

Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure

Article 1

Subject matter

- 1 The purpose of this Regulation is:
 - a to simplify, speed up and reduce the costs of litigation in cross-border cases concerning uncontested pecuniary claims by creating a European order for payment procedure;
 - and
 - b to permit the free circulation of European orders for payment throughout the Member States by laying down minimum standards, compliance with which renders unnecessary any intermediate proceedings in the Member State of enforcement prior to recognition and enforcement.
- 2 This Regulation shall not prevent a claimant from pursuing a claim within the meaning of Article 4 by making use of another procedure available under the law of a Member State or under Community law.