

**Certain Final Judgments May be Applied to be Executed in Either Mainland or Hong Kong**

Chinese version Beginning on August 1, parties may apply to the people's courts in the mainland or the courts in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to recognize and execute the final enforceable judgments that have been made by the courts in the two areas on the funds to be paid.

The Supreme People's Court released on July 3 the Arrangement on the Mutual Recognition and Execution of Judgments of Civil and Commercial Cases with Agreement Jurisdiction by Parties Involved (Arrangement). According to the Arrangement, the final judgments must be made for civil and commercial cases with written jurisdiction agreements by the mainland people's courts and the courts in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. For the judgments on civil and commercial cases meeting the conditions outlined in the Arrangement, the applications may be filed to the intermediate people's courts where the respondents' domiciles are located, or they regularly dwell, or their property is located in the mainland and to the senior courts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Courts may adopt, prior to or after the acceptance of judgment recognition and execution, preservation or mandatory measures on the property of respondents as applied by applicants in line with local laws governing property preservation or restriction of property transfer.

(Source: Supreme People's Court)

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