

Directive 2014/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters

CHAPTER VII

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 33*

**Notifications**

- 1 By 22 May 2017 each Member State shall notify the Commission of the following:
  - a the authority or authorities which, in accordance with its national law, are competent according to Article 2(c) and (d) when this Member State is the issuing State or the executing State;
  - b the languages accepted for an EIO, as referred to in Article 5(2);
  - c the information regarding the designated central authority or authorities if the Member State wishes to make use of the possibility under Article 7(3). This information shall be binding upon the authorities of the issuing State.
- 2 Each Member State may also provide the Commission the list of necessary documents it would require under Article 22(4).
- 3 Member States shall inform the Commission of any subsequent changes to the information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.
- 4 The Commission shall make the information received under this Article available to all the Member States and to the EJN. The EJN shall make the information available on the website referred to in Article 9 of the Council Decision 2008/976/JHA<sup>(1)</sup>.

*Article 34*

**Relations to other legal instruments, agreements and arrangements**

- 1 Without prejudice to their application between Member States and third States and their temporary application by virtue of Article 35, this Directive replaces, as from 22 May 2017, the corresponding provisions of the following conventions applicable between the Member States bound by this Directive:
  - a European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters of the Council of Europe of 20 April 1959, as well as its two additional protocols, and the bilateral agreements concluded pursuant to Article 26 thereof;
  - b Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement;
  - c Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union and its protocol.
- 2 Framework Decision 2008/978/JHA is hereby replaced for the Member States bound by this Directive. Provisions of Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA are replaced for Member States bound by this Directive as regards freezing of evidence.

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For the Member States bound by this Directive, references to Framework Decision 2008/978/JHA and, as regards freezing of evidence, to Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA, shall be construed as references to this Directive.

3 In addition to this Directive, Member States may conclude or continue to apply bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements with other Member States after 22 May 2017 only insofar as these make it possible to further strengthen the aims of this Directive and contribute to simplifying or further facilitating the procedures for gathering evidence and provided that the level of safeguards set out in this Directive is respected.

4 Member States shall notify to the Commission by 22 May 2017 the existing agreements and arrangements referred to in paragraph 3 which they wish to continue to apply. Member States shall also notify the Commission within three months of the signing of any new agreement or arrangement referred to in paragraph 3.

#### *Article 35*

### **Transitional provisions**

1 Mutual assistance requests received before 22 May 2017 shall continue to be governed by existing instruments relating to mutual assistance in criminal matters. Decisions to freeze evidence by virtue of Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA and received before 22 May 2017 shall also be governed by that Framework Decision.

2 Article 8(1) is applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the EIO following a decision of freezing taken under Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA.

#### *Article 36*

### **Transposition**

1 Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Directive by 22 May 2017.

2 When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

3 By 22 May 2017, Member States shall transmit to the Commission the text of the provisions transposing into their national law the obligations imposed on them under this Directive.

#### *Article 37*

### **Report on the application**

No later than five years after 21 May 2014, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council a report on the application of this Directive, on the basis of both qualitative and quantitative information, including in particular, the evaluation of its impact on the cooperation in criminal matters and the protection of individuals, as well as the execution of the provisions on the interception of telecommunications in light of technical developments. The report shall be accompanied, if necessary, by proposals for amendments to this Directive.

*Article 38*

**Entry into force**

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 39*

**Addressees**

This Directive is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.

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- (1) Council Decision 2008/976/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the European Judicial Network ([OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 130](#)).