

**Federal Act of 31 May 1967 on the issuance of the Apostille according to the
Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public
Documents**

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§ 1. This Federal Act shall apply to documents referred to in Article 1 of the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, Federal Law Gazette Nr. 27/1968 (in the following the "Convention").

§ 2. The certificate (Apostille) to be issued in accordance with the Convention shall be in the form of the model annexed to this Act and shall be drawn up in the German language.

§ 3. Designated for issuing the certificate (Apostille) in accordance with the Convention are:

1. the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding all documents issued by

- a) the Federal President or his Administration ("*Präsidentenkanzlei*"),
- b) the President of the National Council (*Nationalrat*), the President of the Federal Council (*Bundesrat*) or the Parliamentary Administration (*Parlamentdirektion*),
- c) the Federal Government,
- d) any Federal Ministry,
- e) the Constitutional Court or the Administrative Court,
- f) the Supreme Court, the Superior Cartel Court (*Kartellobergericht*) at the Supreme Court, the Superior Restitution Commission (*Oberste Rückstellungs- bzw. Rückgabekommission*) at the Supreme Court, or
- g) the Board of Audit (*Rechnungshof*);

2. the Presidents of the Regional Courts competent for civil law matters – with the exception of the Commercial Court Vienna and the Juvenile Criminal Court Vienna –, or their deputies who are designated to issue the certificate (Apostille) regarding all documents issued by any court other than those listed in Nr. 1 lit. e) and f), any Public Prosecutor's Office, a notary, a Chamber of Notaries or a Bar Association – in

so far as these Chambers/Associations execute administrative duties on behalf of the Federation – in the district of the respective Regional Court;

3. regarding all other documents

a) the *Land* Governors (*Landeshauptmänner*) as far as such documents have been issued in the respective *Land* when executing administrative duties on behalf of the Federation and

b) the *Land* Governments (*Landesregierungen*) as far as such documents have been issued in the respective *Land* when executing administrative duties on behalf of the *Land*.

§ 4. Documents on which the certificate (Apostille) is placed do not require any further legalisation.

§ 5. (1) This Federal Act shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Convention.

(2) The Federal Government shall be in charge of executing the subject Federal Act.