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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [Sch. 1](#) applied (with modifications) (1.3.1997) by [S.I. 1996/3156](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#) applied (with modifications) (2.12.1997) by [S.I. 1997/2574](#) art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)

#### CHAPTER V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### *Article 31*

In relation to a State which in matters of custody of children has two or more systems of law applicable in different territorial units—

- (a) any reference to habitual residence in that State shall be construed as referring to habitual residence in a territorial unit of that State;
- (b) any reference to the law of the State of habitual residence shall be construed as referring to the law of the territorial unit in that State where the child habitually resides.

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

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

- [Sch. 3 para. 8\(ba\)](#) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(a\)](#)