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**Article 67 (a)**

The names, addresses and means of communication for the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 53 are as follows:

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*(for all questions covered by the Regulation in connection with parental responsibility and the abduction and placement of children (Article 56))*

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*(for all questions covered by the Regulation, except for matters relating to parental responsibility and the abduction and placement of children (Article 56))*

**Article 67 (b)**

The languages accepted for communications with the central authorities designated pursuant to Article 57(2) are: Bulgarian, English and French.

**Article 67 (c)**

The languages accepted for the certificate concerning rights of access pursuant to Article 45(2) are: Bulgarian, English and French.

**Articles 21 and 29**

The competent bodies referred to in Article 21(2) for the recognition of judgments in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility are the authorities competent for registration, namely the mayors of municipalities (Article 621(2) of the Code of Civil Procedure).

The competent body referred to in Article 21(3) for the recognition of judgments is the Provincial Court having jurisdiction over the opposing party's permanent or registered address or, if that party has no permanent or registered address in the Republic of Bulgaria, over the permanent or registered address of the interested party (Article 622(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure). If the interested party does not have a permanent address or registered address in Bulgaria either, the application is to be made to the Sofia Municipal Court.

The competent authority to which the application referred to in Article 29, for a declaration of enforceability of a judicial decision issued in another EU Member State, should be submitted is the Provincial Court having jurisdiction over the debtor's permanent or registered address, or over the place of enforcement. (Article 623(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure)

**Article 33**

The decision is subject to appeal before the Sofia Court of Appeal. (Article 623(6), first sentence, of the Code of Civil Procedure)

**Article 34**

Further appeals against decisions of the Sofia Court of Appeal are to be lodged with the Supreme Court of Cassation. (Article 623(6), second sentence, of the Code of Civil Procedure).

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