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Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States (2002/584/JHA), I'm writing to give the following notification:

‘The issuing judicial authorities under Article 6(1) shall be the local, regional or higher regional courts and the Federal Court of Justice. The executing judicial authorities under Article 6(2) shall be the higher regional courts.

The central authorities under Article 7(1) shall be the Public Prosecutor General of the Federal Court of Justice; the public prosecution offices at the higher regional courts (offices of the chief public prosecutors); and the public prosecution offices at the regional courts.’

We hereby communicate the following additional information on central authority responsibilities in accordance with Article 7(2):

The Public Prosecutor General of the Federal Court of Justice shall be the central authority only for European arrest warrants issued by the Federal Court of Justice or in other criminal proceedings that fall within the jurisdiction of the Public Prosecutor General.

The public prosecution offices at the higher regional courts and at the regional courts shall each be the central authority for European arrest warrants issued by the courts within their judicial district or in criminal proceedings that fall within their jurisdiction.

For all European arrest warrants issued by other Member States, the public prosecution offices at the higher regional courts shall be the central authorities; jurisdiction shall be defined geographically on the basis of the judicial district of the higher regional court.

The public prosecution offices at the relevant courts shall perform the tasks that central authorities are authorised to undertake in accordance with Article 7(1). They shall, in particular, be responsible for the transmission and reception of European arrest warrants as well as for all other official correspondence relating thereto, and for organising the execution of European arrest warrants in practice.

Yours faithfully,

[signed]

Head of Division (Justice)