



# Adoption of Children Act 1949

## 1949 CHAPTER 98

### **1 Scope of power to make adoption orders**

- (1) It is hereby declared that the power to make adoption orders conferred by the Adoption of Children Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Act"), includes and has always included power to make an adoption order authorising the adoption of an infant by the mother or father of the infant, either alone or jointly with her or his spouse.
- (2) An adoption order may be made in respect of an infant resident in England or in Wales who is not a British subject; and accordingly paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section two of the principal Act shall have effect as if the words " both a British subject and " were omitted.