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National information and online forms concerning Regulation No. 4/2009

General information

Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 relating to maintenance obligations aims at ensuring the effective and swift recovery of maintenance.

It provides for nine standard forms which should facilitate the communication between Central Authorities and make possible to submit applications electronically.

The Regulation applies between all Member States of the European Union including the United Kingdom (Commission Decision 2009/451/EC of 8 June 2009, [OJ L 149, 12.06.2009, p. 73](#)).




Denmark confirmed its intention to implement the content of the Regulation, to the extent that the Regulation amends Regulation (EC) N° 44/2001, by means of a declaration ([OJ L 149, 12.06.2009, p. 80](#)) based on a parallel agreement concluded with the European Community.

Denmark confirmed its intention to implement the content of the [Implementing Act of 10 November 2011](#) establishing Annexes X and XI to Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations. ([DK notification, OJ L195, 18. 7. 2013, p.1](#))

Denmark and the United Kingdom are not bound by the 2007 Hague Protocol.

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](#).

Non-compulsory standard form on the statement of maintenance arrears

In order to facilitate the practical implementation of the Maintenance Regulation, and the effective exercise of citizens' rights throughout the EU, the [European Judicial Network](#) in civil and commercial matters developed a non-compulsory standard form on the statement of maintenance arrears. This non-compulsory form aims at facilitating the recovery of maintenance arrears and is available in 23 languages. The form comes with a practical guide on completing it attached. The form is available in the following formats: PDF  (1093 KB) [en](#), editable PDF  (1271 KB) [en](#) and XLS  (244 KB) [en](#).

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Related links

[Hague Protocol of 23 November 2007 ARCHIVED European Judicial ATLAS website \(closed on 30 September 2017\)](#)

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