Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast)

#### **CHAPTER II**

### TRANSMISSION AND EXECUTION OF REQUESTS

#### SECTION 4

Direct taking of evidence by the requesting court and taking of evidence by diplomatic agents or consular officers

#### Article 20

# Direct taking of evidence by videoconferencing or other distance communications technology

- Where evidence is to be taken by examining a person who is present in another Member State, and the court requests the taking of evidence directly in accordance with Article 19, that court shall take evidence using videoconferencing or other distance communications technology provided that such technology is available to the court and the court considers the use of such technology to be appropriate in the specific circumstances of the case.
- A request for the direct taking of evidence using videoconferencing or other distance communications technology shall be made using form N in Annex I. The requesting court and the central body or the competent authority of the requested Member State or the court assigned to provide practical assistance in the direct taking of evidence shall agree on the practical arrangements for the examination.

Upon request, the requesting court shall be provided with assistance in finding an interpreter if necessary.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 20.