

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order deals with miscellaneous matters of law reform.

Part II makes provision with respect to deeds and their execution. It clarifies the law in relation to escrows and abolishes the rule in Pigot's Case and the rule in *Bain v. Fothergill*.

Part III amends the law relating to family homes and domestic violence.

Part IV abolishes a number of rules of common law relating to the property of married or engaged couples.

Part V makes provision for the repeal of the Colonial Solicitors Act 1900 and the Trading Stamps Act (Northern Ireland) 1965. It also amends the Census Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 and the Damages Act 1996.