



2022 CHAPTER 18

PART 1

Adoption

CHAPTER 4

Status of adopted children

Meaning of adoption in Chapter 4

65.—(1) In this Chapter “adoption” means—

- (a) adoption by an adoption order made under the law of any part of the United Kingdom;
- (b) adoption by an order made in the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands;
- (c) an adoption effected under the law of a Convention country outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and certified in pursuance of Article 23(1) of the Convention (referred to in this Act as a “Convention adoption”);
- (d) an overseas adoption; or
- (e) an adoption recognised by the law of Northern Ireland and effected under the law of any other country.

(2) But references in this Chapter to adoption do not include an adoption effected before the day on which this Chapter comes into operation (referred to in this Chapter as “the appointed day”).

(3) Any reference in a statutory provision to an adopted person within the meaning of this Chapter includes a reference to an adopted child within the meaning of Part 5 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.