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Abstract:

The article offers a cross-sectional overview of the recent amendments to the Slovak Act on international private law and international procedural law of 1963. Following certain fundamental changes brought about by the approximation of laws required in order to ensure the accession of the Slovak Republic to the European Union in 2004, the subsequent regulations on the European international private law and international procedural law have not been reflected by the Slovak legislature. Gradually, the national conflict of laws legislation started to diverge from European models in several areas. Practical difficulties are caused by the fact that Slovakia does not participate in the enhanced cooperation of EU Member States in the field of family matters, but at the same time does not offer any national solution concerning certain crucial aspects (for example the determination of jurisdiction for matrimonial property disputes). The article also describes the amendments that were supposed to facilitate the work of courts as regards the identification and application of foreign law or the enforcement of foreign decisions, as well as summarises the national debate on interim measures having extraterritorial effect prescribed by Slovak courts.