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PART 1

Adoption

CHAPTER 6

Adoptions with a foreign element

Adoptions from abroad: special restrictions

The special restrictions

88.—(1) The special restrictions mentioned in section 86(3) are that the Department is not to take any step it might otherwise have taken in connection with furthering the bringing of a child into the United Kingdom in the cases mentioned in section 86(2) (whether or not that step is provided for by or by virtue of any statutory provision), except as mentioned in subsection (2).

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the Department from taking those steps if, in any particular case, the prospective adopters or, as the case may be, the adopters satisfy the Department that it should take those steps despite the special restrictions.

(3) The Department may make regulations providing for—

- (a) the procedure to be followed by the Department in determining whether or not it is satisfied as mentioned in subsection (2);
- (b) matters which the Department is to take into account when making such a determination (whether or not it also takes other matters into account).