**ENGLAND & WALES**

Article 3 - Designation of competent authorities

Any court that can issue a domestic measure of a type covered by the Directive can issue a EPO at the same time. In England and Wales this is

* Magistrates court
* Crown Court
* High Court
* Court of Appeal

If the application for a European Protection Order is made after the hearing at which the domestic measure was issued then the competent authority is [only] the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates courts are competent to recognise EPOs issued in other Member States.

Article 4 - Recourse to a central authority

England and Wales has designated a Central Authority which will be known as CARREUPO (Central Authority for the Reciprocal Recognition of European Protection Orders). All communications with England and Wales pursuant to this Directive should be directed to the address below:-

CARREUPO@ hmcts.gsi.gov.uk

Contact details - Tel:  +44 020 3126 3029

Office opening times – Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Article 17(3) – Languages

English