

Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community

PART THREE

**SEPARATION PROVISIONS**

*TITLE VI*

***ONGOING JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS***

*Article 66*

**Applicable law in contractual and non-contractual matters**

In the United Kingdom, the following acts shall apply as follows:

- (a) Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(1)</sup> shall apply in respect of contracts concluded before the end of the transition period;
- (b) Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(2)</sup> shall apply in respect of events giving rise to damage, where such events occurred before the end of the transition period.

*Article 67*

**Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judicial decisions, and related cooperation between central authorities**

1 In the United Kingdom, as well as in the Member States in situations involving the United Kingdom, in respect of legal proceedings instituted before the end of the transition period and in respect of proceedings or actions that are related to such legal proceedings pursuant to Articles 29, 30 and 31 of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(3)</sup>, Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 or Articles 12 and 13 of Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009<sup>(4)</sup>, the following acts or provisions shall apply:

- a the provisions regarding jurisdiction of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012;
- b the provisions regarding jurisdiction of Regulation (EU) 2017/1001, of Regulation (EC) No 6/2002, of Regulation (EC) No 2100/94, of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(5)</sup> and of Directive 96/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(6)</sup>;
- c the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 regarding jurisdiction;
- d the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 regarding jurisdiction.

2 In the United Kingdom, as well as in the Member States in situations involving the United Kingdom, the following acts or provisions shall apply as follows in respect of the recognition and enforcement of judgments, decisions, authentic instruments, court settlements and agreements:

- a Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 shall apply to the recognition and enforcement of judgments given in legal proceedings instituted before the end of the transition period,

- and to authentic instruments formally drawn up or registered and court settlements approved or concluded before the end of the transition period;
- b the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 regarding recognition and enforcement shall apply to judgments given in legal proceedings instituted before the end of the transition period, and to documents formally drawn up or registered as authentic instruments, and agreements concluded before the end of the transition period;
  - c the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 regarding recognition and enforcement shall apply to decisions given in legal proceedings instituted before the end of the transition period, and to court settlements approved or concluded, and authentic instruments established before the end of the transition period;
  - d Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(7)</sup> shall apply to judgments given in legal proceedings instituted before the end of the transition period, and to court settlements approved or concluded and authentic instruments drawn up before the end of the transition period, provided that the certification as a European Enforcement Order was applied for before the end of the transition period.
- 3 In the United Kingdom, as well as in the Member States in situations involving the United Kingdom, the following provisions shall apply as follows:
- a Chapter IV of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 shall apply to requests and applications received by the central authority or other competent authority of the requested State before the end of the transition period;
  - b Chapter VII of Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 shall apply to applications for recognition or enforcement as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 2 of this Article and requests received by the central authority of the requested State before the end of the transition period;
  - c Regulation (EU) 2015/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(8)</sup> shall apply to insolvency proceedings, and actions referred to in Article 6(1) of that Regulation, provided that the main proceedings were opened before the end of the transition period;
  - d Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(9)</sup> shall apply to European payment orders applied for before the end of the transition period; where, following such an application, the proceedings are transferred according to Article 17(1) of that Regulation, the proceedings shall be deemed to have been instituted before the end of the transition period;
  - e Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(10)</sup> shall apply to small claims procedures for which the application was lodged before the end of the transition period;
  - f Regulation (EU) No 606/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(11)</sup> shall apply to certificates issued before the end of the transition period.

#### *Article 68*

#### **Ongoing judicial cooperation procedures**

In the United Kingdom, as well as in the Member States in situations involving the United Kingdom, the following acts shall apply as follows:

- (a) Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(12)</sup> shall apply to judicial and extrajudicial documents which were received for the purposes of service before the end of the transition period by one of the following:
  - (i) a receiving agency;

- (ii) a central body of the State where the service is to be effected; or
  - (iii) diplomatic or consular agents, postal services or judicial officers, officials or other competent persons of the State addressed, as referred to in Articles 13, 14 and 15 of that Regulation;
- (b) Council Regulation (EC) No 1206/2001<sup>(13)</sup> shall apply to requests received before the end of the transition period by one of the following:
  - (i) a requested court;
  - (ii) a central body of the State where the taking of evidence is requested; or
  - (iii) a central body or competent authority referred to in Article 17(1) of that Regulation;
- (c) Council Decision 2001/470/EC<sup>(14)</sup> shall apply to requests that were received before the end of the transition period; the requesting contact point may request an acknowledgement of receipt within 7 days of the end of the transition period where it has doubts as to whether the request was received before the end of the transition period.

#### *Article 69*

#### **Other applicable provisions**

1 In the United Kingdom, as well as in the Member States in situations involving the United Kingdom, the following acts shall apply as follows:

- a Council Directive 2003/8/EC<sup>(15)</sup> shall apply to applications for legal aid that were received by the receiving authority before the end of the transition period. The requesting authority may request an acknowledgement of receipt within 7 days of the end of the transition period where it has doubts as to whether the request was received before that date;
- b Directive 2008/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(16)</sup> shall apply where, before the end of the transition period:
  - (i) the parties agreed to use mediation after the dispute had arisen;
  - (ii) mediation was ordered by the court; or
  - (iii) a court invited the parties to use mediation;
- c Council Directive 2004/80/EC<sup>(17)</sup> shall apply to applications received by the deciding authority before the end of the transition period.

2 Point (a) of paragraph 1 and point (a) of paragraph 2 of Article 67 of this Agreement shall also apply in respect of the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 as applicable by virtue of 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<sup>(18)</sup>.

3 Point (a) of Article 68 of this Agreement shall also apply with regard to the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 as applicable by virtue of the agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on the service of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil and commercial matters<sup>(19)</sup>.

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- (1) Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) ([OJ L 177, 4.7.2008, p. 6](#)).
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II) ([OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, p. 40](#)).
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters ([OJ L 351, 20.12.2012, p. 1](#)).
- (4) 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 ([OJ L 7, 10.1.2009, p. 1](#)).
- (5) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) ([OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1](#)).
- (6) Directive 96/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services ([OJ L 18, 21.1.1997, p. 1](#)).
- (7) Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims ([OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 15](#)).
- (8) Regulation (EU) 2015/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on insolvency proceedings ([OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 19](#)).
- (9) Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure ([OJ L 399, 30.12.2006, p. 1](#)).
- (10) Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure ([OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, p. 1](#)).
- (11) Regulation (EU) No 606/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters ([OJ L 181, 29.6.2013, p. 4](#)).
- (12) Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents), and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1348/2000 ([OJ L 324, 10.12.2007, p. 79](#)).
- (13) Council Regulation (EC) No 1206/2001 of 28 May 2001 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters ([OJ L 174, 27.6.2001, p. 1](#)).
- (14) Council Decision 2001/470/EC of 28 May 2001 establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters ([OJ L 174, 27.6.2001, p. 25](#)).
- (15) Council Directive 2003/8/EC of 27 January 2003 to improve access to justice in cross-border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes ([OJ L 26, 31.1.2003, p. 41](#)).
- (16) Directive 2008/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters ([OJ L 136, 24.5.2008, p. 3](#)).
- (17) Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims ([OJ L 261, 6.8.2004, p. 15](#)).
- (18) [OJ L 299, 16.11.2005, p. 62](#).
- (19) [OJ L 300 17.11.2005, p. 55](#).