**Chapter 28: Child Abduction**

Chapter 28 confirms that the [Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003](https://www.lexisnexis.com/uk/lexispsl/family/document/412012/61KD-BPK3-GXFD-84JJ-00000-00/linkHandler.faces?psldocinfo=Family_monthly_highlights_December_2020&linkInfo=F%23GB%23UK_EULEG%23num%2532003R2201_title%25&A=0.27510533770679924&bct=A&risb=&service=citation&langcountry=GB) of 27 November 2003 (Brussels II bis, also known as Brussels IIa) ceases to have effect in UK law after IP completion day, subject to certain specific exemptions and rules for proceedings issued prior to IP completion day.

**28.5.1 Applicable Law**

There are two main pieces of legislation:

* the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction;
* Council Regulation (EC) No. 2201/2003 of 27 November 2003 was an important piece of legislation. However, this ceased to have effect in UK law after Brexit Implementation Period (IP) completion day, subject to certain exemptions and rules for proceedings issued prior to IP completion day.

28.5.1.1 The Hague Convention

The principle at the heart of the Hague Convention is that disputes over children should be resolved in the country where the child is habitually resident. Since the IP completion day, certain Hague Conventions will take on an increased importance in family law.

28.5.1.3 The Council Regulation

This has ceased to have effect, due to the UK leaving the European Union.