

Article 7.

Support Proceeding Under Convention.

**§ 52C-7-701. Definitions.**

As used in this Article:

- (1) "Application" means a request under the Convention by an obligee or obligor, or on behalf of a child, made through a central authority for assistance from another central authority.
- (2) "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in G.S. 52C-1-101(3a)d. to perform the functions specified in the Convention.
- (3) "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in G.S. 52C-1-101(3a)d.
- (4) "Direct request" means a petition filed by an individual in a tribunal of this State in a proceeding involving an obligee, obligor, or child residing outside the United States.
- (5) "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in G.S. 52C-1-101(3a)d. to perform the functions specified in the Convention.
- (6) "Foreign support agreement" means an agreement for support in a record that:
  - a. Is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin;
  - b. Has been (i) formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal or (ii) authenticated by or concluded, registered, or filed with a foreign tribunal; and
  - c. May be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal.The term includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the Convention.
- (7) "United States central authority" means the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. (1995, c. 538, s. 7(c); 2015-117, s. 1.)