STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1378

CONSULAR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

The Consular Conventions (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) Order 1968

Made - - -	*26th August* 1968
Laid before Parliament	*30th August* 1968
Coming into Operation	*22nd September* 1968

At the Court at Balmoral, the 26th day of August 1968

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 6(1) of the Consular Conventions Act 1949(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is enacted that Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that sections 1 and 2 of the Act (which provide for the exercise by consular officers of certain powers in relation to the property of deceased persons) shall apply to any foreign State specified in the Order, being a State with which a Consular Convention providing for matters for which provision is made by those sections has been concluded by Her Majesty:

And whereas such a Consular Convention between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was signed at Moscow on 2nd December, 1965(**b**) and will enter into force on 22nd September 1968:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the Act or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. Sections 1 and 2 of the Act shall apply to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

2. This Order may be cited as the Consular Conventions (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) Order 1968. It shall come into operation on 22nd September 1968.

N. E. Leigh.

(**a**) 1949 c. 29.

(**b**) Cmnd. 2910.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the application of sections 1 and 2 of the Consular Conventions Act 1949 to the Soviet Union and enables Her Majesty to give effect to the provisions relating to administration of estates in the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union which was signed at Moscow on 2nd December 1965 (Cmnd. 2910).

The purport of sections 1 and 2 of the Act is stated in the preamble to this Order. Section 1 relates to England and, with the modifications contained in section 7 of the Act, to Northern Ireland; section 2 relates to Scotland.