
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 2983

The Civil Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

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- 3.—(1) In civil proceedings evidence shall not be excluded on the ground that it is hearsay.
- (2) All common law rules providing for exceptions to the rule against hearsay in civil proceedings are superseded by this Order.
- (3) In this Order—
- (a) “hearsay” means a statement made otherwise than by a person while giving oral evidence in the proceedings which is tendered as evidence of the matters stated; and
 - (b) references to hearsay include hearsay of whatever degree.
- (4) Nothing in this Order affects the admissibility of evidence admissible apart from this Article.
- (5) The provisions of Articles 4 to 6 (safeguards relating to hearsay evidence) do not apply in relation to hearsay evidence admissible apart from this Article, notwithstanding that it may also be admissible by virtue of this Article.

Changes to legislation:

The Civil Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, Section 3 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- [art. 7A-7G and cross-heading inserted by 2021 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 38](#)
- [art. 7H7I and cross-heading inserted by 2021 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 39](#)