

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

CHAPTER IV

**RECOGNITION, ENFORCEABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT OF DECISIONS**

SECTION 2

**Decisions given in a Member State not bound by the 2007 Hague Protocol**

*Article 23*

**Recognition**

- 1 A decision given in a Member State not bound by the 2007 Hague Protocol shall be recognised in the other Member States without any special procedure being required.
- 2 Any interested party who raises the recognition of a decision as the principal issue in a dispute may, in accordance with the procedures provided for in this Section, apply for a decision that the decision be recognised.
- 3 If the outcome of proceedings in a court of a Member State depends on the determination of an incidental question of recognition, that court shall have jurisdiction over that question.