

## 2020 Kansas Statutes

**23-36,701. Definitions.** In this part:

- (a) "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.
  - (b) "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 23-36,102(e)(4), and amendments thereto, to perform the functions specified in the convention.
  - (c) "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 23-36,102(e)(4), and amendments thereto.
  - (d) "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.
  - (e) "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 23-36,102(e)(4), and amendments thereto, to perform the functions specified in the convention.
  - (f) "Foreign support agreement":
    - (1) 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; and
      - (2) includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the convention.
    - (g) "United States central authority" means the secretary of the United States department of health and human services.
- History:** L. 1994, ch. 301, § 78; L. 2015, ch. 64, § 57; July 1.