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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 AMAZON.COM, INC.,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 THOMAS GLENN, et al.,

14 Respondents.
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CASE NO. C18-1289 MJP

ORDER DIRECTING FOREIGN
SERVICE BY CLERK

16 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Petitioner's Request for Service By Clerk.
17 Dkt. #4. On August 30, 2018, Petitioner filed a Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award. Dkt. #1.
18 In its brief in support of its Petition, Petitioner states, "Amazon respectfully submits that upon
19 successful personal service in the U.S., or upon the Clerk's service via international registered or
20 certified mail and Amazon's subsequent filing of the return receipt for delivery to Respondent,
21 all jurisdictional and service requirements will be met, and the Court may proceed with the
22 administration of this matter and confirm the Final Award." Dkt. #2 at 6-7. Petitioner now
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1 requests that the Clerk of this Court serve Respondents pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
2 Procedure 4(f)(2)(C)(ii). Dkt. #4.

3 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(2)(C)(ii) provides:

4 (f) SERVING AN INDIVIDUAL IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. Unless federal law
5 provides otherwise, an individual – other than a minor, an incompetent
6 person, or a person whose waiver has been filed – may be served at a place
7 not within any judicial district of the United States:

8 (1) by any internationally agreed means of service that is reasonably
9 calculated to give notice, such as those authorized by the Hague
10 Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial
11 Documents;

12 (2) if there is no internationally agreed means, or if an international
13 agreement allows but does not specify other means, by a method that
14 is reasonably calculated to give notice:

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16 (C) unless prohibited by the foreign country's law, by:

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18 (ii) using any form of mail that the clerk addresses and
19 sends to the individual and that requires a signed receipt; .

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21 Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 4(f)(2)(C)(ii).

22 The Court takes judicial notice that the Dominican Republic is a party to the Hague
23 Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or
24 Commercial Matters of November 15, 1965 (the "Hague Convention"). Dkt. #2 at 4. The Hague
Convention permits judicial documents to be sent via mail. Hague Convention, Article 10(a).
Further, according to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, of which both the
Dominican Republic and the United States are members, the Dominican Republic has not
objected to service by mail. *See TABLE REFLECTING APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLES 8(2),*
10(A)(B) AND (C) AND 16(3) OF THE HAGUE SERVICE CONVENTION, Hague Conference

1 on Private International Law (June 2017), [https://www.hcch.net/en/publications-and-](https://www.hcch.net/en/publications-and-studies/details4/?pid=4074&dtid=2)
2 [studies/details4/?pid=4074&dtid=2](https://www.hcch.net/en/publications-and-studies/details4/?pid=4074&dtid=2).

3 Accordingly, the Court, having reviewed Petitioner's motion, hereby DIRECTS THE
4 CLERK TO SERVE DEFENDANTS AND THEIR COUNSEL by **international registered**
5 **mail**, which requires a return receipt, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(2)(C)(ii).
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7 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

8 Dated September 17, 2018.

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11 The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman
12 United States Senior District Court Judge
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