

**Article 18 (a)(i) - the authorities which are competent to order protection measures and issue certificates in accordance with Article 5**

The following have the power to order protection measures according to the subject of the case in which a protection measure is requested: the family court (*tribunal de la famille*), the labour court (*tribunal du travail*) or public prosecutor's office (*ministère public*), with subsequent verification by the family court or juvenile court (*tribunal de la jeunesse*).

The chief registrar (*greffier en chef*) of the court which ordered the protection measure, or the public prosecutor's office if applicable, is responsible for issuing the certificate.

**Article 18 (a)(ii) - the authorities before which a protection measure ordered in another Member State is to be invoked and/or which are competent to enforce such a measure**

The public prosecutor's office of the place where the person under protection is/will be entered in the population register, or where the person is/will be usually resident.

**Article 18 (a)(iii) - the authorities which are competent to effect the adjustment of protection measures in accordance with Article 11(1)**

The public prosecutor's office of the place where the person under protection is/will be entered in the population register, or where the person is/will be usually resident. This adjustment may be appealed before the Court of First Instance (*tribunal de première instance*) in accordance with Article 11(5).

**Article 18 (a)(iv) - the courts to which the application for refusal of recognition and, where applicable, enforcement is to be submitted in accordance with Article 13**

The Court of First Instance.

**Article 18 (b) - the language or languages accepted for translations as referred to in Article 16(1)**

French, Dutch and/or German are accepted for the translations referred to in Article 16(1), depending on the official languages of the place of enforcement in accordance with Belgian law.

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