

## Instruction sheet

Where requested by you, the Federal Republic of Germany is obliged to inform the consular post of your state of origin of your arrest without delay, pursuant to Article 36 paragraph 1 letter b of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. This communication shall be forwarded by the court, the public prosecutor's office or the penal institution where you are being held.

**If you agree**, the consular post of your state of origin **may** also be informed of the facts on which your arrest is based. You may withdraw this consent at any time.

In addition, it is pointed out that the Federal Republic of Germany has signed treaties with various states, which provide for a mandatory notification of the consular post even without your consent or against your will. At present, such treaties exist with the following states:

**Dominica, Fiji, Grenada, Greece, Guyana, Italy, Jamaica, Lesotho, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Sierra Leone, Spain\*, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the British overseas territories (Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Cayman Islands, Monserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, Turks and Caicos Islands)), Cyprus.**

If you are a national of one of these states, your consular post will be notified by the court, the public prosecutor's office or the penal institution of your arrest in any event – even if this is not requested by you.

You are naturally also at liberty to yourself inform the consular post of your state of origin of your arrest. You can also send other information to the consular post of your state of origin at any time.

\* Please note that information is officially only to be provided if you are unable to yourself request notification of the nearest consular post of your state of origin.