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International Personal Process Serving

Personal process serving is the delivery of legal documents from a foreign court. It is regarded as an informal method in Japan. The official delivery method is through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese courts based on the Hague Service Convention.

You Can Dispute The Validity of This Service

The respondent can dispute this service and decide to shift to the following methods.

- Switch to the Hague complying serving through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Change the jurisdiction of the case to Japan rather than a foreign country

If you respond to a foreign court that you don't have an objection to this process service, legal proceedings will commence in a foreign court.

What To Do Next

No objection	You will contact the foreign court.
You want to avoid this proceeding	You will contact the plaintiff and switch to settlement consultation.
Do nothing	Disadvantageous judgments or dispositions could be ruled in the foreign court. However, thereafter, it may be possible for the Japanese court to invalidate the judgment or disposition based on your dispute.

By appealing the delivery method, you can invalidate the informal process serving. However, the plaintiff will redo a Hague complying serving. After that, if you agree to respond to this procedure in a foreign court, the proceeding can be quicker and more convenient than disputing the validity of this method.

For more details, please refer our website:

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