

In the field of civil justice, pending procedures and proceedings initiated before the end of the transition period will continue under EU law. The e-Justice Portal, on the basis of a mutual agreement with the UK, will maintain the relevant information related to the United Kingdom until the end of 2022.

European enforcement order

England and Wales

1. Procedures for rectification and withdrawal (Art. 10(2))

The Rules of Court for England and Wales made under the Civil Procedure Act 1997 will be used to give effect to this Regulation. These Rules of Court are known as the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) and are made by statutory instrument.

Part 74.27 of the Civil Procedure Rules and its accompanying Practice Direction, **Practice Direction 74B** contain provisions for the European Enforcement Order in England and Wales including procedures for rectification and withdrawal.

Article 10 refers to the entitlement to apply to the court to have a certificate rectified (if it is at variance with the judgment) or withdrawn (if it is at variance with the Regulation). The procedure that is in place to deal with these situations is **CPR Part 23** which contains the rules for making applications to the court. An application under Article 10 will be made to the court which issued the European Enforcement Order using the procedure in Part 23.

The application will be made on an application notice known as Form(*) **N244**. The application notice must state what order the applicant is seeking (i.e. an order for rectification or withdrawal) and why the applicant is seeking the order (for example, because there is a discrepancy in the certificate).

(*) UK confirms that the standard forms in the Regulation will be used. Annexes I-V of the Regulation are the forms in which the certificates shall be issued by the court. Creditors will use the relevant UK court forms to make the requisite applications and the certificate will be issued in the form provided by the Regulation. It is envisaged that an application under Article 10(3) may be made using UK's standard form of application or the form at Annex VI of the Regulation.

2. Procedures for review (Art.19 (1))

The Rules of Court for England and Wales made under the Civil Procedure Act 1997 will be used to give effect to this Regulation. These Rules of Court are known as the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) and are made by statutory instrument.

Article 19(1) requires that the debtor must be entitled to apply for a review of the judgment in circumstances where the document instituting the proceedings did not reach him or he was prevented from objecting to the claim through no fault of his own.

Part 13 of the CPR will permit the judgment debtor to apply for a review of the judgment in the circumstances described in Article 19. It sets out the procedure for making an application to set aside or vary default judgment. Default judgment can be obtained where the judgment debtor has failed to file an acknowledgment of service and/or a defence. Part 13 of the CPR will permit the judgment debtor to apply for a review of the judgment in the circumstances described in Article 19. It sets out the procedure for making an application to set aside or vary default judgment.

No forms are prescribed for making an application to set aside or vary default judgment. It is usual for the applicant to make the application using the application notice in Form N244 (http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/courtfinder/forms/n244_eng.pdf). The applicant should state the order he wants and why judgment should be set aside or varied, for example because he was not served the proceedings in sufficient time to prepare his defence. The hearing of that application will entail a review of the judgment.

3. Accepted languages (Article 20(2)(c))

Certificates sent to England and Wales will be accepted in English.

4. Authorities designated for the purpose of certifying authentic instruments (Art. 25)

While Authentic Instruments from other Member States will be enforced in England and Wales they are not produced in England and Wales. Therefore there is no need to designate an authority to certify them.

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