

Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (repealed)

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Article 8 In matters relating to insurance, jurisdiction shall be determined by...  
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Article 43 (1) The decision on the application for a declaration of...  
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Signature

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#### ANNEX I

Rules of jurisdiction referred to in Article 3(2) and Article 4(2)

The rules of jurisdiction referred to in Article 3(2) and...  
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- (2) Opinion delivered on 21 September 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
- (3) OJ C 117, 26.4.2000, p. 6.
- (4) OJ L 299, 31.12.1972, p. 32.  
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OJ C 15, 15.1.1997, p. 1.  
For a consolidated text, see OJ C 27, 26.1.1998, p. 1.
- (5) OJ L 204, 2.8.1975, p. 28.  
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