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**NOTE**

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Finland makes the following statements in connection with Council Framework  
Decision 2003/577/JHA on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or  
evidence.

**Competent judicial authority for execution referred to in Article 4**

"§ 5

*Competent prosecutors*

The following are competent to carry out prosecutors' duties in connection with the execution of  
freezing orders:

- (1) the prosecutor of Helsinki judicial district where the property or evidence covered by the freezing order is located within the area of jurisdiction of Helsinki or Kouvola court of appeal;
- (2) the prosecutor of Kuopio judicial district where the property or evidence covered by the freezing order is located within the area of jurisdiction of the Eastern Finland court of appeal;
- (3) the prosecutor of Oulo judicial district where the property or evidence covered by the freezing order is located within the area of jurisdiction of Rovaniemi court of appeal;
- (4) the prosecutor of Tampere judicial district where the property or evidence covered by the freezing order is located within the area of jurisdiction of Turku or Vaasa court of appeal.

Where the property or evidence are located within several of the areas of jurisdiction referred to in points (1) to (4) of the first paragraph, their location is uncertain, or for some other special reason, the abovementioned district prosecutor will be competent irrespective of which court of appeal's area of jurisdiction the property or evidence covered by the freezing order is located within.

For special reasons the competent prosecutor may also be other than the one referred to in the first or second paragraphs."

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### **Article 9(3)**

"§ 7

#### *Language and translations*

The certificate must be provided in either Finnish, Swedish or English or a translation in one of those languages must be attached. The competent prosecutor may also accept a certificate provided in a language other than Finnish, Swedish or English if there are no other obstacles to such acceptance.

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