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# **Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Amendment) Bill**

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**Bill No. 19/2019.**

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act (Chapter 265 of the 2001 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

## Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

### 5 Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “country of the original court” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““Family Justice Rules” means the Family Justice Rules made under section 46 of the Family Justice Act 2014 (Act 27 of 2014);”;

(b) by deleting the words “which is not part of the Commonwealth” in the definition of “foreign country” in subsection (1);

(c) by deleting the words “a judgment or order given or made by a court in any civil proceedings” in the definition of “judgment” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “an interlocutory or final judgment or order given or made by a court in any civil proceedings”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the words “injured party” in the definition of “judgment” in subsection (1), the words “, and includes a consent judgment, a consent order and a judicial settlement”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after the word “given” in the definitions of “judgment creditor” and “judgment debtor” in subsection (1), the words “(whether or not a sum of money is payable under the judgment)”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “judgment debtor” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

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““judicial settlement” —

(a) means a contract approved by, or concluded before, a court in the course of proceedings, being a contract —

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(i) between the parties to proceedings before that court;

(ii) by which those parties end those proceedings; and

(iii) that is recorded by that court in an official document; but

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(b) does not include a consent order or consent judgment;

“money judgment” means a judgment under which a sum of money is payable, not being a sum payable in respect of taxes or other charges of a similar nature or in respect of a fine or other penalty;

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“non-money judgment” means a judgment that is not a money judgment, but does not include a judgment under which a sum of money is payable in respect of taxes or other charges of a similar nature or in respect of a fine or other penalty;”; and

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(g) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

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“(2A) A reference to the making or giving of a judgment, in the case of a judgment that is a judicial settlement, is a reference to the making or concluding of the contract in paragraph (a) of the definition of “judicial settlement” in subsection (1).”.

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