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I do not have the document because it was executed abroad and has never been brought into the UK. It would be very difficult to arrange for it to be sent here, so how can I have it stamped?

Stamp duty is a tax on documents and we normally insist that the requirement in the Stamp Act that the actual document be sent to us for stamping is strictly adhered to. However, we make one exception to that rule. That exception relates to patent, trade mark, licence and similar documents which have been executed abroad, where there would be commercial problems in bringing them into the UK. In those circumstances we are prepared to stamp a certified copy of the document so that you may then register it in the UK.