

(b) in the case of a register in the custody of the *Greffier* of a Tribunal of first instance, purports to be signed and authenticated by that officer or his deputy and to bear the printed or stamped emblem of the Tribunal, shall, without evidence as to the custody of the register or of inability to produce it and without any further or other proof, be received as evidence that the register contains such an entry;

Provided that where in any legal proceedings, such a document as aforesaid is sought to be used for the purpose of obtaining a payment out of court or of establishing a title to property, the document shall not, unless the court for special reasons otherwise order, be admitted as evidence unless the court is satisfied that it was issued not more than twelve months before the date on which it is so sought to be used and was so issued in response to a specific request for a complete copy of the entry in question (including the marginal notes thereto, if any) and not as a mere summary of the effect of the entry.

Official Certificates.

5. Subject to any requirements of rules of court, a certificate purporting to be given in Belgium as an official certificate of any such class as is specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to this Order and purporting to be signed by the officer and to be authenticated in the manner specified in the second and third columns of that Schedule respectively as appropriate in the case of a certificate of that class shall be received as evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.

General.

6. It is hereby declared that a document issued in Belgium by a public officer, as proof of any matter for the proof of which by a document under the signature of that officer, and the appropriate seal or emblem, provision is made by this Order is not, if otherwise admissible, in evidence, inadmissible for any purpose by reason only that it is not authenticated by the process known as legalisation.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

Public Registers.

Description of Entry.	Matters appropriate to be recorded.
1. Acte de naissance. (Registration of a birth.)	<p>The identity of the informant; the time and place of the birth; the sex and names of the child; the identity of the mother; the identity of the father, except that where the child is illegitimate, the identity of the father should only be recorded if he acknowledges paternity either personally or through his <i>fondé des pouvoirs</i> (attorney).</p> <p><i>Or in the case of a foundling—</i></p> <p>The identity of the informant; the sex and apparent age of the child; the time and place where it was found; the names given to it, and the authority or person to whom it was handed over.</p>
2. Acte de mariage. (Record of the celebration of a marriage.)	The identity of the spouses; compliance with any condition precedent to the marriage; the celebration of the marriage.
3. Acte de publication de mariage. (Record of the publication of intention to contract a marriage.)	The publication of the intention to contract a marriage.
4. Acte de divorce. (Record of the pronouncement of a divorce.)	The identity of the parties to be divorced; compliance with any condition precedent to the divorce; the pronouncement of the divorce.
5. Acte de décès. (Registration of a death.)	The identity of the deceased and of the informants and the date of death or finding of the dead body.
6. Acte de présentation de l'enfant sans vie. (Record of the production of the body of a dead or stillborn child whose birth has not been registered.)	The identity of the informants; the production by them to the registrar of the dead body of the child; the sex of the child and the identity of its parents; the time of its delivery.
7. Acte de reconnaissance d'un enfant naturel. (Acknowledgment of an illegitimate child.)	The identity of the child and of the acknowledging parent or parents; the acknowledgment of parentage.
8. Acte de transcription d'un acte d'adoption. (Registration of adoption.)	The terms of the judgments authorising the adoption and the registration of these judgments.