

## Judicial Confirmation and Annotation of Foreign Divorce Judgments/Decrees in Philippine Civil Registry Records

### (For Filipino citizens divorced by their foreign spouses)

*The following steps are to be followed to have a foreign divorce decree judicially confirmed, recognized and annotated in the Philippines:*

1. Secure an authenticated copy (beglaubigte Kopie) of your divorce decree
2. Have the divorce decree **translated into English** by a registered translator
3. Bring the **English translation + the original** to the Landgericht and have it authenticated (Überbeglaubigung)
4. Bring/send the 'überbeglaubigte' translation + the original to the Philippine Consulate General for authentication
5. Execute a **Special Power of Attorney (SPA)** at the Philippine Consulate General, authorizing a relative in the Philippines to:
  - a. Have the divorce decree judicially confirmed in a Philippine Court,
  - b. Register the RTC confirmation/decision with PSA, and
  - c. Secure from the PSA a copy of your Report of Marriage / Certificate of Marriage (if married in the Philippines) bearing the annotation of divorce
6. Send the documents (4) and (5) to your relative in the Philippines

*The relative or authorized representative in the Philippines will:*

7. Present the documents (4) authenticated translation + the original German version, and (5) the SPA to a Regional Trial Court RTC in the Philippines for **judicial confirmation**
8. The RTC will issue a confirmation/decision
9. Bring the RTC confirmation/decision to PSA for registration
10. Request PSA for a copy of the **ANNOTATED REPORT OF MARRIAGE**
11. Go to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and have the Annotated Report of Marriage authenticated
12. Send the authenticated annotated Report of Marriage / Marriage Certificate to Germany

The authenticated annotated Report of Marriage / Marriage Certificate having been juridically confirmed in the Philippines can now be used in the Philippine Embassy, for example, in applying for a Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage, or for change of name in the passport back to single name.

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