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Article 71 1. (a) - Courts for application for a declaration of enforceability and courts for appeal against decisions on such applications

The courts with responsibility for declarations of enforceability are the Magistrates' Courts. Applications can be made directly to the court or can be transmitted to it by the Department of Justice at the following address

REMO Unit at Operational Policy Branch

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service
Department of Justice

4th Floor Laganside House
23 - 27 Oxford Street
Belfast BT1 3LA

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Tel: 0300 200 7812 (UK) and +44 28 9049 5884 (International)

Fax: +44 2890 728 945

e-mail: reciprocalenforcement@courtsni.gov.uk

The courts with responsibility for appeals are the Magistrates' Court: Applications for appeal can be made directly to the court or can be transmitted to it by the Department of Justice at the following address:

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Article 71 1. (b) - Redress procedure

The procedure to contest decisions given on appeal is:

A single further appeal on a point of law to the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland.

Article 71 1. (c) - Review procedure

Article 19 does not apply to the UK as the UK is not bound by the 2007 Hague Protocol.

Article 71 1. (d) - Central Authorities

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Article 71 1. (e) - Public bodies

The public body that can perform the functions of the central authorities is:

Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland (Department of Justice) (for Article 51(2)(a) provision of legal aid)

2nd Floor

Waterfront Plaza

8 Laganbank Road

Mays Meadow

Belfast

BT1 3BN

Tel: +44 2890 408 888

Fax: +44 2890 408 990

Email: enquiries@lsani.gov.uk

Article 71 1. (f) - Competent authorities for enforcement

The Magistrates' Courts are the competent authorities. Applications can be made directly to the court or can be transmitted to it by the Department of Justice at the following address:

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Article 71 1. (g) - Accepted languages for translations of documents

The language accepted for translation of documents referred to in Articles 20, 28 and 40 in all the UK jurisdictions is English.

Article 71 1. (h) - Languages accepted by Central Authorities for communication with other Central Authorities

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