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Finland

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

The Helsinki District Court has jurisdiction to issue a European order for payment.

Article 29(1)(b) - Review procedure

Article 20 of the Regulation, concerning the review of the European order for payment, is applied in Finland as it stands. For the purposes of Article 20, the competent court is the Helsinki District Court.

In addition to the provisions of Article 20 of the Regulation, the provisions on extraordinary channels of appeal in Chapter 31 of the Code of Judicial Procedure also apply to the European order for payment. These include complaints based on a procedural error (Section 1 of Chapter 31) and reversal of a final judgment (Section 7 of Chapter 31). Section 17 of the Code of Judicial Procedure contains a separate provision on the granting of a new deadline.

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

The Electronic Services and Communication (Public Sector) Act No 13/2003 includes provisions on sending trial documents to a Finnish court. Under this Act, the means of communication accepted for the order for payment procedure are the post, fax or e-mail.

Article 29(1)(d) - Accepted languages

European orders for payment may be sent in Finnish, Swedish or English.

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