

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

Timothy Current v. Amazon.com Sales, Inc., Amazon.com Services, LLC, Amazon.com Services, Inc., Segway, Inc., Ninebot, Inc., Ninebot Acquisition Corp., Ninebot, Ltd., and Ninebot (Changzhou) Tech Co., Ltd.

Current · No. 26-cv-2071-EFM-JBW · Decided May 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Kansas directs the plaintiff to exercise reasonable efforts to serve two foreign defendants under the Hague Convention. The court orders the plaintiff to file a status report by August 14, 2026, if returns of service have not been filed, detailing the service efforts and expected timing.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Kansas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jennifer B. Wieland
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Kansas
DECIDED	May 19, 2026
DOCKET	26-cv-2071-EFM-JBW
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court issued an order addressing the status and timing of service of process on two foreign corporate defendants that had not yet been served.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- service of process
- personal jurisdiction
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- international service of process

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m)'s ninety-day service period applies to service on corporations in foreign countries under Rule 4(h)(2).
2. Whether the court should require plaintiff to pursue foreign service diligently and report on the status of service by a specified date.

HOLDINGS

1. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) does not apply to service on a corporation, partnership, or association in a foreign country under Rule 4(h)(2).
2. Although Rule 4(m) does not impose a ninety-day deadline for foreign service, the time allowed for foreign service is not unlimited, and the plaintiff must exercise reasonable efforts to effect service.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Even so, the “time allowed for foreign service is not unlimited.”” (Order text)

“The Court directs Plaintiff to exercise reasonable efforts to effectuate service on Defendants Ninebot, Ltd. and Ninebot (Changzhou) Tech Co., Ltd.” (Order text)

“This status report should provide sufficient detail to update the Court on the steps taken to effectuate service, when returns of service are expected, and any other information to demonstrate reasonable efforts in effectuating service.” (Order text)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The complaint was filed on February 4, 2026, but two foreign defendants, Ninebot, Ltd. and Ninebot (Changzhou) Tech Co., Ltd., had not been served. Plaintiff's counsel reported that a third party was pursuing service through the Hague Convention and estimated that service would take approximately one to three months for the Cayman Islands defendant and two to five months for the Chinese defendant. The court required plaintiff to continue reasonable efforts and provide a detailed status report if service was not completed by August 14, 2026.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the complaint on February 4, 2026. No service had been accomplished on Ninebot, Ltd. or Ninebot (Changzhou) Tech Co., Ltd. The court contacted plaintiff's counsel regarding service, learned that international service through the Hague Convention was ongoing, and ordered plaintiff to use reasonable efforts and file a status report by August 14, 2026, if returns of service had not been filed.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Blackmon v. U.S.D. 259 Sch. Dist., 769 F. Supp. 2d 1267, 1273 (D. Kan. 2011)

- *Briseno v. Mktg. & Mgmt. Sols., LLC*, No. 18-02482-CM-JPO, 2020 WL 618577, at *3 (D. Kan. Feb. 10, 2020)
- *Nylock Corp. v. Fasterner World Inc.*, 396 F.3d 805, 806 (7th Cir. 2005)
- *MacGirvin v. Sook*, No. 08-2197-KHV, 2009 WL 424587, at *2 (D. Kan. Feb. 19, 2009)
- *Nabulsi v. Nahyan*, No. H-06-2683, 2008 WL 1924235, at *5-6 (S.D. Tex. Apr. 29, 2008)

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