STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1059

EVIDENCE

The Evidence (Republic of Ireland) Order 1969

Made - - - - 31*st July* 1969

At the Court at Arundel Park, the 31st day of July 1969

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas Her Majesty in Council is satisfied that there exist in the Republic of Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Republic ") public registers kept under the authority of the law of the Republic and recognised by the courts thereof as authentic records, and that these registers are regularly and properly kept :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 5(1) of the Oaths and Evidence (Overseas Authorities and Countries) Act 1963(a) and all other powers in that behalf in Her vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Evidence (Republic of Ireland) Order 1969.

2. This Order extends to all parts of the United Kingdom.

3. The registers of the Republic specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order shall be deemed to be public registers kept under the authority of the law of the Republic and recognised by the courts thereof as authentic records and to be documents of such a public nature as to be admissible as evidence of the matters regularly recorded therein.

4. For the purposes of the preceding Article all matters recorded in the registers shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be regularly recorded therein.

5. Subject to any requirements of rules of court, a document which purports to be issued in the Republic as an official copy of an entry in a register specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order and which purports to be authenticated as such in the manner specified in that Schedule, shall, without evidence as to the custody of the register or of inability to produce it and without any further or other proof, be received as evidence that the register contains such an entry.

6. Nothing in this Order shall be taken to prohibit or restrict the admission in evidence of any copy, extract, summary, certificate or other document whatsoever which, apart from the provisions of this Order, would be admissible as evidence of any particular matter, or to affect any power which, otherwise than by virtue of this Order, is exercisable by any court with respect to the admission of documents in evidence.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 1963 c. 27.

SCHEDULE

Register	Certifying Officer	Mode of Authentication
Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths.	The Registrar-General (An tArd-Chlaraitheoir) or A Superintendent Registrar, an Assistant Superintendent Registrar, a Registrar, or an Assistant Registrar.	The seal of the Registrar-General or The signature of the Certifying Officer.
Registers of Marriages.	The Registrar-General (An tArd-Chlaraitheoir) or A Registrar of Marriages, or a Deputy Registrar of Marriages.	The seal of the Registrar-General or The signature of the Certifying Officer.
Adopted Children Register.	The Registrar-General (An tArd-Chlaraitheoir).	The seal of the Registrar-General.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order makes entries contained in specified public registers of the Republic of Ireland admissible in evidence in the United Kingdom and provides for their proof by official certificates.