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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 Court of First Instance (*Monomeles Protodikio*) is the court competent to deal with applications for a declaration of enforceability in accordance with Article 27(1), while the court competent to deal with appeals against decisions on such applications in accordance with Article 32(2) is the Court of Appeal (*Efetio*) under the regional jurisdiction of which the First Instance Court that issued the decision falls.

The redress procedure provided for in Article 32(2) is the appeal (*efesi*).

Article 71 1. (b) - Redress procedure

The redress procedure provided for in Article 33 is the appeal in cassation (*enesi aneresis*). The court with competence for cassation is the Supreme Civil and Criminal Court of Greece (Supreme Court – *Arios Pagos*).

Article 71 1. (c) - Review procedure

Pursuant to Article 19, the default maintenance decision issued by a foreign court may be challenged by the defaulting party/defendant. Appeals against maintenance claims are addressed to the court that issued the decision.

Article 71 1. (d) - Central Authorities

The Department of International Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Criminal Matters of the Ministry of Justice has been designated as Central Authority under Article 49(3).

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Article 71 1. (e) – Public bodies

Greek law does not provide for the functions of the Central Authority to be exercised by public bodies or bodies subject to supervision by the competent authority, as provided for in Article 51(3).

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

The Court of First Instance is the competent authority in matters of enforcement for the purposes of Article 21.

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

Greek.

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

Greek and English are the languages accepted by the Central Authority for communication with other Central Authorities, in accordance with Article 59.

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