

Article 29(1)(a) - Courts with jurisdiction

In the Czech Republic, the applicable rules for determining which courts have jurisdiction to issue a European order for payment are the general legal provisions governing jurisdiction in civil law matters contained in Act No 99/1963 ('Code of Civil Procedure').

Jurisdiction for the subject matter is governed by Sections 9 to 12 and territorial jurisdiction by Sections 84 to 89a of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Given the type of cases envisaged, the courts with jurisdiction in the subject matter will normally be the district courts, while the criterion for determining territorial jurisdiction will normally be the place of residence/registered office of the defendant.

Article 29(1)(b) - Review procedure

The court with jurisdiction to hear review proceedings is the court which handed down the judgment at first instance.

The competent court must apply Article 20 of the Regulation directly. An appeal is possible against decisions rejecting an application for review.

Article 29(1)(c) - Means of communication

In accordance with Section 42 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the following are acceptable means of communication:

- (a) electronic mail with an advanced electronic signature in accordance with Electronic Signatures Act No 227/2000, as amended;
- (b) electronic mail without an advanced electronic signature;
- (c) fax.

Submissions by the means referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) must be followed up by sending in the original copies of the forms within three days, failing which the court will not take the submissions into consideration.

Article 29(1)(d) - Accepted languages

The only language accepted by the Czech Republic is Czech.

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