

Tasks

of the International Tracing Service

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The main tasks of the International Tracing Service consist in making available for humanitarian purposes, the information contained in its archives and documents, which could be of assistance to the persons directly concerned, that means: imparting replies upon individual inquiries, establishing certificates of incarceration and reports on incarceration, excerpts from documents concerning the detention in former concentration or labour camps, certificates of residence and reports about the stay after the war, combined certificates of incarceration and residence, issuing death certificates established by the Special Registry Office, providing medical records and medical reports, photocopies of documents, attestations of labour and documentary evidence of employment in pension matters, giving information for Memorial Books in remembrance of the victims of deportation, for archives and for publications, as well as for public prosecutors and replies to inquiries of historical and statistical nature.

Mention must be made that it does not lie within the tasks of the International Tracing Service to trace every missing person without distinction.

All information is disclosed upon request without charge. The information is also transmitted to governmental or non-governmental organizations who make inquiries for persons concerned or for their authorized representatives.

There are 50 employees working in this section.

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