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Delegations will find attached information about the state of play concerning the implementation of Council Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union (the so-called Directive on "Transfer of prisoners", OJ L 327, 5.12.2008, p. 27). This information is based on notifications by Member States to the Council General Secretariat, to which reference is made in the last column.

In accordance with Article 29, the Framework Decision should have been implemented by 5 December 2011. According to the information received, up to now 24 Member States (BE, CZ, DK, DE, EE, ES, FR, HR, IE, IT, CY, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, AT, PL, RO, SI, SK, FI, SE, UK) have implemented the Framework Decision in their national legal order.

The information in the table is a summary of the notified information: delegations are invited to consult the documents referred to in the last column in order to obtain more detailed information.

The information provided in the table is up-to-date as at 17 November 2016. Any comments or suggestions for improvement should be sent to [secretariat.criminal-law@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:secretariat.criminal-law@consilium.europa.eu).

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**Council Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences**

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BELGIUM	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  18 June 2012	BE as issuing State:  1) the Minister of Justice, when the person is detained in BE;  2) the competent public prosecutor, when the person is not detained in BE.  Minister of Justice is competent for giving prior consent for a judgment to be forwarded.  BE as executing State:  public prosecutor of Brussels  (address in 12509/12)	Dutch  French  German  English					12509/12

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BULGARIA								
CZECH REPUBLIC	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  1 January 2014	CZ as issuing State:  District courts, area courts, regional courts, Prague Municipal Court and Brno Municipal Court.  CZ as executing State:  The regional courts with local jurisdiction  (for detailed list see 10079/1/14 REV1)  CZ as transit State:  Ministry of Justice	Czech or translated into Czech.  In relation to the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic will accept certificates produced in Slovak.			CZ will not apply Art. 7(1)		10079/1/14 REV 1

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DENMARK	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  5 December 2011	DK as issuing and executing State:  Minister of Justice (or the person authorised by the Minister)	Danish	Continuing application in relation to FI and SE of existing DK legislation on cooperation between the Nordic countries regarding the enforcement of sentences				Doc. 6298/12
DEUTSCHLAND / GERMANY	Implemented  Entry into force of legislation:  25 July 2015	DE as issuing and executing State:  the public prosecutors' offices in the regional courts  In respect of juveniles (children) the local courts are competent if the youth court judge is the enforcement officer pursuant to DE law.	German		The consent of the competent DE authority is not required in relation to MS which have submitted a corresponding notification if the sentenced person is lawfully and ordinarily residing in Germany and no proceedings have been initiated to end that residence.	DE will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 15305/15

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ESTONIA	Implemented  Entry into force of legislation:  1 January 2015	EE as issuing and executing State:  Ministry of Justice	Estonian  English					Doc. 6663/16
ELLAS / GREECE								
ESPANA / SPAIN	Implemented  Entry into force of legislation:  21 November 2014	ES as issuing state:  The judges responsible for the execution of sentences; judges for children, if the convicted person is a juvenile.  ES as executing state:  The Central Criminal Court or the Central Juvenile Court judge, if the person concerned is a minor	Spanish					Doc. 8138/15  Doc. 8714/15

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FRANCE	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  5 August 2013	FR as issuing State:  public prosecutor's office at the court that imposed the sentence  FR as executing State:  public prosecutor in whose jurisdiction lies the last known residence of the sentenced person, his or her place of detention or, if the acts were carried out in part on French territory, the place where the offence was committed	French		Prior consent is required in order to enforce a sentence in FR where the sentenced person is neither a French national with his or her habitual residence on FR territory nor a FR national who, on the basis of the sentence or any other legal or administrative decision, will be deported to France once released	FR will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 11299/14
HRVATSKA / CROATIA	Implemented (as part of the <i>acquis</i> ).	HR as issuing State:  courts competent under domestic law  HR as executing State:  county courts (see list in doc. 12335/14)	Croatian  English on reciprocal basis.			HR will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 12335/14

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IRELAND	Implemented					IE will not apply Art. 7(1)	In cases where the final judgement has been issued prior to the date on which the FD entered into force, IE will continue to apply the legal instruments on the transfer of sentenced persons applicable prior to this FD.	Doc. 5421/12
ITALY	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  5 December 2011	Ministry of Justice		In relation to Romania, Italy intends to continue to apply existing bilateral agreement on cooperation for transfer of sentenced persons to custodial sentences  (see doc. 7504/09)				Doc. 5710/12  Doc. 7504/09



