



Administration of Justice Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 53

PART IV

WILLS

PROSPECTIVE

International wills

27 The form of an international will.

(1) The Annex to the Convention on International Wills shall have the force of law in the United Kingdom.

(2) The Annex is set out in Schedule 2 to this Act.

(3) In this Part of this Act—

“international will” means a will made in accordance with the requirements of the Annex, as set out in Schedule 2 to this Act; and

“the Convention on International Wills” means the Convention providing a Uniform Law on the Form of an International Will concluded at Washington on 26th October 1973.

28 International wills—procedure.

(1) The persons authorised to act in the United Kingdom in connection with international wills are—

- (a) solicitors; and
- (b) notaries public.

(2) A person who is authorised under section 6(1) of the ^{M1}Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889 to do notarial acts in any foreign country or place is authorised to act there in connection with international wills.

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- (3) An international will certified by virtue of subsection (1) or (2) above may be deposited in a depository provided under section 23 above.
- (4) Section 23 above shall accordingly have effect in relation to such international wills.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6) below, regulations under section 25 above shall have effect in relation to such international wills as they have effect in relation to wills deposited under section 23 above.
- (6) Without prejudice to the generality of section 25 above, regulations under that section may make special provision with regard to such international wills.
- (7) In section 10 of the ^{M2}Consular Relations Act 1968 (by virtue of which diplomatic agents and consular officials may administer oaths and do notarial acts in certain cases)
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- (a) at the end of subsection (1)(b) there shall be added the words “or
- (c) in connection with an international will.”; and
- (b) at the end of subsection (4) there shall be added the words “ and “international will” has the meaning assigned to it by section 27 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 ”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** The text of s. 4, 6(1)(2), 14(1)(2)(4), 15(1)(3)(6), 16–19, 28(7), 34, 35, 49–54, 56–59, 61, 63–67, 69(1)(2), 70, 72(1), 75, Sch. 1 Pts. I, III, IV, Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 7, Sch. 4 Pt. I, Sch. 6 paras. 2–9, Sch. 7 Pts. I, II, Sch. 7 Pt. III paras 2, 3, Sch. 8, Sch. 9 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.
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Marginal Citations

- M1** 1889 c. 10.
M2 1968 c. 18.

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