Cross-Border Enforcement Center - Hong Kong

Judgments

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# With which jurisdictions does this country have reciprocal arrangements for enforcement of judgments?

Bilateral: Australia (part only), Belgium, Brunei, China, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore

# If there is no reciprocal arrangement, is it still possible to enforce a foreign judgment by means of a writ on the judgment, declaration of enforceability or similar mechanism?

Yes.

# What is the approximate time required to register and enforce a foreign judgment if unopposed?

Registration under the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance is about 2 weeks. The time required to enforce will depend on the method of enforcement used and will take between 1 to 2 months.

# What is the approximate time required to register and enforce a foreign judgment if opposed?

Usually around 6 to 9 months, depending on the court diary. However, depending on the complexity, this can take up to years.

# What is the approximate cost of registering and enforcing a foreign judgment (including court fees and other disbursements) if unopposed?

USD 10,000 - 50,000.

# What is the approximate cost of registering and enforcing a foreign judgment (including court fees and other disbursements) if opposed?

USD 50,000 - 150,000.

# Are there any unusual difficulties in enforcing a foreign judgment?

Generally no.

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