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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 application for enforcement of a court decision or other act decreed in an EU Member State which is not bound by the 2007 Hague Protocol must be submitted to the provincial court (*okrazhen sad*) with jurisdiction at the permanent address or habitual place of residence of the debtor, or the place of enforcement. (Article 627c(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure).

The decision is subject to appellate review by the Sofia Court of Appeal in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 32 of the Regulation (Article 627c(6)(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure).

Article 71 1. (b) - Redress procedure

The decision of the Sofia Appeal Court is subject to further appeal before the Supreme Court of Cassation (Article 627c(6)(2) of the Code of Civil Procedure).

Article 71 1. (c) - Review procedure

The interested party can petition the Supreme Court of Cassation to set aside the decision on the basis of Article 19(1) of the Regulation (Article 627a of the Code of Civil Procedure).

Article 71 1. (d) - Central Authorities

The Central Authority is:

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

Decisions on the refusal or suspension of enforcement within the meaning of Article 21 of the Regulation are taken by the provincial court (*okrazhen sad*) (Article 627b(2) of the Code of Civil Procedure).

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

For the purposes of Articles 20, 28 and 40 of the Regulation the accepted language is Bulgarian.

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

The language accepted by the Central Authority for communication with other Central Authorities referred to in Article 59 is Bulgarian.

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