

A Newly Released Commentary on the Rome III Regulation

A comprehensive Commentary, edited by Professor Sabine Corneloup and published by Edward Elgar Publishing, was recently released providing an in-depth analysis of the Rome III Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law governing cross-border divorce and legal separation. The Commentary is a welcome addition to Elgar's already thriving 'Commentaries in Private International Law' series.

Written by a team of internationally renowned experts of private international law in family matters, the Commentary analyses, on an article-by-article basis, and contextualises the provisions of the Rome III Regulation, providing clear insight into the rationale behind the text. Substantive values and political choices underlying the adoption of the Regulation are factored in the analysis, offering the reader a thorough and comprehensive illustration of the objectives pursued with each article and with the Regulation, overall. In this context, each provision is pondered in connection with, *inter alia*, the relevant fundamental rights such as non-discrimination between spouses, self-determination of the individual, the protection of the right to marry, and the right to respect for family life.

Overall, the contributors critically engage with each article, shedding the light on the Regulation's effectiveness and offering a balanced critique by approaching the topics from a variety of viewpoints. In this context, they do not shy away from underscoring gaps currently existing in the text of the Regulation (such as, for instance, that arising from the absence of an autonomous definition of 'marriage') and address the open questions that arise therefrom. Furthermore, the Commentary casts the light on the Regulation's interactions and coordination with complementary instruments adopted in the area of EU family law, and in particular (but not only) the Brussels II-bis Regulation, promoting a thorough understanding of the EU private international law system on divorce and legal separation. Finally, the Commentary delves into the interface of the Regulation with national substantive provisions and the differences arising therefrom, hence providing the reader with a clear and valuable understanding of the issues surrounding the practical application of the Regulation at the national level.

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The in-depth discussion offered by this Commentary will prove to be an essential guide for private international law scholars and practitioners alike to navigate the complex field of family litigation. It will be of particular interest to those working in family law, including judges, lawyers, public notaries and family mediators, as well as graduate students looking for in-depth knowledge of the subject.

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