisation Office

### **Vereinigte Staaten von Amerika**

The United States of America has three tiers of authorities competent to issue the apostille certificate. The U.S. Department of State Authentication Office affixes apostilles to documents issued by Federal agencies of the United States.

The **U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Vital Records Section** affixes apostilles to Consular Reports of Birth, Death and Marriage of U.S. Citizens abroad and certificates of birth and death originally issued by the Panama Canal Zone Government between 1904 and 1979.

The **Clerks and Deputy Clerks of the Federal Courts of the United States** are authorized to issue apostilles on documents issued by those courts. As an alternative, the U.S. Department of Justice may authenticate the seal of the Federal court and the U.S. Department of State Authentications Office will then place an apostille over that seal.

Public documents issued by U.S. states, the District of Columbia and other U.S. jurisdictions may be legalized with an apostille by designated authorities in each jurisdiction, **generally the state Secretary of State's office.**

- I. Der zur Beglaubigung ermächtigte Beamte des Departement of State der Vereinigten Staaten und sein Stellvertreter.
- II. Alle Urkundsbeamten und stellvertretenden Urkundsbeamten von:
  - Supreme Court of the United States
  - United States Court of Claims
  - United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals
  - United States Court of International Trade
  - United States Courts of Appeals for the Following Circuits:
    - District of Columbia Circuit
    - First Circuit
    - Second Circuit
    - Third Circuit
    - Fourth Circuit
    - Fifth Circuit
    - Sixth Circuit
    - Seventh Circuit
    - Eighth Circuit
    - Ninth Circuit
    - Tenth Circuit
    - Eleventh Circuit
  - United States District Courts for the Following Districts:
    - Middle District of Alabama
    - Northern District of Alabama
    - Southern District of Alabama
    - District of Alaska
    - District of Arizona
    - Eastern District of Arkansas
    - Western District of Arkansas
    - Central District of California
    - Eastern District of California
    - Northern District of California
    - Southern District of California
    - District of Colorado
    - District of Connecticut
    - District of Delaware
    - District of Columbia
    - Middle District of Florida
    - Northern District of Florida

Southern District of Florida  
Middle District of Georgia  
Northern District of Georgia  
Southern District of Georgia  
District of Hawaii  
District of Idaho  
Central District of Illinois  
Northern District of Illinois  
Southern District of Illinois  
Northern District of Indiana  
Southern District of Indiana  
Northern District of Iowa  
Southern District of Iowa  
District of Kansas  
Eastern District of Kentucky  
Western District of Kentucky  
Eastern District of Louisiana  
Middle District of Louisiana  
Western District of Louisiana  
District of Maine  
District of Maryland  
District of Massachusetts  
Eastern District of Michigan  
Western District of Michigan  
District of Minnesota  
Northern District of Mississippi  
Southern District of Mississippi  
Eastern District of Missouri  
Western District of Missouri  
District of Montana  
District of Nebraska  
District of Nevada  
District of New Hampshire  
District of New Jersey  
District of New Mexico  
Eastern District of New York  
Northern District of New York  
Southern District of New York  
Western District of New York  
Eastern District of North Carolina  
Middle District of North Carolina  
Western District of North Carolina  
District of North Dakota  
Northern District of Ohio  
Southern District of Ohio  
Eastern District of Oklahoma  
Northern District of Oklahoma  
Western District of Oklahoma  
District of Oregon  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
Middle District of Pennsylvania

Western District of Pennsylvania  
 District of Puerto Rico  
 District of Rhode Island  
 District of South Carolina  
 District of South Dakota  
 Eastern District of Tennessee  
 Middle District of Tennessee  
 Western District of Tennessee  
 Eastern District of Texas  
 Northern District of Texas  
 Southern District of Texas  
 Western District of Texas  
 District of Utah  
 District of Vermont  
 Eastern District of Virginia (E)  
 Western District of Virginia (W)  
 Eastern District of Washington  
 Western District of Washington  
 Northern District of West Virginia  
 Southern District of West Virginia  
 Eastern District of Wisconsin  
 Western District of Wisconsin  
 District of Wyoming

District Courts for the Following Territories:

District Court for the District of the Canal Zone  
 District Court of Guam  
 District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands  
 District Court for the Virgin Islands

III. Beamte von folgenden einzelnen Staaten und Distrikten:

*Staaten*

Alabama:	Secretary of State
Alaska:	Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Clerk of the Appellate Courts
Arizona:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State
Arkansas:	Secretary of State, Chief Deputy Secretary of State
California:	Secretary of State; any Assistant Secretary of State; any Deputy Secretary of State
Colorado:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Connecticut:	Secretary of the State; Deputy Secretary of the State; Director, Commercial Recording Division
Delaware:	Secretary of State; Acting Secretary of State
Florida:	Secretary of State
Georgia:	Georgia Superior Courts Clerks' Cooperative Authority
Hawaii:	The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii
Idaho:	Secretary of State; Chief Deputy Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State; Notary Public Clerk
Illinois:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Indiana:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Iowa:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Kansas:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State; any Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Kentucky:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State

