

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

In Latvia the Courts with competence to deal with applications for a declaration of enforceability in accordance with Article 27(1) of the Regulation are Courts of general jurisdiction, i.e. district (or city district) Courts.

In Latvia the Courts with competence to consider appeals against decisions on applications for a declaration of enforceability in accordance with Article 32(2) of the Regulation are regional Courts, through the intermediation of the relevant district (or city district) Court.

Article 71 1. (b) - Redress procedure

A decision given on appeal pursuant to Article 33 of the Regulation may be contested before the Senate of the Supreme Court, through the intermediation of the relevant regional Court.

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Article 71 1. (c) - Review procedure

Re-examination of a case in connection with the review of a decision can be initiated by the defendant on the basis of Article 19 of the Regulation by submitting an application:

- 1) for the review of a judgment or decision by a district or city court – to the corresponding regional court;
- 2) for the review of a judgment or decision by a regional court – to the Supreme Court;
- 3) for the review of a judgment or decision by a chamber of the Supreme Court – to the Department of Civil Cases of the Supreme Court.

An application may not be submitted if the period during which the enforcement document concerning the relevant ruling may be submitted for enforcement has expired.

An application that does not indicate the grounds that may be deemed grounds for review under the European Union legislation referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article will not be admitted and will be returned to the applicant. The judge will also decline to consider an application for re-examination of a case in connection with the review of a decision, where it is a repeat application, unless it appears that the grounds cited for the review of the decision have changed. The judge's decision can be challenged by lodging an ancillary complaint (blakus sūdzība).

Article 71 1. (d) - Central Authorities**Administration of the Maintenance Guarantee Fund (*Uzturīdzekļu garantiju fonda administrācija*)**

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Article 71 1. (e) – Public bodies

In Latvia, the special functions of the central authorities mentioned in Article 51 of the Regulation are discharged by the Administration of the Maintenance Guarantee Fund.

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

In Latvia the authorities with competence to refuse to or suspend enforcement of a ruling for the purposes of Article 21 of the Regulation are the district (or city district) Courts in whose jurisdiction the ruling of a foreign Court is to be enforced.

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

Latvia only accepts translations of the documents referred to in Articles 20, 28 and 40 of the Regulation in the national language, i.e. Latvian.

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

Latvia only accepts the applications mentioned in Article 56 of the Regulation (Annexes VI and VII to the Regulation) in the national language, i.e. Latvian.

Latvia accepts requests for specific measures (Annex V to the Regulation), in Latvian or in English.

For other communications the Central Authority when requested accepts Latvian or English.

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