STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 1279 (C. 47)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2001

Made - - - - 27th March 2001

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 18(3) of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999**(a)**, after consultation with the National Assembly for Wales**(b)**, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2001.

(2) In this Order, "the Act" means the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999.

Appointed day

2. 30th April 2001 is the day appointed for the coming into force of section 9 (adoption service to include intercountry adoptions etc.) of the Act and section 14 (restriction on bringing children into the United Kingdom for adoption) of the Act, in so far as each section amends the Adoption Act 1976**(c)**.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

John Hutton
Minister of State,
Department of Health

27th March 2001

(a) 1999 c.18.
(b) By virtue of section 16(1) of the Act, any function of the Secretary of State under section 18(3) is exercisable only after consultation with the National Assembly for Wales.
(c) 1976 c.36.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 30th April 2001, sections 9 and 14 of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999, in so far as they amend the Adoption Act 1976 ("the 1976 Act"). Section 9 inserts a new subsection into the 1976 Act, which provides that references to adoption in Part 1 of that Act are to the adoption of children, wherever they may be habitually resident, whether effected within or outside the British Islands. Section 14 inserts a new section into the 1976 Act, which profiles that a person habitually resident in the British Islands is guilty of an offence if he brings a child who is habitually resident elsewhere into the United Kingdom for the purposes of adoption, without complying with such requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order:—

Provision	Date of commencement	S.I. No.
s.13 (partially) as to England and Wales	31st January 2000	2000/52
s.16(2)	16th October 2000	2000/2821
s.13 (partially) as to Scotland	10th November 2000	S.S.I. 2000/390

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