



Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972

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PART I

RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS MADE IN UNITED KINGDOM OR RECIPROCATING COUNTRY

Orders made by courts in reciprocating countries

- 11 Steps to be taken by Secretary of State where payer under certain orders is not residing in the United Kingdom**
- (1) If it appears to the Secretary of State that the payer under a maintenance order, a certified copy of which has been received by him from a reciprocating country, is not residing in the United Kingdom or, in the case of an order which subsequently became a registered order, has ceased to reside therein, he shall send to the responsible authority in that country or, if having regard to all the circumstances he thinks it proper to do so, to the responsible authority in another reciprocating country—
- (a) the certified copy of the order in question and a certified copy of any order varying that order;
 - (b) if the order has at any time been a registered order, a certificate of arrears signed by the prescribed officer;
 - (c) a statement giving such information as the Secretary of State possesses as to the whereabouts of the payer; and
 - (d) any other relevant documents in his possession relating to the case.
- (2) Where the documents mentioned in subsection (1) above are sent to the responsible authority in a reciprocating country other than that in which the order in question was made, the Secretary of State shall inform the responsible authority in the reciprocating country in which that order was made of what he has done.