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Estonia

Article 71 1. (a) - Courts for application for a declaration of enforceability and courts for appeal against decisions on such applications

Under Article 27(1), in Estonia the county courts are competent to deal with applications for a declaration of enforceability (Section 121 of the Code of Civil Procedure).

Under Article 32(2), in Estonia the district courts are competent to hear appeals against decisions on a declaration of enforceability.

Article 71 1. (b) - Redress procedure

In Estonia, decisions may be contested as laid down in Article 33 by filing an appeal with the Supreme Court (Sections 625 and 695-701 of the Code of Civil Procedure).

Article 71 1. (c) - Review procedure

The procedure for applying for a review laid down in Article 19 takes place in Estonia under the provisions for adjudicating petitions, unless otherwise stipulated in Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations. County courts are competent to deal with applications for review.

Article 71 1. (d) - Central Authorities

Under Article 49(3), the central authority in the Republic of Estonia is:

Ministry of Justice

International Judicial Cooperation Division

Suur-Ameerika 1, 10122 Tallinn

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Article 71 1. (f) – Competent authorities for enforcement

Under Article 21, in Estonia the county courts are competent to deal with applications for refusal or suspension of enforcement.

Article 71 1. (g) - Accepted languages for translations of documents

Under Articles 20, 28 and 40, Estonia accepts translations into English in addition to documents in Estonian.

Article 71 1. (h) - Languages accepted by Central Authorities for communication with other Central Authorities

Under Article 59, Estonia accepts communication with other central authorities in both Estonian and English.

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