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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 1627**

**The Enduring Powers of Attorney  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1987**

*Enduring powers of attorney*

**Scope of authority etc. of attorney under enduring power**

5.—(1) An enduring power may confer general authority (as defined in paragraph (2)) on the attorney to act on the donor's behalf in relation to all or a specified part of the property and affairs of the donor or may confer on him authority to do specified things on the donor's behalf and the authority may, in either case, be conferred subject to conditions and restrictions.

(2) Where an instrument is expressed to confer general authority on the attorney it operates to confer, subject to the restriction imposed by paragraph (5) and to any conditions or restrictions contained in the instrument, authority to do on behalf of the donor anything which the donor can lawfully do by an attorney.

(3) Subject to any conditions or restrictions contained in the instrument, an attorney under an enduring power, whether general or limited, may execute or exercise any of the powers or discretions vested in the donor as a tenant for life within the meaning of the Settled Land Act 1882.

(4) Subject to any conditions or restrictions contained in the instrument, an attorney under an enduring power, whether general or limited, may (without obtaining any consent) act under the power so as to benefit himself or other persons than the donor to the following extent but no further, that is to say—

- (a) he may so act in relation to himself or in relation to any other person if the donor might be expected to provide for his or that person's needs respectively; and
- (b) he may do whatever the donor might be expected to do to meet those needs.

(5) Without prejudice to paragraph (4) but subject to any conditions or restrictions contained in the instrument, an attorney under an enduring power, whether general or limited, may (without obtaining any consent) dispose of the property of the donor by way of gift to the following extent but no further, that is to say—

- (a) he may make gifts of a seasonal nature or at a time, or on an anniversary, of a birth<sup>F1</sup> marriage or the formation of a civil partnership], to persons (including himself) who are related to or connected with the donor, and
- (b) he may make gifts to any charity to whom the donor made or might be expected to make gifts,

provided that the value of each such gift is not unreasonable having regard to all the circumstances and in particular the size of the donor's estate.

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**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Enduring Powers of Attorney (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 5.