# Enforcement of judgment against tokens

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A judgment for a sum of money is enforced under O 22 of the Rules of Court 2021 by an enforcement order for seizure and sale of property, for attachment of debts or for delivery of movable property. The 2021 Rules expressly list cryptocurrency among the property that an enforcement order may reach, which the *ByBit* judgment noted as legislative recognition of its proprietary character.[1] In practice the Sheriff cannot seize a private key. Enforcement therefore proceeds by attachment of the judgment debtor's exchange account balance as a debt owed by the exchange, or by an order that the debtor deliver the tokens or the keys on pain of contempt. Where the judgment is for delivery of specific tokens held on constructive trust, the order is directed at the exchange holding them.

## Notes

1. ByBit Fintech Ltd v Ho Kai Xin [2023] SGHC 199 at [30], referring to O 22 r 1(1) of the Rules of Court 2021. ↩

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