
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement Directive [2008/52/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters, which applies to cross border disputes.

Regulation 3 sets out when mediators and those involved in the administration of mediation may be compelled to give evidence in civil and commercial judicial proceedings or arbitration.

Regulations 4 to 12 provide for the extension of limitation periods so that these do not expire during the mediation process. Where a period would otherwise have expired while mediation is ongoing or within 8 weeks of it ending, the regulations extend the period so that it will expire 8 weeks after the end of mediation.