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General information

Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters applies between all Member States of the European Union including Denmark which has concluded a parallel agreement on Regulation 44/2001 with the European Community (the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters). This agreement entered into force on 1st July 2007.

A judgment given in a Member State shall be recognised in the other Member States without any special procedure being required.

A judgment given in a Member State and enforceable in that State shall be enforced in another Member State when, on the application of any interested party, it has been declared enforceable there. The application shall be submitted to the court or competent authority as notified by the Member State under Art 39 of the Regulation. An appeal against the decision on the application for a declaration of enforceability is to be lodged with the court as notified by the Member State under Art 43(2) and 44 of the Regulation.

Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 has been replaced by Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 (Brussels I Regulation (recast)) as from 10 January 2015. This new Regulation applies only to legal proceedings instituted, to authentic instruments formally drawn up or registered and to court settlements approved or concluded on or after 10 January 2015. Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 continues to apply to judgments given in legal proceedings instituted, to authentic instruments formally drawn up or registered and to court settlements approved or concluded before 10 January 2015 which fall within the scope of that Regulation.

Regulation No 1215/2012 applies in Denmark under the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters. The necessary legislative amendments in Denmark entered into force on 1 June 2013.

The Regulation provides for two forms.

The notifications by the Member States under Articles 75 and 76 of Regulation No 1215/2012 are available here.

The European e-Justice Portal provides you with information concerning the application of the Regulation and a user-friendly tool for filling in the forms.

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