

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations facilitate conclusion of the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other forms of Family Maintenance done at The Hague on 23 November 2007 (“the Convention”) by the European Union, pursuant to Council Decision 2011/432/EU on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of that Convention. The Convention contains rules on recognition and enforcement of maintenance decisions between Contracting Parties, and administrative co-operation to facilitate the recovery of such maintenance.

Regulations 2 to 6 extend the scope of existing powers to make rules of court necessary for the proper operation of the Convention. Regulation 7 applies the rule making powers in section 48 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c.27) to permit procedural rules to be made for maintenance arrangements which are enforceable, by virtue of Article 30 of the Convention, in the same way as maintenance decisions.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The International Recovery of Maintenance (Hague Convention 2007) (Rules of Court) Regulations 2012.