

# **The United Kingdom: Suspension of the UK accession to the HCCH Choice of Court Convention and of the UK ratification to the HCCH Child Support Convention from 1 April 2019 until 13 April 2019 or until 23 May 2019**

The UK has suspended its accession to the *HCCH Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements* (Choice of Court Convention) and its ratification to the *HCCH Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance* (Child Support Convention) until 13 April 2019 or 23 May 2019 as the case may be in accordance with the European Council Decision. This takes effect as of 1 April 2019 (the scheduled date of their entry into force).

In the meantime, and as a Member State of the European Union, European Union law, including the above-mentioned HCCH Conventions, will remain applicable to and in the United Kingdom.

Moreover, the UK adds with regard to the Choice of Court Convention: “As stated in the Note Verbale, in the event that the Withdrawal Agreement is signed, ratified and approved by the United Kingdom and the European Union, the United Kingdom will withdraw the Instrument of Accession which it deposited on 28 December 2018.”

And with respect to the Child Support Convention: “As stated in the Note Verbale, in the event that the Withdrawal Agreement is signed, ratified and approved by the United Kingdom and the European Union, the United Kingdom will withdraw the Instrument of Ratification which it deposited on 28 December 2018.”

Please note that a different set of declarations would apply if the UK instruments

do enter into force. See [here](#).

For more information, see [here](#) for the Choice of Court Convention and [here](#) for the Child Support Convention (Depositary's website in both French and English).