



# Defamation Act 2013

## 2013 CHAPTER 26

### *Jurisdiction*

#### **9 Action against a person not domiciled in the UK or a Member State etc**

- (1) This section applies to an action for defamation against a person who is not domiciled—
  - (a) in the United Kingdom;
  - (b) in another Member State; or
  - (c) in a state which is for the time being a contracting party to the Lugano Convention.
- (2) A court does not have jurisdiction to hear and determine an action to which this section applies unless the court is satisfied that, of all the places in which the statement complained of has been published, England and Wales is clearly the most appropriate place in which to bring an action in respect of the statement.
- (3) The references in subsection (2) to the statement complained of include references to any statement which conveys the same, or substantially the same, imputation as the statement complained of.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
  - (a) a person is domiciled in the United Kingdom or in another Member State if the person is domiciled there for the purposes of the Brussels Regulation;
  - (b) a person is domiciled in a state which is a contracting party to the Lugano Convention if the person is domiciled in the state for the purposes of that Convention.
- (5) In this section—

“the Brussels Regulation” means Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 of 22nd December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, as amended from time to time and as applied by the Agreement made on 19th October 2005 between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on jurisdiction and the

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recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (OJ No L299 16.11.2005 at p 62);

“the Lugano Convention” means the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Kingdom of Denmark signed on behalf of the European Community on 30th October 2007.

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 9 in force at 1.1.2014 by S.I. 2013/3027, art. 2

**10 Action against a person who was not the author, editor etc**

- (1) A court does not have jurisdiction to hear and determine an action for defamation brought against a person who was not the author, editor or publisher of the statement complained of unless the court is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for an action to be brought against the author, editor or publisher.
- (2) In this section “author”, “editor” and “publisher” have the same meaning as in section 1 of the Defamation Act 1996.

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**Commencement Information**

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