

**Act on the Delivery of Certain Documents to Courts of Law**

(248/1965)

Section 1

- (1) An appeal, a response to an appeal as well as other documents that may be delivered to a court of appeal or the Supreme Court by an authorized representative may, at the party's own risk, be sent to such instances as pre-paid postal deliveries or by a messenger. (112/1979)
- (2) If a document intended for a court of appeal or the Supreme Court shall or may be given to another authority, the document may also be sent to said authority by post or messenger as stated in paragraph 1.
- (3) The public prosecutor may send the documents addressed to the court of appeal referred to in paragraph 1 by post or messenger. The public prosecutor shall deliver appeal documents addressed to the Supreme Court to the court of appeal through the Prosecutor-General and the other documents as ordered by the Supreme Court. (204/1997)

Section 2

- (1) A document sent by post shall be deemed to have been delivered to an authority on the day that the postal item containing the document or a notice of the arrival of the item at the post office is given to the authority.
- (2) [repealed by 663/1978]

Section 3

If a party who, pursuant to an act or a decree, has the right to receive from an authority referred to in section 1 a copy of a letter of appeal, application for leave, response, statement or other document of his or her opposing party, orally or in writing, requests that this be sent to him or her, the copy, together with a copy of the appendices, shall be so delivered to him or her by mail or by intermediary of his or her messenger, if there is no hindrance to this.

Section 4

- (1) If documents for which stamp duty shall be paid and which are delivered to an authority by post or messenger have not been duly supplied with stamp duty stamps, they shall be returned to the sender without being considered, and he or she shall at the same time be notified of the reason for their return.
- (2) [repealed by 708/1993]

## Section 5

- (1) If a judgement or other document or copy may be obtained from a district court, city court, court of appeal or the Supreme Court by an authorized representative, it shall at the request of the party be sent to him or her by post or messenger, if there is no hindrance to this.
- (2) If the party himself or herself has sent documents to the authority by post and has not given notice to the contrary, a document related to the case and referred to in paragraph 1 shall be sent to him or her by post.
- (3) At the request of the party in question, a document referred to in paragraph 1 shall be delivered to another person designated by him or her, by said person's messenger or by post, if there is no hindrance to this.

## Section 6

- (1) Unless there are special stipulations to the contrary, service shall be deemed to have been given to a party of a document sent by post or messenger to him or her or to another person designated by him or her on the seventh day after the document, addressed as advised, has been given to the post for delivery, or on the day that the document has been given to the messenger. A notation shall be made on the document of the date on which it was given to the post for delivery or to the messenger.
- (2) The giving of a document to the post or a messenger for delivery shall take place at the party's own risk. A document delivered by post shall be sent to the address given by the party to the authority.

## Section 7

At the request of the authority, a messenger shall provide evidence that the person concerned has assigned him or her to collect the document.

## Section 8 (663/1978)

A party may deliver a document containing notice of intent to appeal against a judgement of a lower court, court martial or land rights court or the revocation of such notice by post or messenger. The other stipulations of this Act shall thereupon apply where appropriate.

## Section 9

- (1) Where the Church Code or Water Rights Act contain stipulations contrary to this Act, said stipulations shall apply.
- (2) Notwithstanding this Act, the provisions of other acts on the right to deliver documents to authorities or to receive documents from the authorities by post or messenger shall apply.

Section 10

Supplementary provisions on the implementation of this Act shall be issued by Decree.

Section 11

This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 1966.