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KYPROS / CYPRUS	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  23 May 2014	CY as issuing State:  The assize court or district court which issued the judgment.  CY as executing State:  The district court within the territorial jurisdiction of which the person against whom another member State has issued a judgment has his or her habitual residence.  Ministry of Justice is central authority (see for contact details doc. 11298/14).	Greek  English					Doc. 11298/14
LATVIA	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  1 July 2012	A "municipal (district) court"  Ministry of Justice is central authority	Latvian					Doc. 14363/13

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LITHUANIA	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  1 April 2015	LT as issuing and executing State:  the district courts  (see for more info 5798/1/15 REV 1)	Lithuanian			LT will not apply Art. 7(1)	Where a judgment imposing a custodial sentence has been issued before 5 December 2011, LT will continue to apply Art. 365 of its Criminal Procedure Code and the relevant provisions of international agreements (see doc 15413/1/08 REV 1).	Doc. 5798/1/15 REV 1  Doc. 12824/15
LUXEMBOURG								
HUNGARY	Implemented		Hungarian			HU will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 14413/16

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MALTA	Implemented.	MT as issuing State:  Court of Criminal Jurisdiction  MT as executing State:  Office of the Attorney General	Maltese  English				In cases where the final judgment has been issued before 5 December 2011, MT will continue to apply the existing legal instruments on the transfer of sentenced persons	Doc. 7638/12
NETHERLANDS	Implemented  Entry into force of legislation:  1 November 2012	NL as issuing and executing State:  Minister for Security and Justice	Dutch  English			NL will not apply Art. 7(1)	Where the final judgment has been issued within 3 years following the date on which the FD enters into force, NL will continue to apply the legal instruments on the transfer of sentenced persons applicable prior to the FD (OJ L 265/41, 9.10.2009)	Doc. 14427/12

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OSTERREICH / AUSTRIA	Implemented.	AT as issuing State:  Federal Ministry of Justice  AT as executing State:  Regional Courts	German		Where MS have given the same notification, prior consent is not required if the sentenced person lives in and has been legally residing continuously for at least five years in AT and will retain a permanent right of residence.	AT will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 5698/12
POLAND	Implemented.	PL as issuing and executing State:  Regional Courts	Polish			PL will not apply Art. 7(1)	Where the final judgment is issued within 3 years following the date of entry into force, PL will continue to apply the legal instruments on the transfer of sentenced persons applicable prior to entry into force of the FD ( <i>OJ L 146/21 of 1.06.2011</i> )	Doc. 5650/12

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PORTUGAL								
ROMANIA	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  26 December 2013	RO as issuing State:  Ministry of Justice  RO as executing State:  Request should be send to the Ministry of Justice  The courts of appeal are competent to decide on the requests  The competence for provisional arrest lays with the Prosecution Office of the Court of Appeal of Bucharest  Competent for transit decisions is the Ministry of Justice  (see contact details for all bodies in 5762/14)	Romanian			RO will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 5762/14

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SLOVENIA	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  20 September 2013	SI as issuing State:  District Courts  SI as executing State:  District Courts or the District Court in Ljubljana.  For transit:  Ministry of Justice and District courts	Slovenian  English			SI will not apply Art. 7(1)		Doc. 5507/14
SLOVAKIA	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation:  1 February 2012	SK as issuing State:  Court which issued the judgment imposing a sentence involving deprivation of liberty.  SK as executing State:  Regional Courts / Regional Court in Bratislava.	Slovak  (as regards CZ:)  Czech  (doc. 6883/14)	Protocol of 29 October 2012 of cooperation between SK on CZ (entry into force on 1 December 2014).  (doc. 11321/15)				Doc. 6883/14  Doc. 10654/15  Doc. 11321/15

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FINLAND	Implemented.	FI as issuing and executing State:  The central administrative office of the Criminal Sanctions Agency, the Ministry of Justice or the District Courts (see 5493/13)	Finnish  Swedish  English	Nordic cooperation will continue to apply				Doc. 5493/12
SWEDEN	Implemented  Entry into force of legislation :  1 April 2015	As issuing or executing state:  The Prison and Probation Service  If a permission to transit pursuant to Art. 16 is concerned:  the police authorities  (for contact details see doc. 9822/1/15 REV 1)	Swedish  Danish  Norwegian  English.		If the sentenced person lives and has been residing in SE for the last 5 years, no prior consent is required			Doc. 9822/1/15 REV 1

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UNITED KINGDOM	Implemented.  Entry into force of legislation :  5 December 2011	UK as issuing and executing state:  <b>England and Wales</b>  The Cross Border Transfer Section  National Offender Management Service  Ministry of Justice  <b>Scotland</b>  Scottish Prison Service Headquarters  <b>Northern Ireland</b>  The Northern Ireland Prison Service  (see contact details for all bodies in 12975/12)	English					Doc. 12975/12