

No. 9432. CONVENTION ON THE SERVICE ABROAD OF JUDICIAL AND EXTRAJUDICIAL DOCUMENTS IN CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT THE HAGUE ON 15 NOVEMBER 1965¹

APPLICATION to Hong Kong, Antigua, Bermuda, British Honduras, British Virgin Islands, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, Cayman Islands, Central and Southern Line Islands, Falkland Islands and dependencies, Fiji Islands, Gibraltar, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, Montserrat, Isle of Pitcairn, St. Helena and dependencies, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles and Turks and Caicos Islands

Notification received by the Government of the Netherlands on:

20 May 1970²

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
(To take effect on 19 July 1970.)

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 658, p. 163, and annex A in volume 700.

² The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland declared the Convention applicable to Hong Kong under the following provisions:

"(a) In accordance with Article 18 of the Convention the Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong is designated as the Authority competent to receive requests for service in accordance with Article 2 of the Convention.

(b) The authority competent under Article 6 of the Convention to complete the Certificate of Service is the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Convention the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong is designated as the receiver of process sent through consular channels.

(d) With reference to the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of Article 10 of the Convention, documents sent for service through official channels will be accepted in Hong Kong only by the central or additional authority and only from judicial, consular or diplomatic officers of other Contracting States.

(e) The acceptance by the United Kingdom of the provisions of the second paragraph of Article 15 of the Convention shall equally apply to Hong Kong.

The authorities designated above will require all documents forwarded to them for service under the provisions of the Convention to be in duplicate and, pursuant to the third paragraph of Article 5 of the Convention, will require the documents to be written in, or translated into, the English language."

Subsequently, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland declared that the Convention shall extend to the following territories, with the provisions mentioned below:

Antigua: "The Registrar, High Court of Justice West Indies Associated States Supreme Court, St. John's Antigua".

Bermuda: "The Registrar of the Supreme Court, Bermuda".

British Honduras: "The Supreme Court Registry, British Honduras".

British Virgin Islands: "The Administrator, British Virgin Islands".

British Solomon Islands Protectorate: "The Registrar of the High Court, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate".

Cayman Islands: "Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, London S.W. 1".

Central and Southern Line Islands: "The Registrar of the High Court, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate".

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RATIFICATION

Instrument deposited with the Government of the Netherlands on :

28 May 1970¹

JAPAN

(To take effect on 27 July 1970.)

Certified statement was registered by the Netherlands on 7 July 1970.

(Foot-note 2 continued from page 408).

Falkland Islands and dependencies : " The Registrar of the Supreme Court, Stanley, Falkland Islands ".

Fiji Islands : " The Registrar of the Supreme Court, Fiji ".

Gibraltar : " The Deputy Governor, Gibraltar ".

Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony : " The Registrar of the High Court, Tarawa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony ".

Guernsey : " The Bailiff, Bailiff's Office, Royal Court House, Guernsey, Channel Islands ".

Jersey : " The Attorney General, Jersey, Channel Islands ".

Isle of Man : " The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls Office, Douglas, Isle of Man ".

Montserrat : " The Registrar of the High Court, Montserrat ".

Isle of Pitcairn : " The Governor and Commander-in-Chief Pitcairn ".

St. Helena and dependencies : " The Supreme Court, St. Helena ".

St. Lucia : " The Registrar of the High Court of Justice, St. Lucia ".

St. Vincent : " The Registrar of the Supreme Court, St. Vincent ".

Seychelles : " The Supreme Court, Seychelles ".

Turks and Caicos Islands : " The Administrator, Turks and Caicos Islands ".

(a) In accordance with Article 18 of the Convention the authority shown against the name of each territory mentioned above (hereinafter severally called " the designated authority ") is designated as the authority in that territory competent to receive requests for service in accordance with Article 2 of the Convention.

(b) The authority in each territory competent under Article 6 of the Convention to complete the Certificate of Service is the designated authority.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Convention, the designated Authority shall receive process sent through consular channels.

(d) With reference to the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of Article 10 of the Convention, documents sent for service through official channels will be accepted in a territory listed above by the designated authority and only from judicial, consular or diplomatic officers of other Contracting States.

(e) The Acceptance by the United Kingdom of the provisions of the second paragraph of Article 15 of the Convention shall equally apply to the territories named...

The authorities designated in the list will require all documents forwarded to them for service under the provisions of the Convention to be in duplicate and, pursuant to the third paragraph of Article 5 of the Convention, will require the documents to be written in, or translated into, the English language."

¹ In a note, dated 14 July 1970 and received at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the same day, the Government of Japan made the following declarations :

" (1) The Minister for Foreign Affairs is designated as the Central Authority which receives requests for service from other contracting States, pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 2.

(2) The District Court which has rendered judicial aid with respect to the service is designated as the authority competent to complete the certificate in the form of the model annexed to the Convention, pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 6.

(3) The Minister for Foreign Affairs is designated as the authority competent to receive documents transmitted through consular channels, pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 9.

(4) It is declared that the Government of Japan objects to the use of the methods of service referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (c) of Article 10.

(5) It is declared that Japanese courts may give judgement if all the conditions specified in the second paragraph of Article 15 are fulfilled."