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from:	Edmund Ducwitz, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union
to:	Javier Solana, Secretary General/High Representative, General Secretariat of the Council
Subject:	Council Framework Decision of 22 July 2003 (2003/577/JHA) on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence – Notification by Germany

Delegations will find in the annex a letter from Germany giving notification in respect of the abovementioned Framework Decision.

To:
Secretary-General
of the Council of the European Union
Mr Javier Solana
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SUBJECT: **Transposition into national law of Council Framework Decision
2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of
orders freezing property or evidence (*OJ L 196, 02.08.2003, pp. 45-55*);
– Notification of the General Secretariat of the Council and the
Commission of the European Communities by the Government of the
Federal Republic of Germany**

ANNEX -1-

Brussels, 26 March 2009

Dear Mr Solana,

I have the honour to inform you that the law implementing, in German law, Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence entered into force on 30 June 2008.

Pursuant to Article 14(2) of the Framework Decision, Member States are required to give notification of the text of the transposing provisions.

I enclose the text of the provisions transposing into national law the obligations imposed under Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence. The transposing legislation has amended provisions of the law on international legal assistance in criminal matters. The amendments entered into force on 30 June 2008.

Please find below the Federal Republic of Germany's declarations on this Framework Decision:

Re Article 4:

The competent authorities are the public prosecutor's offices of the Länder.

Re Article 9(3):

The Federal Republic of Germany will accept certificates in any official language of any issuing State which recognises certificates issued in German by German judicial authorities.

Complimentary close.
