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Dear Mrs. Fontaine

Requests under EU Regulations 1393/2007 on the Service of Documents

With reference to your letter dated November 27th 2020 informing the Dutch Central Body and Judicial Officers about the procedure that will be adopted in England and Wales by the end of the transition period following the UK's exit from the European Union on December 31st 2020, we hereby inform you about the procedure that will be adopted in the Netherlands in the same matter.

As from January 1st, 2021, the UK will be considered a so-called 'third country' outside the EU. In that context, I hereby confirm that all requests under the above regulation sent by (requesting parties from) the UK up to and including December 31st 2020 will be accepted and processed by the Dutch Central Body and the Dutch Judicial Officers. Requests sent after that date (or any extension) will be returned to the Requesting Authority and/or party. The exact date will be determined by the date indicated on the postmark.

We kindly ask you to adopt a reciprocal procedure, which means accepting and processing Dutch requests under Regulation 1393/2007 sent up to and including December 31st, 2020 (or any agreed extension of that date). Please note it was unclear to us whether requests sent/ or received by December 31st, 2020 would be accepted and processed by the UK. Without notice to the contrary, we assume the UK will accept and process requests sent up to December 31st 2020.

Procedure to be adopted following the end of the Transition Period

Requests for service of documents sent thereafter should be made under the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters of 1965.



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The Dutch Judicial Officers wish to thank the Foreign Process Section for the highly adequate cooperation so far.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Netherlands

*Central Body/Authority for the Netherlands for Regulation 1393/2007 on the Service
of Documents*