Louisiana:	Secretary of State
Maine:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Maryland:	Secretary of State
Massachusetts:	Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Michigan:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Minnesota:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Mississippi:	Secretary of State; any Assistant Secretary of State
Missouri:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Montana:	Secretary of State; Chief Deputy Secretary of State; Gouvernment Affairs Bureau Chief
Nebraska:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Nevada:	Secretary of State; Chief Deputy Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
New Hampshire:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
New Jersey:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State
New Mexico:	Secretary of State
New York:	Secretary of State; Executive Deputy Secretary of State; any Deputy Secretary of State; any Special Deputy Secretary of State
North Carolina:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
North Dakota:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Ohio:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State
Oklahoma:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State; Budget Officer of the Secretary of State
Oregon:	Secretary of State
Pennsylvania:	Secretary of the Commonwealth; any Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth; Commissioner of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation
Rhode Island:	Secretary of State; First Deputy Secretary of State; Second Deputy Secretary of State
South Carolina:	Secretary of State
South Dakota:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Tennessee:	Secretary of State
Texas:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State; Director
Utah:	Lieutenant Governor; Deputy Lieutenant Governor; Administrative Assistant
Vermont:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
Virginia:	Secretary of the Commonwealth; Chief Clerk, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Washington (State):	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State; Director; Department of Licensing
West Virginia:	Secretary of State; Under Secretary of State; any Deputy Secretary of State
Wisconsin:	Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State Department of Financial Institutions: Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Administrator of the Division of Corporate and Consumer Services
Wyoming:	Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of State
<i>Other Subdivisions:</i>	
American Samoa:	Secretary of American Samoa; Attorney General of American Samoa
District of Columbia (Washington, D. C.):	Executive Secretary; Assistant Executive Secretary; Mayor's Special Assistant and Assistant to the Executive Secretary; Secretary of the District of Columbia

Guam (Territory of):	Director, Department of Administration; Acting Director, Department of Administration; Deputy Director, Department of Administration; Acting Deputy Director, Department of Administration
Northern Mariana of Islands (Commonwealth of the):	Attorney General; Acting Attorney General; Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth Trial Court; Deputy Clerk, Commonwealth Trial Court
Puerto Rico (Commonwealth of):	Under Secretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State for External Affairs; Assistant Secretary of State; Chief, Certifications Office; Director, Office of Protocol; Assistant Secretary of State for International Affairs; Chief, Certification Office
Virgin Islands of the United States:	no authority designated

## Weissrussland

**Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus** - on the documents issued by Courts, Center for legal expertise and criminalistics of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus, Republican labour arbitrage, Regional justice administrations, Minsk City Executive Committee justice administration, Notary archives, Notary officials;

**Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus** - on the documents issued by the educational institutions;

**Department of Archives and Records Management of the Ministry of Justice** - on the documents issued by the State archives of the Republic of Belarus;

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus** - on all other documents, also on the documents which are under the competence of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education as well as the Department for Archives and Records management, forwarded to Belarus by the Belarusian Diplomatic representatives or Consular offices and/or demanded (obtained) by them.

## Zypern

The Ministry of Justice and Public Order of the Republic of Cyprus

## Gesetzliche Grundlagen:

- *Übereinkommen vom 5. Oktober 1961 zur Befreiung ausländischer öffentlicher Urkunden von der Beglaubigung; LGBl. 1987 Nr. 60*
- *Europäisches Übereinkommen vom 7. Juni 1968 zur Befreiung der von diplomatischen oder konsularischen Vertretern errichteten Urkunden von der Beglaubigung; LGBl. 1972 Nr. 64*
- *Abkommen zwischen dem Fürstentum Liechtenstein und der Republik Österreich über die Anerkennung und Vollstreckung von gerichtlichen Entscheidungen, Schiedssprüchen, Vergleichen und öffentlichen Urkunden; LGBl. 1975 Nr. 20*
- *Personen- und Gesellschaftsrecht (PGR) vom 20. Januar 1926; LGBl. 1926 Nr. 24 idgF*
- *Verordnung vom 11. Februar 2003 über das Handelsregister (Handelsregisterverordnung; HRV); LGBl. 2003 Nr. 66 idgF*
- *Verordnung vom 11. Februar 2003 über die Grundbuch- und Handelsregistergebühren; LGBl. 2003 Nr. 67 idgF*