

THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 2 JULY 2019 ON THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS IN CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS HAS COME INTO FORCE IN THE UK

On 1 July 2025, the Hague Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (“Hague 2019”) came into force in the UK.

The Hague 2019 Convention

Twelve months have now passed since the UK Government enacted the necessary secondary legislation to ratify Hague 2019 in June 2024. As a result, Hague 2019 has come into force in the UK with effect from 1 July 2025.

The UK’s accession to Hague 2019 is a significant development, expected to enhance legal certainty in the UK by ensuring that judgments from UK courts are recognised and enforced in other states worldwide, and vice versa. However, it is important to note that the Convention will only apply to judgments issued in proceedings commenced after 1 July 2025.

At present, the Convention is in force in all EU member states (with the exception of Denmark) as well as Ukraine and Uruguay. Albania and Montenegro both ratified the Convention in February this year, whilst Costa Rica, Israel, North Macedonia, Russia and the US have all signed, but not yet ratified it.

For further information on the Convention, please refer to our previous briefings [here](#).

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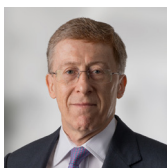
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