



Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920

1920 CHAPTER 33 10 and 11 Geo 5

1 Enforcement in England and Ireland of maintenance orders made in His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom.

- (1) Where a maintenance order has, whether before or after the passing of this Act, been made against any person by any court in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom to which this Act extends, and a certified copy of the order has been transmitted by the governor of that part of His Majesty's dominions to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall send a copy of the order to the prescribed officer of a court in England or Ireland for registration; and on receipt thereof the order shall be registered in the prescribed manner, and shall, from the date of such registration, be of the same force and effect, and, subject to the provisions of this Act, all proceedings may be taken on such order as if it had been an order originally obtained in the court in which it is so registered, and that court shall have power to enforce the order accordingly.
- (2) The court in which an order is to be so registered as aforesaid shall, if the court by which the order was made was a court of superior jurisdiction, be the [^{F1}Family Division] of the High Court, or in Ireland the King's Bench Division (Matrimonial) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, and, if the court was not a court of superior jurisdiction, be [^{F2} the family court or, in Northern Ireland,] a court of summary jurisdiction.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by [Administration of Justice Act 1970 \(c. 31\), s. 1\(6\), Sch. 2 para. 2](#)
- F2** Words in s. 1(2) inserted (temp.) (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(3\), Sch. 11 paras. 4, 5\(2\); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(e\) \(with art. 3\) \(with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 July 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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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.R. 2016/387 art. 2 commences \(2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)\)](#)