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Article 2 – Requested courts

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Country: United Kingdom

Jurisdiction: England and Wales

Instrument: Taking evidence

Competence type: Requested courts

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Below is the list:

[+ Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Centre](#)

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[+ Manchester County Court and Family Hearing Centre](#)

[+ The High Court - Queens Bench](#)

Article 3 – Central body

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Competence type: Central body

The High Court - Queens Bench

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Article 5 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

The standard form will be acceptable in English and French.

Article 6 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

Requests for all cases excluding Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders will be accepted by the designated courts by post only.

Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Order cases under the established procedures can be accepted by post, fax or e-mail.

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Article 21 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 21(2)

The United Kingdom does not intend to retain any bilateral agreements with other Member States for taking of evidence between the United Kingdom and the other Member States. It has, however, informed Member States with which it has bilateral agreements that it wants these agreements to continue to apply for cases between those Member States and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories that are not part of the European Union.

The countries with which the United Kingdom has bilateral agreements and the date of those agreements are as follows:

Austria 31/03/31 Greece 07/02/36

Belgium 21/06/22 Italy 17/12/30
Denmark 29/11/32 Netherlands 31/05/32
Finland 11/08/33 Portugal 09/07/31
France 02/02/22 Spain 27/06/29
Germany 20/03/28 Sweden 28/08/30

The United Kingdom Overseas Territories outside the European Union to which these bilateral agreements will continue to apply are:

Channel Islands

Isle of Man

Anguilla

Bermuda

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Falkland Islands & Dependencies

Montserrat

Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri & Dhekelia (Cyprus)

St Helena & Dependencies

Turks & Caicos Islands

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